

President Chad Doll called the meeting to order at 7:30pm on May 20, 2024 at 701 Parlette Court with the following members present: Alex Stinebaugh, Jessica Muhlenkamp, Brandon Miller, Alex Greve, John Shepline, Terry Campbell and Chad Dunlap. Law Director Grant Neal and Safety Service Director Tyler Price were also present. There were 5 visitors present. Mayor Dan Lee was absent.

Received Income Tax Summary Report for Month Ending 04-30-2024.

Motion by Miller, second by Campbell to table the approval of minutes from the May 6, 2024 Council meeting to allow Mayor Lee time to review revised finance committee minutes within. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Parks Committee– a meeting was held on 05-09-2024 and the following was discussed:

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the future of the full-time Maintenance Supervisor position that is currently being funded from ARPA funds. There was a brief discussion around the fact that the position had not been correctly funded and the dollars had been being taken out of 205 and 207 instead of the ARPA funds.

There was general agreement that for the betterment and growth of the Parks Department it was time for a Full time Director position to be created. Someone who can “do the managing and leading, marketing and leadership” of the Department.

The discussion continued around the structure of the Department where a Full Time Director would lead the part-time employees as well as a part-time “Pool Manager” or “Maintenance” style position that could set-up the pool, order chemicals, etc. There was a discussion about concern for how this restructuring would change the situation for current employees.

A list of potential cities to contact to do additional research on the structure of other City Parks Departments to help determine salary, job description, etc.

Mr. Campbell asked if the committee discussed the excess monies within the sidewalk fund. Mrs. Muhlenkamp answered, no, as Mr. Hayzlett had not been in attendance. Mr. Miller noted that Auditor Wilbur Wells stated he would be willing to transfer from ARPA into the park funds for the park maintenance position.

Communications –

Clerk McDonald read a letter from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control for a new permit to: Whaling Knife LLC, 11 Willipie Street, Wapakoneta, Ohio 45895. Council did not request a hearing.

Guest Petitions –

Mrs. Deb Zwez of 613 E. Pearl Street and representing United Way of Auglaize County, requested Council’s permission for road closures for the ‘Run to the Moon’ run scheduled for July 20th. Mrs. Zwez noted the route has not changed from last year, she has been in contact with the Police Department and has insurance for the event. Motion by Muhlenkamp, second by Stinebaugh to approve the request. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Ms. Lori Wilson of 609 Perry Street and representing the St. Joseph Catholic Church, requested Council’s permission for road closures for a Eucharistic procession scheduled for June 2nd. Ms. Wilson provided Council with a route map, noting the street closures would only be in place for about 5 minutes at a time to allow safe passage for the group. Motion by Shepline, second by Campbell to approve the request. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Unfinished Business -

President Doll noted the letter sent to City Council by Mrs. Dena Wireman of Krave Creamery at 102 E. Auglaize Street regarding parking enforcement concerns. Mr. Campbell explained that local businesses will need to police themselves, their employees and rental tenants regarding parking duration, as chalking tires has been ruled unconstitutional and the City does not wish to install parking meters.

New Business –

Mr. Miller explained the city is working towards updating the strategic plan and requested everyone to participate in a survey located on the city's Facebook page, website, or hardcopy at the city building.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2024-20 for the third 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.

Motion by Campbell, second by Greve to adopt Ord 2024-20. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2024-21 for the second 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.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Res 2024-24 for the second time re: A RESOLUTION URGING THE STATE OF OHIO TO DESIGNATE COUNTY ROAD 25-A, CONNECTING WAPAKONETA TO SIDNEY, AS A STATE ROUTE AND SECONDARY EMERGENCY ROUTE.

Mr. Miller pointed out that this could limit the city's ability to place signage on this section of the roadway.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Res 2024-25 for the second time re: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY TO SET SPECIFICATIONS, ADVERTISE FOR BIDS, AND EXECUTE AN ASPHALT OVERLAY, CRACK SEAL, CAPE SEAL PROJECT USING TAX LEVY MONIES.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Res 2024-26 for the second time re: A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF CONSTRUCTING AND / OR REPAIRING CERTAIN SIDEWALKS IN THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA, COUNTY OF AUGLAIZE, STATE OF OHIO, REQUIRING AUTHORIZATION BY CITY COUNCIL.

Mr. Campbell noted all of the sidewalks listed within said ordinance are for repairs, not for new sidewalks.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Res 2024-27 for the second time re: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY TO SET SPECIFICATIONS, ADVERTISE FOR BIDS, AND EXECUTE A 2023 RECLAMITE PROGRAM FOR VARIOUS STREETS WITHIN THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2024-28 for the second time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN AUGLAIZE COUNTY, OHIO AND THE CITIES OF WAPAKONETA AND ST. MARYS, OHIO SPECIFIC TO THE PROGRAM YEAR 2024 COMMUNITY HOUSING IMPACT AND PRESERVATION (CHIP) PROGRAM WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Campbell, second by Dunlap to suspend the rules for Ord 2024-28. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Sheipline, second by Muhlenkamp to adopt Ord 2024-28. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Mayor's report:

5.7 Attended Tree Commission meeting

5.8 Met with Mayor Joe Hurlbert

5.8 Held office hours at the City Building

5.9 Attended State of the City County Schools

5.11 Attended the Bicycle Safety Event

5.13 Attended meeting with Waedc Director Josh Bloomfield

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5.16 Attended meeting with Waedc Director Josh Bloomfield

Other notes.

We have extended an offer to fill the position of Human Resource manager.

We have promoted Katrina Cecil to Office Manager.

Service Director report:

Working on personnel matters, grants, compliance reports, and attending several meetings throughout the city.

Law Director report:

Working on details of the duties assigned to the City Auditor position.

Mr. Miller asked that Mr. Neal investigate Res 2024-24 and how it would affect any future signage placement. Mr. Miller also noted that it does not appear that American Legal Publishing has updated this section online.

Scheduling Committee Meetings:

Communication Committee will meet on June 3rd at 6:30pm at City Hall.

Parks Committee will meet on May 29th at 6pm at City Hall.

Finance Committee will meet on May 29th at 5pm at City Hall.

Streets & Alleys Committee will meet on May 29th at 4pm at City Hall.

Miscellaneous Business:

Mr. Campbell noted that the splash pad at Wapak Waterpark will be completed in June.

Motion by Miller, second by Dunlap to adjourn the meeting at 8:06pm. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President

Clerk of Council