

President Pro Tempore Brandon Miller called the meeting to order at 7:30pm on July 1, 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 4 visitors present. Mayor Dan Lee and President Chad Doll were absent.

President Pro Tem Miller opened the meeting by requesting a moment of silence to honor the life of Bonnie Wurst, former Wapakoneta City Councilor.

Motion by Shepline, second by Greve to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2024 Council meeting as submitted. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

**Finance Committee**— a meeting was held on 06-25-2024 and the following was discussed:

The committee met to discuss the potential for a revolving loan fund for the city of Wapakoneta. Mr. Doll began by recapping the previous effort to develop such a fund, which funded a few projects years ago. It used to be funded by CDGB funds from the state, and WAEDC administered it. State regulations caused this fund to cease to exist.

Our current desire is for this fund to exist for gap financing to help with small business projects. Mr. Doll also noted that one idea is that the CIC would control and manage the revolving loan fund. If the CIC controlled it, the business plans involved would be confidential.

Funding the program has been one of the large issues in the past. Our thought is to have some CIC support, some city support, and potentially seek bank support under a CRA community reinvestment initiative. This partnership would signal confidence in new entrepreneurship in the community and lead to potential financing opportunities in the private sector. We should note that this program is not intended to undercut banks with large loans, but rather to supplement private funding.

Initial funding numbers were thrown around at \$100,000 initially between the CIC and the city, with an interest rate that is one or two points below prime rate. Another thought is to cap each loan at \$50,000. We would likely need to rely on banking partners or a third party to help with regulatory and administrative duties of the fund. Additional costs for such work could also be covered by an application fee.

The next Steps are to reach out to other communities who already do this for information. Mr. Miller and Mr. Doll will also attend the next CIC board meeting to talk more about the program.

Mr. Doll ended the meeting by asking why income taxes have been a bit down this year. Mr. Price said that it seems to be a timing issue.

Mr. Miller asked SSD Price to look into any interest income that has accrued on past loans.

#### **Guest Petitions –**

Ms. Barb Naylor, owner of property located at 709 S. Perry Street, addressed Council about the severe potholes occurring in the nearby alleyway. Ms. Naylor requested that the City fix the damage to the alley surface for safety reasons. Mr. Campbell offered to contact Public Works Superintendent Bill Thomas about the matter. Ms. Naylor also complimented the recent updates to the Wapak WaterPark.

Remaining tabled: Res 2024-24 - 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.

SSD Price noted that per ODOT, costs to the City would remain the same, as the municipality would still be responsible for upkeep on portions of the roadway within city limits.

President Pro Tem Miller asked Clerk to read Ord 2024-30 for the second time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA (CRA) AGREEMENT WITH BECKER RENTAL PROPERTIES, LLC.

President Pro Tem Miller asked Clerk to read Res 2024-31 for the first time re: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSITION OF CITY PROPERTY THROUGH INTERNET AUCTION.

SSD Price explained that the resolution must be done annually per Ohio Revised Code.

**Service Director report:**

In Mayor Lee's absence, SSD Price read a proclamation honoring former City Councilor Bonnie Wurst and her years of service to the community.

The new stage has arrived and training will be conducted this week.  
Water Street project is moving forward and should soon receive its topcoat.

Mr. Campbell asked for more details regarding \$360,000 of grant funding. SSD Price noted this is for parking and installation of a pedestrian walkway from the downtown to Heritage Park.

Mr. Miller suggested the City hold a public meeting to discuss the 501 / 198 intersection project.

**Law Director report:**

No report.

Mr. Campbell noted a revised fine schedule is being worked on for parking violations.

Motion by Campbell, second by Sheipline to adjourn the meeting at 7:51pm. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays.  
Motion passed.

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Clerk of Council