

President Chad Doll called the meeting to order at 7:30pm on April 6, 2026 at 701 Parlette Court with the following members present: Alex Stinebaugh, Jessica Muhlenkamp, Charity Behr, Alex Greve, John Shepline, Jacob Parsons and Chad Dunlap. Safety Service Director Tyler Price, Mayor Dan Lee and Law Director Grant Neal were also present. There were 12 visitors present.

Motion by Dunlap, second by Shepline to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2026 council meeting as submitted. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

**Health & Safety Committee** – a meeting was held on 03-18-2026 and the following was discussed:

Flock Cameras- ALPR (Automated License Plate Reader)

Hot list alerts- integrated with FBI's NCIC (National Crime Information Center)

Stolen Vehicles

Missing / Endangered Persons

Amber Alerts

Sex Offenders

Wanted Individuals

COP Alerts (Caution Ohio Police)

The Police dept can create hot lists internally ex. (List people known to steal from Walmart, trespass suspect, BOLO for mental health individuals)

Retention schedule- automatically purged after 30 days

No facial recognition, no pictures to be shared- protected by the Public record law

Audit trail for looking into database- strict guidelines to get into system. Must have a reason and a case number to get into data base

Officer safety- all cruisers have a flock camera on them

Passed in the state's budget- public records exception (images, GPS, location. Not shared

This is not a community harassment tool, this is a tool used in deterring crime in the community.

Vehicle counter can be used to monitor how much traffic is through a certain area through the Flock system

Success stories:

Shooting on Willipie St- suspect caught

Helped recover stolen vehicle from Bayliff and Eley and get confession from a female who broke into Krave Creamery

Assisted in locating a missing elderly male that had drove through our jurisdiction

### **Communications –**

Clerk McDonald gave a few housekeeping type reminders to Council, including: asking audience members to approach the podium if they wish to speak, refraining from the use of acronyms when possible, clearly stating the date, time & place of committee meetings, and ensuring that a 24 hour notice is provided for all scheduled meetings.

### **Guest Petitions –**

Mr. Ross Kantner of 1215 Oakridge Court, Mr. John Wehner of 802 Dearbaugh Avenue, and Mr. Jim Stinebaugh of 706 N. Blackhoof and all representing the Recreation Advisory Commission, addressed Council to provide a park levy information sheet and answer any questions about this effort. Mr. Kantner pointed out that the city's current park tax levy is expiring and will not be renewed, therefore the proposed park tax levy is vital to the department. The Recreation Advisory Commission will meet again on April 20<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at city hall. Informational meetings for the public will be held April 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at Heritage Park, and on April 30<sup>th</sup> at 5pm at Veterans Park. Mr. Kantner also noted that the proposed levy will be utilized for capital improvements that are needed at our city parks.

Mr. Mike Burton of 103 S. Blackhoof and Mr. Nick Kennedy of 625 Commerce Drive and representing Airtow Trailers asked for Council's support of Ord 2026-15 and made themselves available for any questions. Mrs. Muhlenkamp asked City Administration if property taxes collected go directly to the General Fund. SSD Price answered that the typical millage goes directly to the General Fund.

### **Unfinished Business –**

President Doll asked about the status of stop bar installation at the stop light for Heritage Drive. SSD Price stated the Engineering Department will complete this.

President Doll asked for an update on the replacement of Veterans banners throughout the city. SSD Price met with AMVETS to discuss consolidating the quantity of banners and their placement as well as working with the city's Electric Department to maintain them. AMVETS provided a list of the current banners and their conditions to begin working through this update.

SSD Price stated that the city's 2024 and 2025 financial data is now available for public review on the Ohio Checkbook website.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2026-14 for the third time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY FROM HERITAGE PARK TO THE AUGLAIZE ST PARKWAY.

Motion by Dunlap, second by Greve to adopt Ord 2026-14. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2026-15 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENT WITH FLEX TRAILERS, INC. AND 625 COMMERCE DRIVE RE, LLC AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Dunlap, second by Stinebaugh to suspend the rules for Ord 2026-15. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Parsons, second by Behr to adopt Ord 2026-15. Vote – 6 yeas, 1 abstain (Greve), 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2026-16 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF EIGHT SELF-SUPPORTING STEEL STRUCTURES AS PART OF THE SOUTH LOOP TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2026-17 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY TO PURCHASE A FORD F450 TRUCK FOR THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT AND TO UPFIT THE VEHICLE WITH REQUIRED EQUIPMENT.

SSD Price noted said purchase was budgeted for, truck's arrival is fairly quick, and quote is approximately \$84,500. The new truck will replace a current one and the old truck may get utilized for another city department.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2026-18 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY TO SET SPECIFICATIONS, ADVERTISE FOR BIDS, AND EXECUTE AN ASPHALT OVERLAY, CRACK SEAL, GRIND AND PAVE PROJECT USING TAX LEVY MONIES FOR VARIOUS STREETS IN THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA.

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

Admin

Continue to watch the river to try and keep it within the banks

Public Service Academy begins April 7 at 6:00 PM at City Hall with 11 applicants.

Zink farm hours Monday- Friday 8-5 Saturday 8-2 Lunch 11:45 AM – 12:15

Tax Department

Deadline to file your city taxes in April 15

Taxes can be filled on line

IT Department

No news to report

Fire Department

Participated in Wapak Nazarene Easter celebration with truck tours and Smokey.

Police Department

448 calls for service; 41 required reports.

Increase in pedestrian and bike traffic during warm days.  
Parks / Pool Department  
Opened bathrooms at Veterans, Optimist, and Harmon Parks.  
Mowing season has begun.  
Field prep for soccer, softball, and baseball underway.  
Electric Department  
Repaired streetlights damaged by windstorm.  
Water Reclamation Department  
Held Operator Math Review and plant tour on March 30 with 20 attendees.  
Public Works / Refuse & Recycling  
Mowing started; street sweeper active on routes.  
Catch basin cleaning performed in multiple areas.  
Weekly landfill methane monitoring ongoing; no readings detected so far.  
Purchased new grinder for road striping removal and sidewalk smoothing  
Water Treatment Department  
Industrial Park Water Line Loop 98% complete; Progress Drive in service.  
Upcoming major project: 3 million gallon storage tank (foundation work through April 13, 2026; completion July 2027).  
Completed backflow certification training (Griffo & Walter).  
Griffo and Walter for earning State Backflow Certification.  
Artemis II 707pm 252706 Miles from earth  
Splash down Friday May 10th

Mrs. Muhlenkamp requested that City Administration provide public reminders on the procedures of utilizing the city farm for yard waste drop off.

Mr. Parsons asked for an update on the feral cat catch and release project. Mayor Lee stated one feral cat has been caught, neutered and released thus far. Mrs. Muhlenkamp asked City Administration to communicate these efforts with the public.

**Safety Service Director Report:**

The 501/198 project will begin May 2026. Mr. Greve asked if a traffic detour pattern has been provided. SSD Price answered, not yet.

**Law Director Report:**

No report.

**Scheduling Committee Meetings:**

Recreation Advisory Commission will meet jointly with the Parks Committee on April 20<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at City Hall.

Lodging Tax Committee will meet April 8<sup>th</sup> at 3pm at City Hall.

Motion by Dunlap, second by Parsons to adjourn the meeting at 8:01pm. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

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Clerk of Council