

President Chad Doll called the meeting to order at 7:30pm on October 2, 2023 at 701 Parlette Court with the following members present: Daniel E. Lee, Brandon Miller, Alex Greve, John Shepline and Chad Dunlap. Mayor Steve Henderson, Law Director Grant Neal and Safety Service Director Michael Brillhart were also present. There were 3 visitors present. Councilmen Terry Campbell and Ross Kantner were absent.

Motion by Miller, second by Shepline to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2023 Council meeting as submitted. Vote – 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

New Business -

Parks Superintendent Jack Hayzlett presented ideas for an ‘Eclipse Family Fun Day’ for April 8, 2024 at Harmon Park. The event would include performances by local musicians, face painting, food vendors, games and other family activities throughout the day. Mr. Hayzlett added that he plans to request funding from the Lodging Tax Committee for this event.

Motion by Lee, second by Dunlap to approve the request to hold said event at Harmon Park on April 8, 2024. Vote – 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Service Director Brillhart provided Council with an estimate to replace 2 swimming pool heaters at the Wapak Waterpark utilizing ARPA funding. Motion by Dunlap, second by Miller to approve the pool heater replacement. Vote – 4 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstain (Greve).

Service Director Brillhart provided Council with an estimate to construct a new maintenance building at Veterans Park utilizing ARPA funding. Motion by Lee, second by Shepline to approve the request. Vote – 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2023-49 for the third time re: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 274 “RECREATION BOARD” OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA, OHIO.

Motion by Miller, second by Dunlap to adopt Ord 2023-49. Vote – 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2023-50 for the third time re: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2017-13R SPECIFIC TO DESIGN REVIEW REGULATIONS FOR THE DOWNTOWN PRESERVATION DISTRICT IN THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA.

Motion by Lee, second by Greve to adopt Ord 2023-50. Vote – 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2023-51 for the third time re: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE EDITING AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AS PARTS OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION AND PUBLICATION OF NEW MATTER IN THE UPDATED AND REVISED CODIFIED ORDINANCES; REPEALING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Dunlap, second by Lee to adopt Ord 2023-51. Vote – 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Res 2023-53 for the second time re: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE WELLFIELD EXPANSION WATER FACILITIES PROJECT AT THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT ALONG SCHAUB ROAD FOR THE WATER DEPARTMENT.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Res 2023-54 for the first time re: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SERVICE TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND ENTER INTO A WATER SUPPLY REVOLVING LOAN ACCOUNT (WSRLA) AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA FOR PLANNING, DESIGN AND/OR CONSTRUCTION OF WATER FACILITIES; AND DESIGNATING A DEDICATED REPAYMENT SOURCE FOR THE LOAN.

Mayor report:

Attended AMP conference.

Nominated as honorary member of the OMEA board.

Two trees have been damaged in Harmon Park during the excavation phase for the all-abilities playground. The Tree Commission will evaluate the status of these trees. Additionally, the area needed for the new playground has been expanded to over 1000 square feet.

WAEDC meeting will occur this Wednesday.

Conducted 6 month follow-up interview with WDTN regarding the April 1st tornado clean-up.

Ohio Greenhouse Company recently acquired the Schneider property. The greenhouse has been rebuilt and planting has begun.

Service Director report:

Water Street reconstruction project has been delayed due to pre-cast concrete work needing done.

Bids have gone out for the Veterans Park water line loop project.

October 9th public meeting regarding the water tower and lines is required by Ohio EPA.

Streets & Alleys Committee will need to schedule a meeting regarding the ODOT project to reconfigure the State Route 501 and 198 intersection.

Mr. Dunlap asked if further work will be done to deaden noise at the 24 hour recycling drop-off. SSD Brillhart answered that sound barrier materials are on-order. Mr. Miller asked for the total cost for these sound barrier and fencing materials. SSD Brillhart answered, \$15,000. Mr. Miller expressed that he feels closing the recycling drop-off location during the night would be a better solution.

Law Director report:

No report.

Scheduling of Committee Meetings:

Lodging Tax Committee will hold a meeting on October 16th at 6:15pm at City Hall if needed.

A public meeting will be held on October 9th at 7:30pm at City Hall to present information on the three million gallon water tower and water distribution lines extensions project on Short Road.

Committee of the Whole will be held on October 9th at 8pm at City Hall to discuss the City's refuse and recycling service options.

Miscellaneous Business-

Mr. Shepline announced the Wapak Area Community Foundation has provided a \$5000 grant for façade improvements.

Motion by Lee, second by Dunlap to adjourn the meeting at 7:59pm. Vote – 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President

Clerk of Council