

President Chad Doll called the meeting to order at 7:30pm on August 19, 2024 at 701 Parlette Court with the following members present: Alex Stinebaugh, Brandon Miller, Alex Greve, John Sheipline, Terry Campbell and Chad Dunlap. Mayor Dan Lee and Safety Service Director Tyler Price were also present. There were 4 visitors present. Law Director Grant Neal and Councilor Jessica Muhlenkamp were absent.

Motion by Dunlap, second by Greve to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2024 Council meeting as submitted. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Parks Committee— a meeting was held on 08-08-2024 and the following was discussed:

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the future of the Parks Advisory Commission. According to Chapter 274 the Commission is composed of two representatives appointed by the City Council, two appointed by the Mayor and one appointed by the Wapakoneta Board of Education.

Mayor Lee had communicated that his appointees are Mike Erb and Ross Kantner.

Brandon Miller made a motion to appoint Jim Stinebaugh and John Wehner as the Council appointees to the commission. He also recommended that Matt Staugler, Wapakoneta Citizen and Director of the Auglaize and Mercer County Convention and Visitors Bureau be invited to attend as a content matter expert. This motion received a second by John Sheipline and was approved.

Jessica Muhlenkamp reported that she was waiting to hear back from the Board of Education about their representative as their current representative did not live within the City limits.

There was then some discussion that Chapter 274.02 “Membership” does not include the needed language that was intended to be included around appointees needing to be Citizens of Wapakoneta. Grant Neal was called to discuss. It was decided that since it was the intention when the ordinance was written for the Commission to be limited to citizens due to the nature of the Parks being paid for solely by income tax dollars that it should be amended to include that language. Brandon made a motion to amend chapter 274 to specify that members of the Parks Advisory Commission be citizens of Wapakoneta with a second by John Sheipline, it was approved unanimously. Neal stated he would prepare something for the next City Council meeting.

Due to some citizen concerns it was discussed that the next meeting would be to discuss a Fledgling Goose Committee.

Communications –

President Doll reminded everyone that the next City Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 3, 2024 at 7:30pm due to the Labor Day holiday.

Guest Petitions -

Mrs. Deb Zwez of 613 E. Pearl Street and representing the Downtown Wapakoneta Partnership addressed Council to request an amendment to Ordinance 2017-13R to include a member of DWP within the City's 'Design Review Board'. President Doll put the matter to Lands & Buildings Committee for review.

Unfinished Business -

Motion by Miller, second by Campbell to appoint Mr. Mike Erb and Mr. Ross Kantner on behalf of Mayor Lee, and Mr. Jim Stinebaugh and Mr. John Wehner on behalf of city council to the newly formed 'Parks Advisory Commission'. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2024-32 for the third 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.

Motion by Dunlap, second by Campbell to adopt Ord 2024-32. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2024-33 for the third 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.

Motion by Campbell, second by Sheipline to adopt Ord 2024-33. Mr. Miller asked what will be done with those trees that do not meet this requirement. Mr. Campbell stated that there is only one tree in question at this time and he will discuss this with the Street Department. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2024-34 for the second time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE PETITION FOR ANNEXATION OF ACREAGE IN DUCHOUQUET TOWNSHIP TO THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2024-35 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY TO PURCHASE A FREIGHTLINER M2 TRUCK FOR THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Miller asked if the item was within the appropriations ordinance. SSD Price noted that there was money earmarked in the budget for a flatbed truck but this specific one was not listed within the appropriations ordinance. Mr. Stinebaugh asked if this purchase will be replacing an older truck. SSD Price answered, yes. Mr. Greve asked for the quote provided for the new truck. SSD Price answered, \$103,945.00. Mr. Stinebaugh asked for the age of the current truck being used. Mr. Sheipline answered, 2005 model.

Motion by Campbell, second by Sheipline to suspend the rules for Ord 2024-35. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Campbell, second by Stinebaugh to adopt Ord 2024-35. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2024-36 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 452.16 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF WAPAKONETA, OHIO TO INCREASE THE FINE FOR VIOLATIONS OF CHAPTER 452 OF SAID ORDINANCES.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2024-37 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 274.02 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF WAPAKONETA, OHIO TO PROVIDE THAT ALL MEMBERS OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION CREATED BY CHAPTER 274 OF SAID ORDINANCES RESIDE IN THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA.

Motion by Miller, second by Dunlap to suspend the rules Ord 2024-37. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Miller, second by Campbell to adopt Ord 2024-37. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Mayor's Report:

8.6 Tree Commission

8.6 All Abilities Ribbon Cutting

8.6 National Night Out

8.7 Office Hours

8.7 Waedc Board

8.7 Village Green Refresh of City Building

8.9 Generations of Love Open House

8.9 Pool Party

8.14 Staff Meeting

8.14 Office Hours

8.17 Child Wellness at Auglaize County Fair Ground

Other notes.

National Night out went very well not with holding the rain.

Child wellness outreach was well attended and supported by our fire station.

I will not be able to attend our next meeting in September.

Mayor Lee noted the city's water reclamation plant is 90% complete, with a plan to be moved into the new facility by August 27th. The new floor at the Wapak Fire Department expansion will be poured this week.

Service Director Report:

Discussed the capital improvement fund with Wapakoneta Chamber of Commerce Director Jackie Martell. Wapak Police Department has two officers that recently finished police academy.

Waterline extension work being completed in industrial park.
Curb improvement work being done in the 'flower streets'.
Sidewalk projects will begin in September.
New shelter house has been donated for Veterans Park.
Yearly audit is happening within city office this week.
Storm lines on Tulip Drive are being worked on.
Spoke to Levi about uneven trees on Auglaize Street.

Mr. Stinebaugh asked for a completion date for curb work in the flower streets and requested signage be moved over for the weekend. SSD Price will inquire regarding a completion date.
Mr. Campbell asked if there have been water line repairs in the area of Rauthland Avenue. SSD Price answered that he was not aware of any.
Mr. Dunlap asked that the city inspect the sidewalk cracks happening along the riverfront walkway behind town.

Scheduling Committee Meetings:

Lands & Buildings Committee meeting will occur on August 29th at 6pm at City Hall.

Motion by Campbell, second by Greve to adjourn the meeting at 7:58pm. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President

Clerk of Council