President Chad Doll called the meeting to order at 7:30pm on November 16, 2026 at 701 Parlette Court with the following members present: Alex Stinebaugh, Charity Behr, Alex Greve, John Sheipline, Jacob Parsons and Chad Dunlap. Mayor Dan Lee was present. There were 70 visitors present. Safety Service Director Tyler Price, Law Director Grant Neal and Councilor Jessica Muhlenkamp were absent.

Motion by Sheipline, second by Parsons to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2026 council meeting as submitted. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Guest Petitions –
Mr. Ross Kantner of 1215 Oakridge Court and representing the 'Say Yes to Parks' committee, thanked all who supported, served and volunteered to help with the levy campaign. Mr. Kantner gave a special thanks to Deb Zwez for her commitment to this effort.

Ms. Carol Bogart of 408 Court Street asked for any update on code enforcement for a nearby property. Mayor Lee answered that City Administration is aware of this problem. Councilor Greve will follow up with the Law Director about updates to code enforcement policies. Ms. Bogart added that she opposes a data center in Wapakoneta.

Mr. Ruslan Zinurov of Colocation Technology Services 909 Corporate Drive, CA addressed Council about their community engagement plan regarding 'Project Apollo'. The project website is now available, and three webinars will be offered with details about power, water consumption and economic benefits to the community. An open house forum will be held in December. Councilors are invited to tour an existing Colocation facility if they choose. Mr. Zinurov summarized that Colocation Technology Services wishes to be a responsible member of the Wapakoneta community and bring long-lasting economic benefits to the city.

Mr. Ron Volbert of 502 E. Pearl Street voiced his opposition to a data center in Wapakoneta. Mr. Volbert suggested that the citizens of Wapakoneta be allowed the chance to vote on the matter. Mr. Volbert listed numerous concerns about the effects a data center can have on an area. Mr. Dunlap noted that city councilors are not being persuaded monetarily and he takes offense to any suggestion of this. Mr. Volbert clarified that he was referencing possible revenue numbers for the City of Wapakoneta if the data center is allowed.

Ms. Anna Pedlow of 1105 Holley Street voiced her opposition to a data center in Wapakoneta, noting her concern about city leaders serving on WAEDC while also having a vote or influence on the decisions regarding its development. Ms. Pedlow requested a two-year pause on the proposed project, with a moratorium or similar legislation put in place to allow time for further research. Ms. Pedlow requested that Wapakoneta residents be permitted to vote on the matter. Furthermore, she demanded a decommissioning agreement, protections agreement and extensive community benefits if the data center is constructed. Ms. Pedlow encouraged councilors to conduct independent research about data centers and speak to other community leaders who have allowed them to be built in their cities.

Mr. Volbert asked if City Council would find a signed petition from the residents helpful in the decision making process. President Doll answered that all types of community input is welcome.

New Business –
Motion by Dunlap, second by Sheipline to approve the following commission and board appointments:
Jack Cole to the Recreation Advisory Committee
Sam Lowe and Perry Neal Jr. to the Board of Appeals
Kristin Doll and Will Crawford to the Tax Incentive Review Council
Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2026-59 for the third time re: AN ORDINANCE PETITIONING THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF AN EAST/WEST ALLEY ON THE EAST SIDE OF DEARBAUGH

AVENUE LOCATED BETWEEN PLUM STREET AND SOUTH STREET IN THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA, OHIO.
Motion by Parsons, second by Behr to adopt Ord 2026-59. Vote – 5 yeas, 1 abstain (Dunlap), 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Res 2026-60 for the second time re: A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE 2026 AUGLAIZE COUNTY NATURAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2026-61 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE MAKING TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2026-62 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS.
Motion by Parsons, second by Behr to suspend the rules for Ord 2026-62. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.
Motion by Dunlap, second by Parsons to adopt Ord 2026-62. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Mayor's Report:
Public Safety
Police Department:
Handled 458 calls for service (43 reports) during the week of November 6, and 489 calls (63 reports) the week of November 13.
Assisted the Logan County Sheriff's Office in locating a missing elderly adult utilizing FLOCK data.
Participated in Veterans Day ceremonies and Lt. Green read at the library story time.
Fire Department:
Completed extensive annual fire inspections across local churches, commercial properties, and municipal buildings (including St. Joseph Church, Defiance Commons, and City Offices), alongside pre-planning for Escape Wapak.
Escorted the Wapakoneta high school cross-country team to the State Championships.
Training focused on neonatal resuscitation, pediatric dosing, relay pumping operations, and water supply.
27 ems 11 calls for service 11-6
21 ems 1 grass fire 9 calls for service. 11-13
Engineering & Infrastructure
Tax Levy Paving Program: Shelly is nearing completion of the paving program, with final streets including Parlette Ct., Overholser St., Springfield Ave., Gettysburg Dr., Abraham Ct., Stoneybrook Dr., Indian Hill, and Almond Dr. Paving and manhole collar work concludes this week; striping has been moved to spring.
Heritage Drive Pathway Project: Officially completed by Tom's Construction, with a final walkthrough scheduled with Choice One Engineering.
Traffic Light Improvements (198/501): Miller Construction is digging footings for light pole bases; installation of traffic signals may extend into the spring.
Bovee Subdivision Phase 3: Nearly all lots sold with active residential home construction; ongoing coordination with Scot Bertram and Core Consulting to address backyard lot drainage and swale requirements.
Tax Department
Attended the ATS fall tax update seminar that provided significant tax developments and tax form changes for 2026 that result from recent legislation.
Water Departments
Water Treatment Plant & Distribution: The Fire Hydrant Replacement project stands at 98% complete (10 of 10 hydrants replaced). Optimist Park and Veterans Park water systems were winterized, and a new service connection was completed at 509 W. Auglaize St.
Congratulations to Mike Miller, Water System Operations, on completing Well #3 drawdown testing, flushing, and bacteria testing!
Shoutout to Joe Hower, Water System Operations, for coordination of events at the 509 W. Auglaize Street replacement!
Water Reclamation Facility (WRF): Operating smoothly under winter discharge limits. Peterson Construction is scheduled on November 20 to repair a leak in the bioreactor channel. Jason Hunter

accepted a maintenance worker position starting November 20, and an Operator I-III position remains open.
Public Works Public Works & Refuse:
Crews focused on sidewalk repairs, snow/ice control training (including route dry runs), and leaf machine repairs with Dinkmar. Refuse and street crews successfully navigated double-day collections. Leaf Truck returns tomorrow. They are getting the Snow trucks out to make sure they are ready for the first snow fall and trained to handle it.
Parks
Christmas light installations started today.
Attended the unveiling of another Eagle Scout project at Veterans Park. Bryson Kramer.
The Batting cages are looking spectacular and the human foosball is coming along. A big thank you to all that have given of their time talents and treasures to make these things happen.
These are employees that have served. Thank you.

1. -Matt Bell
2. -Chad Topp
3. -Jared Osborne
4. -Austin Frank
5. -Cybil Osborne
6. -Lt Patrick Green
7. -Lt Kevin Prenger
8. -Officer Gabrelle Dulebohn
9. -Officer Douglas Sodders
10. -Officer Mark Bell
11. -Officer Gregory Titus
12. -Jerry Steinke
13. -Michael Minnich
14. -Tony Stinebaugh
15. -Gavin Stallard

Transparency fosters Accountability
Accountability fosters Trust
We need to understand the why. The pros the cons and the what ifs.
None of us will make the right decision every time, and developing good habits doesn't mean we'll never fall short. Part of growing as individuals and as an organization is being willing to recognize our own shortcomings while also helping one another see things we might not recognize in ourselves. That requires both the humility to accept constructive criticism and the willingness to offer it to others, not to point out their faults, but to help them improve. The decisions we make repeatedly, especially the small ones that no one else may notice, gradually shape our character and the culture of our workplace. If we want to be an organization known for trust, integrity, and dependable service, those qualities have to be reflected in how we treat one another, how we respond when we fall short, and what we consistently do, not just in what we say we value.

President Doll pointed out the intersection of Mechanic and Ohio Streets is in need of patchwork.
President Doll asked for an update on the high pressure torch project. Mayor Lee stated that a team meeting was held on Friday. Practice continues on use of one in Corpus Christi. No timeline for arrival in Wapakoneta.

Scheduling Committee Meetings:
Parks Committee will meet December 3rd at 4pm at City Hall.

Miscellaneous Business:
Mr. Greve asked why citizens can't vote on the data center proposal and why the city hasn't restricted the possible size of data center facilities. President Doll recommended Mr. Greve and others interested seek out details about Voter Initiative with the Board of Election.

Motion by Dunlap, second by Greve to adjourn the meeting at 8:14pm. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

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President Clerk of Council