WAPAKONETA CITY COUNCIL NOVEMBER 2, 2026

President Chad Doll called the meeting to order at 7:30pm on November 2, 2026 at 701 Parlette Court with the following members present: Jessica Muhlenkamp, Charity Behr, Alex Greve, John Sheipline, Jacob Parsons and Chad Dunlap. Law Director Grant Neal, Mayor Dan Lee and Safety Service Director Tyler Price were also present. There were 8 visitors present. Councilman Alex Stinebaugh was absent.

Motion by Parsons, second by Sheipline to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2026 council meeting as submitted. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Finance Committee – a meeting was held on 10-26-2026 and the following was discussed:
Discussed the additional $10,000 for DWP to help fund employee salary regarding Main St. efforts. Paula said no. The DWP partners were advised to seek funding from Lodging Tax Committee.

Mrs. Muhlenkamp asked for the reason why Auditor Anderson denied the additional DWP funding request. Mr. Sheipline answered that the State Auditor requires a requisition for expenses, and the current resolution shows $20,000 allotted for the façade program and $10,000 allotted for the 'Main Street program'. Mrs. Muhlenkamp asked if requisitions must be supplied for expenses from the $10,000 allotment. Mr. Sheipline answered no, if they were part of the original resolution, but additional funds would require a requisition. Ms. Behr added that expenses also needed to be itemized. SSD Price explained that the options discussed were for DWP to request funding from Lodging Tax, council to revise wording on the resolution passed last year, or re-write the façade ordinance altogether.

Guest Petitions –
Ms. Karen Layman of 813 Glyncrest Drive played an audio file for city councilors of what a data center sounds like for those living around one. Ms. Layman suggested that councilors seek out an existing example of the facility being proposed to get a real-life visual and audio of it. Mr. Dunlap asked SSD Price to provide Council with a location of this sort of example. SSD Price stated that webinars and town-hall style meetings are forthcoming on this topic. Ms. Layman asked for a decision-making timeline for the proposed data center. President Doll answered that a formal ordinance would need to be presented to Council for consideration and it would be read three times prior to a vote.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2026-55 for the third time re: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE NAME OF WARREN AVENUE THROUGHOUT ITS ENTIRE LENGTH IN THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA, OHIO.
Motion by Dunlap, second by Greve to adopt Ord 2026-55. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2026-56 for the third time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AGREEMENTS AND CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED.
Motion by Parsons, second by Muhlenkamp to adopt Ord 2026-56. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2026-59 for the second 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.

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

Mayor Report:
Halloween parade & trick or treat nights were a success.
Parks Department is working on winterization and reading holiday décor.
Work on the new water tank continues.

Numerous employee trainings, certifications and retirements this week.
Leaf collection from tree lawns has begun.
City offices will be closed on November 11th in honor of Veterans Day.

Safety Service Director Report:
501/198 project is due to be completed next week.
Mill and pave work throughout the city continues.

President Doll asked about some patchwork needing done at Mechanic and Ohio Streets. SSD Price stated crews are aware.
Mrs. Linda Knerr of 312 E. Mechanic requested city administration consider striping or re-striping the center line of city streets for safety reasons.

Law Director Report:
Currently developing files for code enforcement cases.

Scheduling Committee Meetings:
None.

Miscellaneous Business:
Ms. Karen Layman tried again to share an audio file of what data centers sound like.

Motion by Dunlap, second by Sheipline to adjourn the meeting at 7:55pm. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

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President Clerk of Council