

President Chad Doll called the meeting to order at 7:30pm on May 18, 2026 at 701 Parlette Court with the following members present: Alex Stinebaugh, Jessica Muhlenkamp, Charity Behr, Alex Greve, John Shepline, Jacob Parsons and Chad Dunlap. Safety Service Director Tyler Price, Mayor Dan Lee and Law Director Grant Neal were also present. There were 6 visitors present.

Motion by Shepline, second by Parsons to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2026 council meeting as submitted. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Guest Petitions –

Mr. Mark White of 12793 Edgewood Drive, Van Wert, Ohio and representing Vancrest Health Care Centers spoke to council about the required steps and procedures for constructing a new nursing home facility at the site of the Auglaize Acres demolition on Infirmery Road. Mr. White explained the expenses involved in building a new facility that would combine assisted living alongside 24-hour care, stating that tax abatement is crucial to moving forward with the project. Mrs. Muhlenkamp asked when the new facility will be fully staffed. Mr. White answered that while he cannot predict this timeline, his experience is that workers and patients alike prefer to be in a modern facility. Mr. White added that Grand Lake Health Systems is a partner in the project. Mr. Shepline asked for the tax abatement amount. SSD Price answered, approximately \$218,000 a year, depending upon the value of the new building. Mr. Parsons asked if corporations pay income tax in the same way citizens do. SSD Price answered, yes.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2026-19 for the third time re: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 410.05 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA SPECIFIC TO CITY VEHICLE POUND FEES.

Motion by Dunlap, second by Shepline to adopt Ord 2026-19. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2026-21 for the second time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN AUGLAIZE COUNTY, OHIO AND THE CITIES OF WAPAKONETA AND ST. MARYS, OHIO SPECIFIC TO THE PROGRAM YEAR 2026 COMMUNITY HOUSING IMPACT AND PRESERVATION (CHIP) PROGRAM WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Muhlenkamp, second by Parsons to suspend the rules for Ord 2026-21. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Dunlap, second by Greve to adopt Ord 2026-21. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2026-22 for the second 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.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2026-23 for the second time re: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A SCHEDULE OF FEES TO BE TAXED AS COSTS IN MUNICIPAL COURT FOR SERVICES PERFORMED BY THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA POLICE DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 1901.26.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2026-24 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A POLICY AND PROCEDURE FOR HONORARY STREET NAMING WITHIN THE CITY.

Mr. Greve asked what the procedure would be for honorary street naming. Mrs. Muhlenkamp answered, this is what Ord 2026-24 lays out. Mrs. Muhlenkamp added that the organization applying for such a designation would be responsible for the costs, not the city. Signage would likely be smaller in size and a different color than existing street name signs, and would be placed below existing street names. The streets retain their legal names. Mrs. Muhlenkamp asked council to consider suspension of the rules for Ord 2026-24, as the 'First on the Moon' committee would like to add an honorary street name to Bellefontaine Street before the 4th of July holiday. Mr. Greve voiced concern about confusion for local

police and fire departments responding to calls using honorary street names rather than actual street names.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2026-25 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA (CRA) AGREEMENT WITH WAPAKONETA HEALTH FACILITIES, LLC AND VANCREST OF WAPAKONETA, LLC AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Parsons, second by Behr to suspend the rules for Ord 2026-25. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Dunlap, second by Behr to adopt Ord 2026-25. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstain (Greve). Motion passed.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2026-26 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE OHIO TREASURER OF STATE'S OHIO MARKET ACCESS PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE PREPARATION AND FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR THAT PROGRAM AND THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A STANDBY NOTE PURCHASE AGREEMENT IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, AND OTHER NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

SSD Price explained this process occurs each year in order to obtain a more favorable interest rate.

Motion by Shepline, second by Muhlenkamp to suspend the rules for Ord 2026-26. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Parsons, second by Dunlap to adopt Ord 2026-26. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2026-27 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO APPLY FOR AND ENTER INTO AN OWDA RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT GRANT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

SSD Price explained that said research grant is not a source of funding for the project, but is a separate study from the project itself.

Motion by Muhlenkamp, second by Greve to suspend the rules for Ord 2026-27. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays.

Motion passed.

Motion by Greve, second by Parsons to adopt Ord 2026-27. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Mayor's Report:

Administration

Public Service Academy session hosted by the Electric Department, led by Levi Cecil.

Austin Frank

Donnie Schnarre

Evan Schoffner

Mike Sparks

Walt Axtell

Jared Osborne

JJ Tester

Eric Schroeder

Utility Office

Amy Weber and Mackenzie Roop attended Time Management class at University of Dayton.

Katrina Cecil completed Public Records Training certification

Police Department

501 calls for service; 28 reports taken.

Trainings included photography, public records updates, search and seizure.

Attended Bike Safety Day and DARE graduation.

Fire Department

Responded to 22 EMS Calls one Extrication and one motor vehicle accident with injuries.

Brennan Metzger, Vince Skeins, and Trey Sager attended advanced pump operations training at BGSU.

Public outreach: hosted The Learning Center for station tour; attended Touch a Truck at YMCA.

Shift training: drafting/pump ops, hose movement, rope systems for water rescue, SCBA operations.

Welcomed Colton Horn, new part-time EMT and is testing for Firefighter I certification next week.

Parks/Pool Department

New sign installed at Waterpark entrance

Life Guard Train was this last weekend.

The Small Dog Park just has two panels left to be put up and it will be totally restored.

Electric Department

Line Worker I position open.

Two outages on 5/14:

Contractor at 912 Carnation (5 customers).

Squirrel at 1106 Lincoln Ave. (6 customers).

Water Reclamation Department

Wheeler Lane sanitary main replacement ongoing; Public Works crew resolved unexpected issues and reached Franklin St.

Water Treatment Department

Normal operations continued.

Industrial Park Water Line Loop 100% complete; final pay request next.

Upcoming: 3-million-gallon above-ground storage tank; second concrete pour 5/16 at 1am.

Shoutout to Mike Foor for attending middle-of-the-night concrete pour for the Water Tower.

Engineering Department

198/501 Traffic Light Improvement project moving forward

Industrial Park Water Line Improvements underway with Landmark.

Public Works / Refuse & Recycling

Wheeler Lane sewer project ongoing; reached Franklin St.; digging resumes Wednesday next week.

Curbs painted on Park St. where four parking spots removed.

Large trench on W. Mechanic St. at Auglaize St. patched with asphalt.

Stage moved to new pad for Party in the Park; setup after lunch.

Early morning downtown cleanup after the party in the park completed by Mark Sawmiller, Cody Schott, Austin Brown, and Trey Conley.

Attended the Seate of the County School and City

Attended The Bike Safety Program

Attended the Ribbon Cutting for The Family Life Center

Attended Waedc

Attended The Citizens Academy

Mr. Greve asked for a timeline on the 501/198 project. SSD Price answered that the pre-construction meeting has not yet been scheduled.

Safety Service Director Report:

SSD Price gave reminders on National Police week, as well as National Public Workers & EMS week.

Mrs. Muhlenkamp asked for a timeline for eradicating weeds in the downtown areas. SSD Price answered that weed spraying occurred in the last week.

Mr. Dunlap asked about size limitations for honorary street name signs. SSD Price answered that the uniform traffic control device manual will be referenced for this.

Law Director Report:

The Hayzlett matter has been settled in an amount that council provided the authority for. A formal ordinance will be presented to council to authorize the settlement.

Scheduling Committee Meetings:

Recreation Advisory Commission will meet on May 28th at 4:30pm at City Hall.

Health & Safety Committee will meet on June 8th at 6pm at City Hall.

Motion by Dunlap, second by Stinebaugh to adjourn the meeting at 8:07pm. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays.
Motion passed.

President

Clerk of Council