

President Chad Doll called the meeting to order at 7:30pm on March 18, 2024 at 701 Parlette Court with the following members present: Alex Stinebaugh, Jessica Muhlenkamp, Brandon Miller, Alex Greve, John Sheipline, Terry Campbell and Chad Dunlap. Safety Service Director Michael Brillhart was also present. There were 5 visitors present. Mayor Dan Lee and Law Director Grant Neal were absent.

Motion by Miller, second by Sheipline to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2024 Council meeting as submitted. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

**Ad-hoc Committee** – a meeting was held on 03-11-2024 and the following was discussed:

The committee began by approving prior meeting minutes. Motion by Sheipline, Second by Greve to approve minutes. Approved unanimously.

The committee first heard from Councilor Greve about the original meeting with Reveille. Mr. Greve noted that the primary task for the Ad Hoc committee should be setting up the steering committee to begin working with Reveille on the strategic plan.

The committee proceeded to have a lengthy discussion regarding potential members of the steering committee based upon the recommendations from Reveille. The committee agreed on a set of 13 individual positions based upon their different roles and experiences.

The committee split up the names and will be reaching out to confirm willingness to participate. The goal is to finalize this group very soon in order to be ready for opening meetings in April.

**Parks Committee**– a meeting was held on 03-06-2024 and the following was discussed:

The purpose of the meeting was to meet potential candidates for the new Parks Commission which is to be composed of 2 appointees from City Council, 2 appointees by Mayor Lee and 1 Appointee by the Board of Education.

Brandon Miller provided the vision of the Parks Committee being the Fiduciary agent of the Parks, the Parks Director providing the Administrative day-to-day operations and the new Parks Commission to be the Long Term Planning Arm of the Parks.

There were then some discussions about ideas that could be part of future planning including: Comprehensive trail system in conjunction with Heritage Trails, Connecting with statewide dollars for more bikeable communities, safe routes to school for walkers, additional riverfront upgrades, etc.

Jessica Muhlenkamp will follow up with Brad Rex at the Board of Education and Mayor Lee about additional appointments to the Parks Commission to plan a future meeting for all members to come together.

#### **Guest Petitions -**

Mr. Isaac Puff of 11 Eastlake Drive requested Council's support for his proposed Eagle Scout project at Veterans Park. The project will consist of map boards at vehicle entrances as well as two new games for park-goers to play. Mr. Puff stated his project will cost approximately \$12,000 and he will actively seek donations from area businesses and organizations. President Doll recommended that Mr. Puff work closely with the Parks Committee and apply for possible funding with the Lodging Tax Committee. Motion by Muhlenkamp, second by Campbell to approve the request. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Mrs. Linda Knerr of 312 E. Mechanic Street asked Council why the City has begun to paint the Wapak WaterPark brick pool house building white. Mr. Campbell stated the white is a primer coat and the brick will be painted tan on the two wings of the building to try to enhance the pool-side of the facility. Mr. Campbell stated that the brick on the inside of the building has also been painted white to brighten it and save the cost of additional electric lighting. Mr. Campbell added that the brick pool house was opened in 1937, yet no proof has been found to indicate it was a 'Works Progress Administration' project. Mrs. Knerr stated that painting the old brick has now created a "maintenance nightmare" for the future of the building's upkeep. President Doll stated that Council should have more information about why it was painted at the April 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. Mrs. Knerr asked if City Council knew about the plan to paint the pool house. Mr. Miller stated that it is Parks Director Jack Hayzlett's job to determine these kinds of maintenance needs, but several members of the community have voiced concern to City Council over the matter.

Mr. Bill Petruzzi and Kelly Bensman of Verdantas Environmental provided a presentation to Council summarizing the status of the City's old landfill located off of Water Street. Mr. Petruzzi and Ms. Bensman discussed management practices, groundwater monitoring, mineral levels and EPA regulations. Mr. Petruzzi noted that the City is in complete compliance with applicable Ohio EPA solid waste regulations in regards to the landfill.

Mr. Joe Wireman of the Public Works Department asked when the leachate pumping could cease and how much longer the City will be required to monitor the landfill. Mr. Petruzzi answered that the EPA stated that groundwater and gas monitoring must continue at least five more years.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2024-14 for the second time re: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING JOB TITLES AND PAY RANGES FOR NON-COLLECTIVE BARGAINING UNIT EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA SPECIFIC TO THE CREATION OF THE HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGER POSITION IN COMPLIANCE WITH CHAPTER 260 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF WAPAKONETA, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Miller stated the position would be paid for through multiple funds, not just the general fund. SSD Brillhart added that the job description has been updated to reflect more specific educational requirements and experience with collective bargaining unit agreements.

Motion by Miller, second by Campbell to suspend the rules for Ord 2024-14. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Miller, second by Greve to adopt Ord 2024-14. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Res 2024-15 for the first time re: AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF ANDY BEANE AS REPRESENTATIVE AND APPOINTING CRAIG MOELLER AS ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE TO DISTRICT 13 INTEGRATING COMMITTEE FOR ISSUE 1 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

SSD Brillhart explained the OPWC would like to begin the planning process prior to the July 1<sup>st</sup> budget year.

Motion by Campbell, second by Dunlap to suspend the rules for Res 2024-15. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Miller, second by Dunlap to adopt Res 2024-15. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Res 2024-16 for the first time re: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR A BRAUN CHIEF XL EMERGENCY VEHICLE THROUGH PENN CARE, INCORPORATED.

Mr. Miller asked if this item was budgeted for. SSD Brillhart answered, yes.

### **Mayor's report:**

3.5 Tree Commission Meeting

3.6 Waedc Meeting

3.6 Office hours 8 to 11

3.7 Etri Meeting

3.8 Eclipse meeting with Auglaize County

3.8 Eclipse meeting with the public

3.11 Ad hoc Comprehensive Plan Meeting

3.12 Downtown Partnership Meeting

3.13 Attended Generations of Love Open house

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3.13 Office hours 8 to 12

I have been in contact with both Celina and St. Marys Mayors. We continue to exchange information. I have also been in contact with Troy Anderson, EMA Director, and Sheriff Mike Vorhess.

Wapakoneta sent four linemen to Celina to help restore power in Celina after the weather damage.

Gov. Mike Dewine has made a disaster declaration for the areas impacted by the storm on 3.15.24. This includes Auglaize County. The declaration allows a broad mobilization of state resources for relief efforts.

With that said Wapakoneta survived any large damage and the citizens of Wapakoneta have been out serving the communities that need help.

I will not be available for this meeting. I will be in Mexico on a humanitarian trip for hearing.

**Service Director report:**

The Village of Yellow Springs sent a thank you letter to the City of Wapakoneta for the mutual aid provided during a recent storm event in February. City employees were also sent to Celina to provide mutual aid after the recent tornadic storms on March 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Scheduling Committee Meetings:**

Parks Committee will meet on March 26<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at City Hall.

**Miscellaneous Business:**

Mr. Campbell noted that three interested councilors are touring the Verilife dispensary at 8:30pm.

Motion by Miller, second by Dunlap to enter into executive session at 8:27pm to consider complaints made against a public employee and inviting City Administration. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Miller, second by Campbell to exit executive session at 8:46pm. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Miller, second by Dunlap to adjourn the meeting at 8:46pm. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

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