

President Chad Doll called the meeting to order at 7:30pm on December 5, 2022 at 701 Parlette Court with the following members present: Ross Kantner, Daniel E. Lee, Brandon Miller, John Sheipline, Terry Campbell and Chad Dunlap. Law Director Grant Neal, Mayor Steve Henderson and Safety Service Director Michael Brillhart were also present. There were 8 visitors present.

President Doll announced that last week the Republican Central Committee appointed Steve Henderson as Mayor of Wapakoneta and Chad Doll as President of Wapakoneta City Council, leaving the 4th Ward Council seat open. The Republican Central Committee will fill this vacant Council seat in due time.

Received Income Tax Summary Report for Month Ending 11-30-2022.

Motion by Lee, second by Campbell to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2022 Council meeting as submitted. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Guest Petitions -

Miss Emma Hunley, Auglaize County Girl Scout and resident of 21402 St. Rt. 198, gave Council a presentation on her 'Girl Scout Gold Award'. Miss Hunley explained her efforts to raise funds needed for the purchase of a new D.A.R.E. vehicle for the Auglaize County Sheriff's Department. Miss Hunley has applied for Lodging Tax funding and asked for City Council's support in her efforts to raise a total of \$50,000 for the new D.A.R.E. vehicle.

Unfinished Business -

President Doll noted Law Director Neal's draft of changes to the language within the 'Department Heads' section of Wapakoneta City Council Rules presented at last Council meeting. President Doll asked that Council make a decision to adopt, not adopt, or make amendments to the draft provided. After discussion, Council made no action to adopt any changes at this time to the Wapakoneta City Council Rules document.

New Business-

President Doll noted that the first Council meeting in January 2023 needs rescheduled, as it would land on the New Year's Day holiday. Council agreed to reschedule said meeting to Tuesday, January 3rd, 2023 at 7:30pm at City Hall.

Motion by Campbell, second by Lee to nominate Councilman Brandon Miller as President Pro Tempore. Vote – 5 yeas, 0 nays, (Miller abstained). Motion passed.

Mr. Campbell noted that the Ohio Revised Code allows municipalities to use an outside firm for audits, providing that a State Auditor completes the work at least once per every five years. Service Director Brillhart added that the firm is chosen by the State and accepted by the City, noting that Auditor Wells has previously worked with this same firm.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Res 2022-69 for the third time re: A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE YEARS 2023-2027 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA, OHIO.

Motion by Lee, second by Campbell to adopt Res 2022-69. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2022-70 for the second time re: ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31ST, 2023 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Clerk McDonald announced a public hearing will be held regarding Ord 2022-70 on December 19, 2022 at 7:15pm at City Hall.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2022-71 for the second time re: AN ORDINANCE MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Res 2022-72 for the second time re: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY TO ADVERTISE A REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) FOR ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE FIRE STATION AT 103 WILLIPIE STREET IN THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Res 2022-74 for the first time re: A RESOLUTION APPROVING A POOL MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS AGREEMENT WITH THE WAPAKONETA FAMILY YMCA FOR THE OUTDOOR POOLS AND WATERPARK FACILITY DURING THE 2023 POOL SEASON.

Mr. Kantner asked if the contract is for three years or one year. Service Director Brillhart explained it is proposed as a three year contract, but the City can only budget for a one year basis for appropriations purposes. Mr. Lee asked how the rate could possibly be reduced for years 2024 and 2025. SSD Brillhart replied that if the Bureau of Labor Statistics employee index comes in at a negative number, the rate could be reduced. Mr. Lee asked if the City would face any penalties for terminating the agreement for years 2024 or 2025. Mr. Brillhart replied, no, as long as the City gives sufficient notice.

Mayor report:

Attended several AMP meetings and OMEA Board meetings.

Thank you to all City Employees for their efforts in making the 'Children's Hometown Holiday' a success again this year.

Christmas decorations are up in Heritage Park.

Service Director report:

Electric vehicle charging station location is still being discussed.

Silver Street project has base and intermediary courses applied, but the surface course will need to be completed in the spring of 2023.

Water Street reconstruction design received a \$430,000 Ohio Public Works Commission grant, with the project going out for bid in May 2023.

Wood Street reconstruction project design is not yet completed and funding sources are being explored. Volunteers are needed to serve on the Income Tax Review Committee.

Mr. Campbell mentioned the gap between street and concrete heights on Warren Drive and asked that the City's Engineering Department ensure this does not occur with the Silver Street project. Mayor Henderson assured Council that this has already been addressed with the contractors and inspections of the work will be done.

Mr. Miller asked if Administration has received applicants to the City's Engineering position. SSD Brillhart answered that two applications have been received and are being reviewed.

Law Director Report:

No report.

Mr. Kantner asked Law Director Neal to review questions submitted to him regarding the Recreation Board's authority.

Mr. Campbell asked for an update on the survey of Easttown Drive. Mr. Neal replied he will complete this by the end of the month.

Scheduling Committee Meetings:

Lodging Tax Committee will meet on December 19th at 6:15pm at City Hall if needed.

Finance Committee will meet on December 8th at 12:00 noon at City Hall.

Miscellaneous Business:

Mayor Henderson noted the final collection for leaf pickup will be Friday, December 9th.

Motion by Lee, second by Dunlap to adjourn the meeting at 8:18pm. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President

Clerk of Council