

President Chad Doll called the meeting to order at 7:30pm on April 15, 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. Mayor Dan Lee and Safety Service Director Michael Brillhart were also present. There were 8 visitors present. Law Director Grant Neal was absent.

Received Income Tax Summary Report for Month Ending 03-31-2024.

Motion by Miller, second by Dunlap to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2024 public hearing as submitted. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Miller, second by Campbell to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2024 Council meeting as submitted. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Mayor Lee read a proclamation declaring April 30, 2024 as 'National Therapy Animal Day'.

Mayor Lee introduced Miss Rodeo USA 2024 Kaelanne Quinonez, and read a proclamation for April 15, 2024 in honor of her visit to Wapakoneta.

Ad-hoc Committee– a meeting was held on 04-04-2024 and the following was discussed:

The committee confirmed members of the steering committee were willing to serve after reaching out to all parties. We thank all of the individuals who have stepped up to be a part of this process. Mr. Miller noted that he would collect all email address information and forward to Reveille in order for the steering committee process to begin. The initial meeting of the steering committee is still set at this time for April 18th with the consultant.

Mr. Miller noted this concludes the Ad-hoc Committee's work and meetings regarding this project.

Lodging Tax Committee– a meeting was held on 04-04-2024 and the following was discussed:

Riverside Art Center Art Camp

Additional information about the Art Camp had been provided by RAC. It appeared that the Art Center would still make a profit even after the additional expenses were accounted for, there was some discussion about whether or not this fit into funding community organizations. Marlene Graf made a motion to decline funding as the committee, Eric Ireland seconded the motion, it was approved unanimously.

Rubric

The discussion began with a review of the legislation that the committee was formed from. Jessica Muhlenkamp pointed out that the legislation is verbatim from the example of the Ohio Revised Code and that therefore it could be too vague for the purposes desired. Marlene Graf mentioned that the City Council could have chosen to use the money even more generally but had allowed the Committee more autonomy to decide.

After some discussion the committee decided to focus strictly on weighting the rubric for more of a tourism focus to emphasize the spirit in which the law was written. The committee also wanted to note that grant funding should not supplant existing funding or underwrite personal gain such as businesses. The rubric was pulled to begin working directly with adjusting the questions. The application categories as well as questions 2, 4, 5, and 7 were edited and questions 3 and 6 were added to the application (see attached). Additional notes on how those questions should affect the application were made and Jessica Muhlenkamp volunteered to update the application as discussed and send to the committee.

Health & Safety Committee– a meeting was held on 04-09-2024 and the following was discussed:

Items for discussion:

1. Approval for acquisition of a 2024 Kenworth T-880 Commercial Tanker Fire Truck

New meeting minutes:

The meeting started with the Fire Chief explaining the reasoning behind the request to purchase a new fire truck. The oldest truck in the fleet has been used for 40 years by the city. There are several safety

concerns with it; there is no closed cab or anti-lock brakes, to name a couple. The new 2024 Kenworth would provide our fire department with a necessary upgrade.

The apparatus price for the truck is \$594,800.00. Funding to purchase the Fire Truck is identified in the city's vehicle expense fund account: 333.230.55040.

Under the State's Sourcewell procurement process, Herb Fire Equipment in Powell, Ohio is the low bidder. The staff and Health and Safety committee is recommending approval for this purchase under emergency language. If this item is approved prior to April 16th, the city will receive a \$5,000 discount from Herb Fire Equipment.

Dunlap made the motion to recommend to council to purchase a 2024 Kenworth T-880 Commercial Tanker Fire Truck and that council would do so under emergency language, so we receive the \$5,000 discount. The motion was 2nd by Muhlenkamp.

Mr. Miller asked for the reasoning behind the emergency language. Mayor Lee answered, the \$5000 in savings. Mr. Greve clarified that the price for the truck was previously approved and budgeted for.

Communications –

Clerk McDonald announced a public hearing has been scheduled for May 20, 2024 at 7:15pm at City Hall regarding the re-zoning of property on Eastown Road owned by Wapakoneta Area Community Improvement Corporation.

Clerk McDonald provided a final reminder to all elected officials to file their annual financial disclosure form with the Ohio Ethics Commission by May 15, 2024.

Guest Petitions -

Mr. Steve Henderson of 915 W. Auglaize Street addressed Council regarding a December 4th kinship proclamation between the City of Wapakoneta and Neil Armstrong's family ancestral home of Langholm, Scotland. Mr. Henderson explained that he began working on the kinship project during his mayoral term and it would resemble the 'Sister City' relationship that Wapakoneta holds with Lengerich, Germany. Mr. Henderson stated that next steps would be a press release as well as to assemble a committee of interested persons to support the kinship.

Mr. Henderson further wished to clarify that he completed the requirements for the 'Tree City USA' designation during his mayoral term, including planting a tree at the Wapakoneta Middle School in 2021, assembling the proper paperwork from the Light Department, and writing a proclamation, as was done in subsequent years. Mr. Henderson noted that the initial Tree Commission meetings that he attended had little to no membership then, but has since improved.

Mr. Henderson then thanked past administrators and staff for their service to the City of Wapakoneta.

Mr. John Wehner of 802 Dearbaugh Avenue notified council of significant flooding and drainage issues on and around his property due to storm water runoff into the sewer system. Mr. Wehner explained the measures he has taken to prevent his basement from flooding, yet he still has 2 feet of water that collects in his yard during heavy rain events. Mr. Wehner stated in every rain event, the sewer system gets backed up with water and the nearby alley floods. The City has been on-site to smoke and camera the pipes in this area, but found no problems. Mr. Wehner stated that the rainwater from Plum and South Streets has nowhere to go and ends up at the corner of his property, and provided Council with a photo of same. Mr. Campbell explained there is a large portion of the south side of town where the storm and sewage are co-mingled, and the EPA is working with the city to separate them. Mr. Campbell noted further that the storm water system was never developed for some lots near Mr. Wehner's property and recommended the City Engineering Department examine this area more closely to determine the problem. Mr. Campbell agreed to speak with Superintendent Justin Waid on the matter as well. SSD Brillhart stated that fill dirt and catch basins would be needed to correct the elevation and flooding problems at 802 Dearbaugh. Mr. Wehner suggested a catch basin be placed in the city's easement to alleviate the excess water.

Mr. Derek Solomon of 901 E. Benton Street and Ms. Auna Allen of 1311 Lincoln Avenue approached Council to inquire on the rules and regulations for obtaining refuse dumpster service from the City of Wapakoneta for property located at 1311 Lincoln Avenue. Ms. Allen noted that upon contacting SSD

Brillhart, he explained that the dumpster fee could not be placed on a residential utility bill, but had to be on a separate bill. Ms. Allen did so and received the dumpster, but on April 12th, Mayor Lee contacted her stating that the dumpster would need to be removed from the residential address and she would need to have any dumpster on the property corralled. Ms. Allen provided Council with several photos of city dumpsters that are not currently corralled, and asked Council why she would be singled out on this rule. Mr. Solomon gave examples of local small-business owners working from their residential properties, asking if they too must be on a commercial utility account. SSD Brillhart summarized that upon Ms. Allen's request for a commercial dumpster at her residential location, he recommended that she separate her commercial from her residential utilities. SSD Brillhart agreed that that language the city uses for rules and regulations to define residential versus commercial property is vague and needs clarification. Mayor Lee added that there has been a shortage of city dumpsters available and that is why the rule is in place. Mayor Lee further clarified that he is not suggesting all small-business owners in residential property move to commercial rates, but rather, those wishing for a commercial dumpster must be paying commercial utility rates. Mr. Campbell stated that Ms. Allen's LLC ought to be considered in the decision. Mr. Miller recommended the item be put to committee and the city's legislation language be examined. President Doll placed the item within Utilities Committee for discussion.

New Business -

Motion by Miller, second by Campbell to bring Ordinance 2024-20 to the floor for its first reading. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Res 2024-16 for the third 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.

Motion by Miller, second by Campbell to adopt Res 2024-16. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2024-17 for the second time re: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A CHANGE IN ZONING CLASSIFICATION FROM “R-3” (RESIDENCE DISTRICT) TO “M-2” (INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT) FOR PROPERTY PETITIONED BY WAPAK STORAGE LLC.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Res 2024-19 for the first time re: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY TO PURCHASE A 2024 KENWORTH T-880 COMMERCIAL TANKER FIRE TRUCK FROM HERB EQUIPMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Miller, second by Muhlenkamp to suspend the rules for Res 2024-19. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Dunlap, second by Greve to adopt Res 2024-19. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2024-20 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A CHANGE OF ZONING CLASSIFICATION FROM “B-2” (GENERAL BUSINESS) TO “R-4” (MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENCE) FOR PROPERTY PETITIONED BY THE WAPAKONETA AREA COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION.

Clerk McDonald noted the public hearing scheduled for Ord 2024-20 will be Monday, May 20, 2024 at 7:15pm at City Hall.

Mayor's report:

4.2 Attended Tree Commission Meeting

4.3 Office Hours

4.3 Took Tyler Price to Electric Department. Admin Building, Police Office

4.4 Attended Lodging Tax Meeting

4.5 Attended First Friday Events

4.5 Interviewed my Mike Maag WPNM @ J Maries

4.6 Toured the city

4.7 Toured the city

4.8 Interviewed By WDTN

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- 4.10 Office hours
- 4.10 Took Tyler Price to Public Works and Water Plant
- 4.10 Attended Weadc Meeting
- 4.15 Tree City USA Planting and Proclamation

Update from Solar Eclipse

It was estimated that 20000 people from all over the world and the USA came to Wapakoneta for the event. There was no problems reported that were out of the ordinary. Many of our businesses reported they had a super fantastic weekend and Monday.

The administration is relieved the event is over and all went very well.

Mayoral nomination for Taylor Frost to serve on the zoning board. Voice vote by Council on the nomination - Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Stahler property should be in the city's possession by June 1st. The city mechanic will be moved to this location to have more room to work and impounded vehicles may be stored here. Recycling drop-off location is still being discussed.

Mr. Dunlap asked if the new Human Resources position has been filled. Mayor Lee answered, no, but a new payroll clerk has been hired and is in training.

President Doll asked for an update on the T-Mobile playground. SSD Brillhart stated it will be installed, inspected, and ready to use by the end of May.

Service Director report:

Construction of Fire Department building expansion will begin this week.

Request for Utilities as well as Streets and Alleys committees to schedule meetings to discuss upcoming projects.

Mr. Campbell asked about the realignment of utility poles on the Eastown property. SSD Brillhart explained that having a north – south line up to Middle Street will be an improvement here.

Scheduling Committee Meetings:

Streets & Alleys Committee will meet on April 23rd at 8am at City Hall.

Utilities Committee will be holding a meeting, date and time to be determined.

Parks Committee will meet on April 22nd at 6pm at City Hall.

Motion by Dunlap, second by Campbell to adjourn the meeting at 8:55pm. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President

Clerk of Council