

President Chad Doll called the meeting to order at 7:30pm on January 6, 2025 at 701 Parlette Court with the following members present: Alex Stinebaugh, Jessica Muhlenkamp, Brandon Miller, Alex Greve, John Shepline, Terry Campbell and Chad Dunlap. Mayor Dan Lee, Law Director Grant Neal and Safety Service Director Tyler Price were also present. There was 1 visitor present.

Received Income Tax Summary Report for Month Ending 12-31-2024.

Motion by Campbell, second by Shepline to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2024 public hearing as submitted. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Miller, second by Dunlap to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2024 Council meeting as submitted. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Unfinished Business –

Mr. Miller noted the strategic plan survey will be available through February and requested the public to participate.

New Business –

SSD Price requested that newly introduced ordinances be considered for vote by Council this evening.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2024-52 for the third time re: AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CHANGES TO THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA CREDIT CARD POLICY.

Motion by Miller, second by Campbell to adopt Ord 2024-52. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2024-53 for the third time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1301 BELLEFONTAINE AVE IN THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA.

Mrs. Muhlenkamp asked how the recently installed electronic billboard at this location will affect the City's purchase of the property. SSD Price explained the property lot will be split and the City will not own the section containing the billboard. Motion by Miller, second by Greve to adopt Ord 2024-53. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2024-54 for the third time re: AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 260, ENTITLED "EMPLOYEES GENERALLY" OF PART TWO OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES AND ENACTING A NEW CHAPTER 260, ENTITLED "EMPLOYEES GENERALLY" OF SAID CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA.

Motion by Campbell, second by Shepline to adopt Ord 2024-54. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2025-01 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING JOB TITLES AND PAY RANGES FOR NON-COLLECTIVE BARGAINING UNIT EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA IN COMPLIANCE WITH CHAPTER 260 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF WAPAKONETA, OHIO.

Mr. Miller asked how said wage increases were determined. SSD Price answered that wage comparisons were made with surrounding communities. Mrs. Muhlenkamp asked if all recreation department positions listed are currently filled. SSD Price answered, no.

Motion by Miller, second by Muhlenkamp to suspend the rules for Ord 2025-01. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Miller, second by Campbell to adopt Ord 2025-01. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2025-02 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACTS FOR CERTAIN MATERIALS, SERVICES, AND EQUIPMENT RENTAL REQUIRED FOR THE OPERATION OF THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA.

Motion by Sheipline, second by Dunlap to suspend the rules for Ord 2025-02. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Miller, second by Campbell to adopt Ord 2025-02. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2025-03 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mrs. Muhlenkamp asked if the figures were determined prior to the 2025 budget. SSD Price answered this supplemental ordinance will cleanup balances from 2024, particularly for parks and recreation and the swimming pool. Motion by Miller, second by Dunlap to suspend the rules for Ord 2025-03. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Campbell, second by Stinebaugh to adopt Ord 2025-03. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Mayor's Report:

National American Public Power Association letter was distributed thanking the Wapakoneta Electric Department employees for their service and aid to Tallahassee, Florida.

Community Garden organizers will have a meeting on January 28th at 5pm at the Wapak library.

Wilbur Gesler of the Wapakoneta Police Department has retired with 40 years of service to the City.

Will be attending a meeting this Wednesday regarding the Convergent battery process.

Service Director Report:

Have been attending meetings and cleaning up 2024 year-end items.

Mrs. Muhlenkamp asked about gravel needs on Water Street construction areas. SSD Price answered that crews will be filling and grading twice per week.

Law Director Report:

No report.

Scheduling Committee Meetings:

Lodging Tax Committee – January 9th at 1pm at City Hall.

Parks Committee – January 14th at 6pm at City Hall.

Finance Committee – January 14th at 4:30pm at City Hall.

Miscellaneous Business -

Mr. Miller noted the Parks Commission will be meeting this Thursday.

Mr. Campbell stated he will not be seeking re-election for his City Council seat in 2026 and encouraged members of the public to consider serving.

Motion by Dunlap, second by Sheipline to adjourn the meeting at 7:54pm. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President

Clerk of Council