

President Chad Doll called the meeting to order at 7:30pm on January 19, 2026 at 701 Parlette Court with the following members present: Alex Stinebaugh, Jessica Muhlenkamp, Alex Greve, John Shepline, Jacob Parsons and Chad Dunlap. Mayor Dan Lee and Law Director Grant Neal were also present. There were 8 visitors present. Safety Service Director Tyler Price was absent.

Motion by Shepline, second by Greve to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2026 council meeting as submitted. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

#### **Communications –**

Clerk McDonald reminded all elected officials to file their financial disclosure with the Ohio Ethics Commission by May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Clerk McDonald announced that a public hearing regarding the 2026 budget is scheduled for February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:15pm in Council chambers.

#### **Guest Petitions –**

Mr. Zach Ferrall introduced himself to City Council and announced his candidacy as Auglaize County Common Pleas Court Judge. Mr. Ferrall shared his education and years of legal experience, and requested support and consideration in the May 2026 Republican primary.

Ms. Katherine Clark of 9145 Scotch Ridge Road, Bowling Green and representative for 'Convention of States Action' asked for Wapakoneta City Council's support regarding Ohio State Resolution HJR-2 and SJR-3. Ms. Clark distributed a packet of information about the joint resolutions for Council to review, and explained that the resolutions call for Ohio to join a convention of states in order to limit the power and jurisdiction of the Federal Government, as well as to consider term limits for members of Congress. Ms. Clark asked that Council consider creating and adopting a resolution of support for HJR-2 and SJR-3 and send it along to State Representative Angela King and State Senator Susan Manchester. Law Director Neal agreed to review the documents and prepare a summary for consideration at the next Council meeting.

#### **Unfinished Business -**

Motion by Dunlap, second by Parsons to approve the revised policies and procedures manual for the City of Wapakoneta. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Res 2026-04 for the first time re: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN ADDITIONAL TWO-MILL TAX LEVY IN EXCESS OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION FOR PARKS AND RECREATION PURPOSES TO THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS FOR SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Muhlenkamp, second by Dunlap to suspend the rules for Res 2026-04. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Dunlap, second by Stinebaugh to adopt Res 2026-04. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2026-05 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS TO ORDINANCE 2025-06 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Dunlap, second by Parsons to suspend the rules for Ord 2026-05. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Greve, second by Shepline to adopt Ord 2026-05. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

#### **Mayor's Report:**

178,494 for Marijuana Tax

Filed my financial disclosure

The Fire Department responded to 23 incidents including EMS calls, building fire, alarm system activation, and smoke detector activation.

Ian Fosnaugh and Derrick Winemiller both passed their state Firefighter I exams.

Gavin Stallard is a new hire set to begin next week.

Police Department

486 calls for service with 40 reports being taken.

Swearing in our new sergeants Officer Nathan Jerome and Officer Cody Jenkins on 1.16.26

Water Treatment Department

The Industrial Park Water Line Loop Project is at 95% completion with the final tie in being on 1/27.

Phase 2 of for the Water Tower has begun with the opening on Thursday for the Industrial Park

Trey Conley accepted a Maintenance Worker II position and will start on 1/20/26. Joel Etgen accepted a Maintenance Worker Crew Leader position with his start being 2/2/26. Last day for leaf collection will be 2/6 and we are waiting on getting the leaf machine repaired before we do a posting about it.

1/20, CJ Walter, a high school senior through the WIN program starts working with us

Mrs. Muhlenkamp asked about the recently distributed city employee identification cards. Mayor Lee explained that members of the public ought to be able to ask for identification in order to verify if a person is a city worker or not.

Mrs. Muhlenkamp asked about the work being done on Pearl Street. Mayor Lee confirmed this is the gas company, not city workers.

**Law Director Report:**

Mr. Neal gave a reminder that elected officials should never accept discounts or gifts with entities involving the City of Wapakoneta.

Mr. Neal also stated that he will soon meet with the City's Engineering Department regarding code enforcement.

**Scheduling Committee Meetings:**

Lodging Tax Committee will meet January 21<sup>st</sup> at 1pm at City Hall.

Recreation Advisory Committee will meet January 26<sup>th</sup> at 4pm at City Hall.

Finance Committee will meet January 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at City Hall.

Streets & Alleys Committee will meet January 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at City Hall.

**Miscellaneous Business:**

Mr. Greve asked for the carryover amount within the Lodging Tax fund. Mrs. Muhlenkamp answered, approximately \$20,000.

Mr. Dunlap thanked our local law enforcement officers for their service and dedication to the community.

Motion by Dunlap, second by Sheipline to adjourn the meeting at 7:56pm. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

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Clerk of Council