WAPAKONETA CITY COUNCIL SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

President Chad Doll called the meeting to order at 7:30pm on September 8, 2026 at 701 Parlette Court with the following members present: Alex Stinebaugh, Jessica Muhlenkamp, Charity Behr, Alex Greve, John Sheipline, Jacob Parsons and Chad Dunlap. Mayor Dan Lee and Safety Service Director Tyler Price were also present. There were 13 visitors present. Law Director Grant Neal was absent.

Received Income Tax Summary Report for Month Ending 8-31-2026.

Motion by Sheipline, second by Parsons to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2026 council meeting as submitted. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Mayor Lee read a proclamation for National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week. Ms. Hannah Davis and Ms. Jodi Wireman provided class information for assistance with reading, writing, listening and speaking skills, as well as GED or high school equivalence needs.

Health & Safety Committee – a meeting was held on 08-26-2026 and the following was discussed:
Good discussion and clarification around the Flock Cameras. The following was made note that;
Mayor Lee is requesting that his wishes to have all arteries of the community covered by the Flock cameras if the budget would allow and has asked Chief Schneider to draw up a foreseeable future map of where the cameras would need to be placed. We were also ensured that the cameras would not be further used for traffic controlling, or facial recognition. We were also ensured that the continuance of self audits, and are requesting the citizens of Wapakoneta to audit them as well by using the transparency website, and if they have any questions to please reach out to any administration party. Data is being changed from 30 days to 7 days for retention. A case number and reason is needed to access the data system. When caught misusing the system there is consequences up to and including termination and possible criminal charges. March 20th, 2023 the cameras were brought to the council and did not need further approval as they were under the price threshold. There are 6 license plate readers and 1 live camera currently in the community. Main goal is to keep this community safe and the bad out.

Parks Committee – Mrs. Muhlenkamp summarized a meeting held on 09-8-2026. The community foundation was not able to attend. A parks account is needed to allow for donations to be used towards specific needs in the parks. The committee developed a list of questions to review with the community foundation.

Lodging Tax Committee – a meeting was held on 09-3-2026 and the following was discussed:
Current balance in the Lodging Tax is $78,735. There was a brief discussion about a new member for the committee as Eric Ireland has moved to Celina. Ideas such as a representative from an AirBNB or hotel were discussed.
The first proposal discussed was Noah Steinke's Eagle Scout project to create a new Human Foosball Arena at Veteran's Park. The Park's Committee has already approved the project can move forward at the site of the previous Volleyball court. Noah reports that there are none of these locally and if advertised could be a draw. It will include professionally installed rubber surfacing and he is requesting $8,099 from his total budget of $13,024.
There was a brief discussion about how much something like this might be used as it was unfamiliar to the committee. It could also be used as a training tool for soccer teams. The project scored a 21.6 on the Rubric and is eligible for funding. Dan Lee made a motion to full fund the project with a second by Marlene, the motion was approved.
The second proposal was from the Wapakoneta Disc Golf organization. They are preparing upgrades before their first hosted tournament. They were able to provide data showing the number of players they receive via their app and were confident the tournament would bring in even more. The group is asking $6000 and their total project cost is over $12,000. The project scored a 21.6 on the rubric and is eligible for funding. Marlene made a motion to approve the grant for $6000 with a second by Dan, the motion passed.
There was a brief discussion about an invoice from Roots & Shoots that did not come with an application. The group seemed confused that they were not automatically provided funding. It was decided to put the

invoice before Council and speak to the group about having a plan with an application in the future since it was a small amount. There is also a chargeback for the Wapakoneta Police Department of $4000 for Run to the Moon and Firecracker 5K to be approved by Council.
Jessica let the group know that Council had approved the Resolution for 12% of Lodging Tax Receipts to enter the Parks fund and that it should take effect in September.

Motion by Muhlenkamp, second by Parsons to approve $8099 of lodging tax funding for the human foosball arena at Veteran's Park. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Muhlenkamp, second by Dunlap to approve $6000 of lodging tax funding to the Wapakoneta Disc Golf Organization for course upgrades. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Muhlenkamp, second by Sheipline to approve $997.78 of lodging tax funding for reimbursement of an invoice from the Roots & Shoots garden club for summer flowers in the downtown area. Mrs. Muhlenkamp added that there was some confusion in the process to apply for funding but the committee will work with the group to clarify the procedures. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Muhlenkamp, second by Dunlap to approve $4000 of lodging tax funding to the Wapakoneta Police Department to cover expenses incurred from extra staffing needs for recent 5k run events in town. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Communications –
Clerk McDonald read a letter to City Council from Ms. Charlotte Williams of S. Rauthland Street, expressing her concern for speeding traffic through the city and suggesting a campaign of some sorts to promote safer driving.

Guest Petitions –
Mrs. Deb Fischer of 18440 CR115A and representing the Riverside Art Center addressed Council about an Oct. 10th oddities market event and requested fees be waived for solicitors permits. Motion by Greve, second by Parsons to waive said fees for the oddities market event. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstain (Muhlenkamp). Motion passed.

Mr. Benjamin Rife of 2373 St. Marys Rd, Delphos and Ms. Allison Ring of Sidney and representing West Ohio Community Action Partnership addressed Council to give information about their Fatherhood Initiative Program in Auglaize County. The program helps fathers and father figures develop beneficial parenting skills. Incentives are offered to program participants.

Ms. Rachel Barber of 401 W. Auglaize Street addressed Council about Servant's Day, scheduled for September 19th. Any interested volunteers can sign up to help with lawn care, electrical work, and painting needs for area residents who need this assistance.

Unfinished Business -
President Doll summarized the recent review of the city's refuse and recycling services and the options for Council consideration. Mr. Dunlap stated that based upon feedback he has received from residents, he will support an effort to maintain the refuse bag program. Mr. Sheipline stated he is in favor of purchasing a new refuse truck that can service both tote and garbage bag pickup. Mr. Stinebaugh added that he would be in favor of keeping the refuse bag program in place for now, but feels there are many people who would prefer to have a refuse tote. President Doll recommended that Ord 2026-37 and Ord 2026-44 be untabled and voted on to clear the docket. SSD Price asked Council to consider passing Ord 2026-44 to restock totes for citizen requests.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2026-37: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY TO PURCHASE TWO NEW WAY SIDEWINDER ASL REFUSE TRUCKS FROM ISER EQUIPMENT, LLC AND TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH DAIMLER TRUCK FINANCIAL SERVICES USA LLC FOR THE PURCHASE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Muhlenkamp, second by Greve to untable Ord 2026-37. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.
Motion by Parsons, second by Sheipline to adopt Ord 2026-37. Vote – 0 yeas, 7 nays. Motion did not pass.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2026-44: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY TO PURCHASE REFUSE COLLECTION TOTES FROM BEST EQUIPMENT COMPANY, INC AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
Motion by Muhlenkamp, second by Parsons to untable Ord 2026-44. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.
Motion by Greve, second by Sheipline to adopt Ord 2026-44. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2026-48 for the second time re: AN ORDINANCE FORMALLY ADOPTING THE PROCESSES FOR PARKING VIOLATIONS CONTAINED IN CHAPTER 4521 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2026-49 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A POLICE PENSION FUND AND A FIRE PENSION FUND FOR THE PROPER ACCOUNTING OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES RECEIVED PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 742.33 AND 742.34 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NECESSARY REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
Motion by Muhlenkamp, second by Behr to suspend the rules for Ord 2026-49. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.
Motion by Dunlap, second by Sheipline to adopt Ord 2026-49. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2026-50 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA TO ENTER INTO A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH ELFIE PROPERTIES, LLC.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2026-51 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE 2026-2032 FIXED VOLUME ENERGY SUPPLY SCHEDULE WITH AMERICAN MUNICIPAL POWER, INC. (“AMP”).

President Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2026-52 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY TO PURCHASE A LABRIE EXPERT HELPING HAND REFUSE TRUCK FROM BEST EQUIPMENT COMPANY, INC. AND TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH NCL GOVERNMENT CAPITAL FOR THE PURCHASE.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2026-53 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA TO ENTER INTO A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR THE WAPAKONETA PARKING AND PEDESTRIAN PLAZA PROJECT, ACCEPTING GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF $372,400.00, AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION OF SAID GRANT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
Motion by Dunlap, second by Parsons to suspend the rules for Ord 2026-53. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.
Motion by Parsons, second by Muhlenkamp to adopt Ord 2026-53. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Res 2026-54 for the first time re: A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE 2027 ALTERNATE PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUNDS FOR AUGLAIZE COUNTY, OHIO, AS PROPOSED BY THE AUGLAIZE COUNTY BUDGET COMMISSION.
Motion by Dunlap, second by Greve to suspend the rules for Res 2026-54. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.
Motion by Parsons, second by Muhlenkamp to adopt Res 2026-54. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Mayor Report:
Officer Douglas Sodders and Dispatcher Abigail Bennett sworn in.
Back the Blue raffle tickets available.
Water Reclamation Plant
Congratulations to Megan Watt for passing Lab Analysis II.
Shoutout to Matt Griffo and Ryan Walter, Water System Operations, for City owned backflow prevention device testing!
Wapakoneta City Schools would like to invite our service men and women both active and retired to the football game on September 11th. Free admittance. B52 fly over. May be on the field to hold a large American flag during the national anthem.

Safety Service Director Report:
White banners in Heritage Park have been removed.
Oct. 7th parkway project begins.

Mrs. Muhlenkamp requested more signage on 198 indicating upcoming closures. SSD Price stated that 501 will be re-opened before 198 closes.
President Doll asked for an update on Mr. Elshire's flooding problem. SSD Price answered that ideas are being discussed.

Scheduling Committee Meetings:
Park Levy Committee meeting this Thursday at 4:30pm.
Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Sept. 15th at 5:30pm at City Hall.

Miscellaneous Business:
Motion by Sheipline, second by Parsons to enter into executive session at 8:27pm to discuss confidential information regarding economic development and inviting Mr. Josh Bloomfield of WAEDC and City Administration. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Parsons, second by Stinebaugh to exit executive session at 9:23pm. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Greve, second by Parsons to adjourn the meeting at 9:23pm. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

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President Clerk of Council