

President Chad Doll called the meeting to order at 7:30pm on November 18, 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 3 visitors present.

Motion by Campbell, second by Shepline to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2024 Council meeting as submitted. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

#### **Communications –**

Clerk McDonald read a notice from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control for a permit change from: Bhavik LLC, 803 Apollo Drive, Wapakoneta, Ohio 45895 to: H&F Food Mart Inc, 803 Apollo Drive, Wapakoneta, Ohio 45895. Council did not request a hearing.

Clerk McDonald read a notice from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control for a permit change from: Bhavik LLC, 109 Defiance Street, Wapakoneta, Ohio 45895 to: H&F Food Mart Inc, 109 Defiance Street, Wapakoneta, Ohio 45895. Council did not request a hearing.

#### **Guest Petitions -**

Ms. Rachel Barber of 401 W. Auglaize Street announced the annual Thanksgiving Day Community Dinner to be held at St. Joseph Church from 11:00am-1:00pm. This event is free and open to the public.

Ms. Barber noted that an announcement regarding the second survey for the City's comprehensive plan process was posted on the City's Facebook page, but this information was not published in the newspaper or included in utility bills. Ms. Barber encouraged City Administration to utilize multiple communication methods to reach everyone in the City, rather than just social media.

Ms. Barber added that there is a proper procedure in place for mulching around the base of City-owned trees and this work is still not being done correctly. She pointed out that the trees are an investment that need to be cared for in same way we care for our equipment or buildings. Ms. Barber asked Mayor Lee for the status of Wapakoneta's 'Tree City USA' designation. Mayor Lee and Mr. Campbell replied that this question should be posed to the Tree Commission and that documentation needs to be gathered again for submittal.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2024-44 for the third 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. Motion by Miller, second by Campbell to adopt Ord 2024-44. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2024-46 for the third 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". Motion by Dunlap, second by Shepline to adopt Ord 2024-46. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Res 2024-47 for the third time re: A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION AS TO THE PROPOSED ZONING OF ANNEXED LAND. Motion by Campbell, second by Miller to adopt Res 2024-47. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2024-48 for the third 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. Motion by Dunlap, second by Muhlenkamp to adopt Ord 2024-48. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Res 2024-49 for the third 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.

Motion by Miller, second by Campbell to adopt Res 2024-49. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

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

**Mayor's Report:**

11.12 Tree Commission

11.13 Office hours

11.13 Department head meeting

11.13 Meet with a citizen about a community garden in 25

11.14 Meet with Heritage Trails

New fire truck is set to be completed and delivered earlier than expected.

Auditor Anderson is working diligently on the 2025 budget.

Mr. Miller suggested passing a resolution of a supplemental budget to allow more time to complete the annual 2025 budget process. Mayor Lee will discuss this option with Auditor Anderson.

Mr. Campbell announced that 15 willow trees along the Auglaize River between Blackhoof Street and Hamilton Street will be removed per a decision made by AEP, due to their potential interference with power lines above. Replacement trees will be planted here that will not have the potential to interfere with the lines. Mayor Lee added that no tax dollars will be used for the removal of the willow trees.

**Service Director Report:**

First payment on the Fire Station bonds was a tax-only payment made in June 2024.

Regarding the marijuana tax, the State Treasury will decide disbursements to communities that have dispensaries. No further information at this time.

Mr. Miller pointed out that the City is likely ineligible to apply for county CDBG funds due to a past revolving loan fund. Mr. Miller and Mrs. Muhlenkamp asked that City Administration explore this matter further.

**Law Director Report:**

No current lawsuits pending.

**Scheduling Committee Meetings:**

Parks Committee – December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm at City Hall.

Finance Committee – November 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am at City Hall.

**Miscellaneous Business –**

Mr. Campbell noted that an additional handicapped parking spot was added to downtown Auglaize Street per request. This location will only be enforced Monday through Friday, 8am-5pm.

Motion by Miller, second by Campbell to adjourn the meeting at 8:09pm. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

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Clerk of Council

