

President Chad Doll called the meeting to order at 7:30pm on November 4, 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.

Motion by Dunlap, second by Campbell to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2024 Council meeting as submitted. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

**Lodging Tax Committee** – a meeting was held on 10-30-2024 and the following was discussed:

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Lodging Tax application for Christmas Lights from the City's Parks Department. There was a brief discussion that it appears that a previous application was utilized as not all the questions matched the new application. Mayor Lee confirmed that the Parks Department had received Lodging Tax funds in the past.

Mayor Lee provided some background of the relationship with the City budget and the Parks Department. Several members also mentioned they were impressed with what the Parks department accomplished last year.

Upon utilization of the Rubric the project received an average score of 21.5 and was eligible for funding.

It was estimated that there is approximately \$47,000 left in the Lodging Tax Budget, there was a brief discussion of following up with the Auditor about confirming the amount of dollars left in the account.

Dan Lee made a motion to fully fund the Parks Departments request of \$3000 with a second by Eric Ireland, it was approved unanimously.

Motion by Muhlenkamp, second by Dunlap to approve the request of \$3000 of lodging tax funds to the city's Parks Department for the purchase of additional Christmas lights for downtown. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

#### **Communications –**

President Doll received a letter from Ms. Amy Crow of the Waste Minimization Committee expressing their continued support of the 'pay as you throw' program in the city's refuse and recycling services.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2024-40 for the third time re: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 244.03 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF WAPAKONETA SPECIFIC TO THE COMPOSITION OF POLICE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL.

Motion by Dunlap, second by Shepline to adopt Ord 2024-40. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2024-41 for the third time re: AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE FORM AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF BLUE CREEK WIND SCHEDULE WITH AMERICAN MUNICIPAL POWER, INC AND TAKING OF OTHER ACTIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

Motion by Miller, second by Campbell to adopt Ord 2024-41. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2024-42 for the third time re: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 260.17(A) "HOLIDAYS" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF WAPAKONETA, OHIO.

Motion by Campbell, second by Greve to adopt Ord 2024-42. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2024-43 for the third time re: AN ORDINANCE ASSENTING TO THE DETACHMENT OF CERTAIN LANDS FROM THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Shepline, second by Miller to adopt Ord 2024-43. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2024-44 for the second time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF SAFETY AND SERVICE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE PUSHETA TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES FOR FURNISHING OF FIRE PROTECTION AND AMBULANCE SERVICE.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2024-45 for the second time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY TO SUBMIT A SUPPLEMENTAL LOAN APPLICATION TO THE OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA, OHIO AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Miller, second by Campbell to suspend the rules for Ord 2024-45. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Dunlap, second by Stinebaugh to adopt Ord 2024-45. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2024-46 for the second time re: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1250.10 (174) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA SPECIFIC TO THE ZONING DEFINITION OF “WAREHOUSE”.

Mrs. Muhlenkamp asked if the Planning Commission had any comments. SSD Price replied, no. Mr. Miller asked if utility rate conversations have occurred. SSD Price replied, no. Mr. Campbell asked if the engineering firm Courtney & Associates have provided input. SSD Price replied, not yet. SSD Price explained that the language of warehousing versus data-warehousing are clarified with said ordinance. Mr. Dunlap shared a text from a citizen concerned about water usage and the people needed for employment purposes. President Doll reiterated that Ord 2024-46 is merely clarifying the zoning language within the City’s ordinances.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Res 2024-47 for the second time re: A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION AS TO THE PROPOSED ZONING OF ANNEXED LAND.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2024-48 for the second time re: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1282.04 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA SPECIFIC TO THE CONDITIONAL PERMITTED USES OF THE M-3 INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Res 2024-49 for the second time re: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY TO DONATE A 1987 SUTPHEN LADDER TRUCK AND A 1985 SUTPHEN PUMPER TRUCK TO THE APOLLO CAREER CENTER PUBLIC SAFETY PROGRAM.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Res 2024-50 for the first time re: A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.

SSD Price explained that County Auditor Bice needs said resolution from the City by November 6<sup>th</sup>.

Motion by Miller, second by Muhlenkamp to suspend the rules for Res 2024-50. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Campbell, second by Shepline to adopt Res 2024-50. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2024-51 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE PARTICIPATION IN THE AMP RENEWABLE ENERGY CREDITS SALE / PURCHASE PROGRAM.

Mrs. Muhlenkamp asked where the funds would go if the renewable energy credits were sold. SSD Price answered, likely to the electric fund.

### **Service Director Report:**

Year-end swimming pool information is now available to Council.

Weeds have been removed at the demolition site on Harrison Street.

Traffic lights at Bellefontaine and Wood Street, as well as the light at Defiance Street are working properly.

Will speak to Auditor Anderson regarding the refinancing of bonds.

No-parking area will be extended on the west side of Pine Street for safety reasons.

Second comprehensive plan survey will be available soon.

New ladder truck for the fire department will arrive December 19<sup>th</sup>.

Leaf pickup has begun.

December 2<sup>nd</sup> lines will be pulled for poles downtown.

Shelly Paving is working on Silver, Vine and Wood Streets.

Underground work for Water Street is finished. Will maintain for the winter and begin work again in the spring.

Mrs. Muhlenkamp asked about truck traffic on Water Street. SSD Price stated the grade level will need maintained.

Mr. Miller asked for a budget update. SSD Price answered that preliminary budget is being drafted and department head meetings will soon occur.

Mr. Miller asked if a bond payment has been made for the Fire Department building expansion. SSD Price will inquire about this.

Mr. Miller asked for an update on marijuana sales tax receipts process. SSD Price stated no update is available on this at the moment.

Mr. Miller requested that the public be notified of the increase in parking violation fine amounts.

Mrs. Muhlenkamp asked for an explanation on how sidewalk installation is decided within the City. Discussion followed regarding the 'safe routes to schools' grant and new housing development requirements on the matter of sidewalks. President Doll suggested contacting the Engineering Department for specific questions. Mr. Dunlap again asked that the Engineering Department examine sidewalks along Heritage Drive for hazards.

**Law Director Report:**

No report.

**Scheduling Committee Meetings:**

None.

**Miscellaneous Business –**

Mr. Campbell stated that wells need to be monitored at the demolition site of the old wheel factory before the concrete can be removed.

Mr. Campbell added that asbestos removal and demolition will occur in the coming year for the Auglaize Acres building on Infirmary Road.

Motion by Miller, second by Dunlap to enter into executive session at 8:08pm to review collective bargaining negotiations with public employees and inviting City Administration. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Miller, second by Campbell to exit executive session at 8:19pm. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed. Mr. Dunlap departed during executive session.

Motion by Miller, second by Shepline to approve the police and dispatcher bargaining unit agreement as presented by administration. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Miller, second by Greve to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

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