

President Pro Tem Brandon Miller called the meeting to order at 7:30pm on July 15, 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, Mayor Dan Lee and Safety Service Director Tyler Price were also present. There were 7 visitors present. President Chad Doll was absent.

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

Guest Petitions -

Mr. Mike Borges of 301 Biscayne Blvd. and Mr. Ace Ambos of 13972 Linzee Road and representing Vietnam Veterans of America, approached Council to request approval to designate a memorial highway on 25A South / Willipie Street as the 'Jon Michael Schoolcraft E-4 U.S. Army Iraq Memorial Highway'. The proposed location for the sign is on City property, but the County has agreed to help with installation. Mr. Borges supplied Council with a photo of the proposed location for the sign and a summary of Mr. Jon Schoolcraft's service in the U.S. Army. There were no objections from Council and City Administration will work with Auglaize County to complete this request.

Auglaize County Administrator Erica Preston of 908 Wheeler Lane and Auglaize County Engineer Andrew Baumer of 4471 Bensman Road, Minster addressed Council regarding Ordinance 2024-32. The agreement would allow for the wastewater of 25 homes of the Sherwood Forest subdivision to be pumped to the City's wastewater treatment plant. Ms. Preston & Mr. Baumer explained that the project has been on-going since 2014, as upgrades and tile replacement had to be completed and grant money is being utilized. Mr. Baumer stated the existing water treatment plant for this area will be abandoned and removed, reducing labor hours currently required by EPA to monitor it. Residents will have comparable rates. Annexation would require several parcels of property, as there is no connectivity at this time.

Mr. Miller then asked Mr. Baumer for his input regarding Resolution 2024-24. Mr. Baumer stated he spoke with the Administrator for the Village of Botkins and advised him to seek funding sources for roadway maintenance as the state will likely make no movement on this matter.

Mr. Campbell then asked Ms. Preston about the demolition of the vault manufacturer building. Ms. Preston answered that CTL Engineering is currently gathering data from test wells for brownfield grant funds.

Remaining tabled: Res 2024-24. Mr. Greve agreed to follow up with the Village of Botkins on this matter and report at next Council meeting.

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

Motion by Campbell, second by Stinebaugh to adopt Ord 2024-30. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

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

President Pro Tem Miller asked Clerk to read Ord 2024-32 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN AUGLAIZE COUNTY, OHIO AND THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA FOR THE CONVEYING AND TREATMENT OF WASTEWATER.

President Pro Tem Miller asked Clerk to read Ord 2024-33 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1028.06 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA SPECIFIC TO PLANTED TREE DISTANCE FROM STREET CORNERS AND FIREPLUGS.

Mr. Miller asked that Public Works please determine the number of trees that would be impacted by said ordinance.

Mayor's Report:

6.18 Attended Comprehensive Planning Meeting

6.19 Office hours

6.19 Wastewater Meeting

6.19 Gave interview with Kevin Saddler WCSM

6.20 Attended VALU class

6.21 Attended Ribbon Cutting At Rolling Pin

6.21 Attended Funeral for Nephew of Diana Blackburn

6.26 Attended Department head meeting

6.26 Attended Labor negotiation meeting

6.27 Attended Neil Armstrong Board Meeting

6.30 Was out of town till 7.7

7.9 Talked with Officer Spencer about the loss of his Mother. Was not able to attend the funeral as I was out of town

7.10 Office hours

7.10 Attended Department head meeting

7.10 Attended Labor negotiation meeting

7.12 Attended Labor negotiation meeting

7.12 Attended Meeting with TSC

7.15 Attended the viewing of Justin Waid's Father in law.

Other notes.

The Waterpark continues to do well with staffing and attendance.

Wapakoneta Recognized as being one of the 9 friendliest cities in Ohio by World Atlas

Summer Moon Festival is upon us. The city has again joined hands with the Chamber of Commerce to provide a safe and clean atmosphere for the event.

Service Director Report:

Topcoat is occurring on Water Street.

Conducted meetings with the County regarding ordinances read this evening.

Work on EUWA contract agreements.

Mr. Campbell noted that the Police and Fire Departments are asking for clarification on official street names and addresses for the area around Koneta Rubber and the stockyards.

Mrs. Muhlenkamp asked for clarification on how groups and organizations can request for street closures for an event. SSD Price answered the group should fill out the form on the City's website and submit to the Police Department for review, then SSD has the final sign-off on it.

Mr. Miller asked if Public Works could look at repainting the downtown crosswalks.

Mr. Miller asked for mid-summer financial report status regarding the Wapak WaterPark.

Mr. Miller asked about additional trashcans for the DORA. SSD Price is meeting with Waste Management this week.

Mr. Miller wanted to remind Council that there is payment due on the Fire Station Building extension bond.

Mr. Miller asked for any update on the State Route 198/501 intersection project. SSD Price stated this is a year or more out and no updates at this time.

Mr. Miller asked for an update on the Stahler Property recently purchased by the City. SSD Price will provide this at next council meeting.

Law Director Report:

The city can move ahead with the parking violation fine increase. Expect legislation on this at next council meeting.

Mr. Greve asked if an additional handicapped parking space has been labeled on E. Auglaize Street. SSD Price noted that a temporary sign is in place now.

Mr. Miller requested a Finance meeting be scheduled with Auditor Anderson.

Mr. Shepline asked that Code Enforcement Officer Paul Eisert be given more authority to issue fines to violators. Law Director Neal will review this and speak to him.

Scheduling Committee Meetings:

Joint Parks & Finance Committee meeting will occur on July 23rd at 1:30pm at City Hall.

Miscellaneous Business –

Motion by Greve, second by Dunlap to enter into executive session at 8:16pm to discuss economic development and inviting WAEDC Director Josh Bloomfield, and to review negotiations with public employees and inviting Auditor Paula Anderson. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Greve, second by Dunlap to exit executive session at 9:09pm. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Campbell, second by Dunlap to adjourn the meeting at 9:09pm. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President

Clerk of Council