

President Pro Tem Chad Doll called the meeting to order at 7:30pm on February 21, 2022 at 701 Parlette Court with the following members present: Ross Kantner, Daniel E. Lee, Brandon Miller, Chad Doll, John Shepline and Chad Dunlap. Law Director Grant Neal, Interim Mayor Steve Henderson and Safety Service Director Michael Brillhart were also present. There were 13 visitors present. Terry Campbell was absent.

Motion by Lee, second by Shepline to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2022 Council meeting as submitted. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

**Lodging Tax Committee Meeting** – Mr. Lee noted a meeting was not held.

**Streets & Alleys Committee Meeting** – a meeting was held on 02-08-2022 and the following was discussed:

The committee made a trip to Delaware, OH to speak with their traffic engineer in regards to traffic management strategies. The following items were the primary points of discussion:

1. How the City of Delaware approaches following the Ohio Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices as a part of their traffic management ordinances

a. The city of Delaware incorporates the OMUTC into their strategies, but they use engineering judgement in the majority of their decisions. Jessica Ormeroid expressed that, within the manual, there are many places that suggest engineering judgment play a large role in the decision whether to place additional stop signs or any signage. They try to stay within the manual as much as possible, but it is more of an advisory document as long as they have a sound engineering study involved.

2. The process by which the City of Delaware receives in public input, determines needs for additional traffic control devices, studies the area, and then decides on action steps.

a. The City of Delaware has a very detailed process for taking public input on potential traffic control devices. They call it the “Traffic Calming Guide for Neighborhood Streets”, and it lays out their complete strategy regarding additions of traffic control devices. Our committee had a good discussion with Jessica about the process laid out in their manual, and we hope to incorporate some of their ideas into our future ordinance updates.

3. Devices that the City of Delaware uses to measure speed and justify engineering studies

a. Jessica shared with us that there are likely two different devices that we may be interested in pursuing the procurement of in the future for use in Wapakoneta. The first is a “hidden” traffic speed capture device that would allow us to get more accurate speed readings during our own traffic studies. The other is a variable speed limit sign, which is solar powered and attaches to our current signage. This would give live readouts of car speed as they approach the sign, and could be a potential temporary deterrent to speeding. The committee is pricing out such devices and will have a recommendation to council in the near future.

4. Their advice on how whether to remove or keep our stop signs located at the corner of Auglaize St. and what used to be Perry St.

a. We briefly discussed the stop sign at the corner of Auglaize St. and the former Perry St. in downtown. Jessica recommended, if anything, the potential for RFB’s (Rectangular rapid flashing beacons) at the location, however our committee will take in the input from the Chamber of Commerce survey of local businesses on the issue to make our final decision.

#### **Communications -**

Clerk McDonald announced that she has completed Sunshine Law Training as required by Section 149.43 and 109.43 of the Ohio Revised Code.

#### **Guest Petitions -**

Mr. RJ Horwitz of 407 S. Blackhoof Street requested Council’s assistance to lift a stop-work order for 122 W. Auglaize Street. Mr. Horwitz stated he also seeks variance approval for the property. Mayor Henderson advised Mr. Horwitz to see the Planning Commission for their assistance. President Pro Tem Doll noted that Mr. Horwitz should contact the EPA, as City Council does not have authority in the matter.

Mr. John Wehner of 802 Dearbaugh addressed Council about sewer line backup issues on his property, particularly during rain events. Mr. Wehner noted he has already hired a contractor to check his lines and install a backflow valve to prevent overflow of sewage in his basement. Mr. Wehner added that even in moderate rainfalls, the City's catch-flow basin backs up, and he is unable to flush a toilet or take a shower due to limited drainage. Mayor Henderson stated that a department head meeting was already held on the matter and the City is working towards fixing this problem.

Mrs. Barb Harrod of 1212 Oakridge Court and representing the 'First Fridays Committee' requested Council's support for upcoming proposed events in 2022 and submitted an application to the Lodging Tax Committee for funding. Mrs. Harrod supplied Council with an outline of the events and noted the group has already notified the Fire Department and Police Department. Mayor Henderson suggested that the 'First Fridays Committee' allow the Lodging Tax Committee time to review their request for funding, event dates and street closure details and then return to Council for their vote of support.

#### **Unfinished Business –**

President Pro Tem Doll noted there are still vacancies on various commissions that need filled, and encouraged any citizens interested in serving to contact City Council for those appointments.

President Pro Tem Doll noted that Ordinance 2022-01R remains tabled.

President Pro Tem Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2022-02 for the third time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF SAFETY AND SERVICE 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 Doll, second by Dunlap to adopt Ord 2022-02. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Pro Tem Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2022-03 for the third time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF SAFETY AND SERVICE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE DUCHOUQUET TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES FOR FURNISHING OF FIRE PROTECTION AND AMBULANCE SERVICE.  
Motion by Lee, second by Kantner to adopt Ord 2022-03. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Pro Tem Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2022-05 for the third time re: ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2022 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.  
Motion by Lee, second by Miller to adopt Ord 2022-05. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Pro Tem Doll asked Clerk to read Res 2022-07 for the second time re: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY TO PURCHASE A BOBCAT TOOLCAT UW56 UTILITY WORK MACHINE FOR THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT.

President Pro Tem Doll asked Clerk to read Res 2022-12 for the second time re: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF SAFETY AND SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR ONE (1) 2022 FORD RANGER CREW CAB XLT 4X4 THROUGH REINEKE FAMILY DEALERSHIPS, INC.

President Pro Tem Doll asked Clerk to read Res 2022-13 for the first time re: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR ONE (1) CASE MODEL 621GXR LOADER THROUGH SOUTHEASTERN EQUIPMENT COMPANY, INC.

President Pro Tem Doll asked Clerk to read Res 2022-14 for the first time re: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH PARKS DRILLING COMPANY FOR THE INSTALLATION OF TWO (2) DRILLED SHAFT EARTH EXCAVATIONS FOR THE ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT.

President Pro Tem Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2022-15 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY TO SET SPECIFICATIONS, ADVERTISE FOR BIDS, AND EXECUTE A 2022 RECLAMITE PROGRAM FOR THE VARIOUS STREETS WITHIN THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA

President Pro Tem Doll asked Clerk to read Res 2022-16 for the first time re: A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF CONSTRUCTING AND/OR REPAIRING CERTAIN SIDEWALKS IN THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA, COUNTY OF AUGLAIZE, STATE OF OHIO, REQUIRING AUTHORIZATION BY CITY COUNCIL.

President Pro Tem Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2022-17 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**Mayor report:**

Met with Bill Thomas of Public Works regarding the beautification of Perry/Auglaize street memorial parking lot.

Met with Mary Ruck regarding the street reconstruction in conjunction with ODOT for 2SA. Mary provided me with the mapping of the detour routes.

Met with Pratt Industries regarding the same street reconstruction.

Had dinner with Christopher McCabe of EITRI Foundry to discuss phase three located on the final 14 acres for solar.

Met with several downtown businesses regarding the current stop signs. A survey of our local business owners has been submitted.

Met with Paul Eisert regarding the stats of the blighted properties.

Met with Ron Becker regarding his participation and interest in the blighted properties.

Met with a business owner regarding the possibility of the city purchasing a portion of his building. I am asking council for a brief executive session this evening to update city council on this subject.

Met with Justin Waid regarding the new WWTP project. We are currently at around 60% and need to be at 90% to start ordering product eg. Transformers etc.

We have a conference call with the Ohio EPA tomorrow and WWTP.

Attended a Zoom meeting with OMEA board of directors.

Spoke with Michael regarding the upcoming APPA legislative conference in Washington D.C. The arrangements have been made and I will be representing the city at that conference.

Attended a conference call at the WAEDC office. This call was with executives from Dominion and Christopher Gill of The Ohio Greenhouse Company. Dominion has come up with an option to upgrade the capacity status allowing the greenhouse to expand with phases two and three with 34 additional acres under glass!

Met with Josh Little to discuss final stages of the city's pool agreement with the YMCA.

Attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for Thrifty Sisters new location at 115 West Auglaize Street.

Swore in new Fire Captain Kevin Bellman. Mr. Bellman has been the Wapakoneta Fire Department for nearly ten years.

Attended our monthly department heads meeting. We are lucky to have each one of them, along with Michael Brillhart!

\*\*\*I will not be attending our next scheduled city council meeting as I will be at the aforementioned APPA legislative conference in Washington D.C.

Mr. Doll asked for an update on the City's blighted properties. Mayor Henderson noted that a contractor is interesting in purchasing them.

**Service Director report:**

Mr. Brillhart supplied Council with a copy of Auglaize County Resolution #22-069, and asked if Council wishes to participate in the 2022 'Community Development Block Grant' and the 'Community Housing Impact & Preservation' programs. Mr. Brillhart added that no financial match is needed to participate. Mr. Lee and Mr. Doll voiced support from Council to participate in said programs.

Mayor Henderson added that the City's comprehensive plan needs to be re-visited and updated.

Mr. Brillhart noted that the bids have been received for the Silver Street reconstruction project.  
Mr. Dunlap asked for an update on the noise and debris problems at the 24 hour recycle drop-off on Harrison Street. Mr. Brillhart answered that the City is still working to determine a solution.

**Law Director report:**

No report.

**Scheduling Committee Meetings:**

Parks Committee will meet on February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8:10pm at City Hall.

Lodging Tax Committee will meet on February 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at City Hall.

Streets & Alleys Committee will meet on March 1<sup>st</sup> at 3:00pm at City Hall.

**Miscellaneous Business -**

Motion by Miller, second by Lee to enter into executive session at 8:11pm to consider the purchase of property for public purposes and inviting City Administration. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Miller, second by Dunlap to exit executive session at 8:24pm. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Miller, second by Lee to adjourn the meeting at 8:24pm. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

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Clerk of Council