

President Chad Doll called the meeting to order at 7:30pm on September 15, 2025 at 701 Parlette Court with the following members present: Jessica Muhlenkamp, Brandon Miller, Alex Greve, John Shepline and Chad Dunlap. Safety Service Director Tyler Price and Mayor Dan Lee were also present. There were 3 visitors present. Councilmen Alex Stinebaugh and Terry Campbell, as well as Law Director Grant Neal were absent.

Motion by Dunlap, second by Shepline to approve the minutes of the September 2, 2025 public hearing as submitted. Vote – 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Shepline, second by Miller to approve the minutes of the September 2, 2025 council meeting as submitted. Vote – 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

**Health & Safety Committee** – a meeting was held on 09-08-2025 and the following was discussed:

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the current ordinances and laws regarding bicycle safety in Wapak, and how we can improve general bicycle safety within city limits. The first idea brought up was to modify ORD. 2011—07, which currently states that no person, except children under 16 years of age, shall ride or run any bicycle along, over or upon any sidewalk of the city. The group present at the meeting felt there should be no age restriction for riding a bike on the sidewalk. We discussed adding signage for no bicycle use on Auglaize Street where the downtown storefronts are. The members present also felt it should be required for anyone under 18 years old should be required to wear a helmet. The SSD was going to draft a revised ordinance to remove the age restriction and add the language of requiring a helmet.

The challenge with this topic is how does the city clearly define what is acceptable and not acceptable to be operated within the sidewalks. In today's world, we have such a variety of electric bikes, segways, and other battery-operated items that travel at all different kinds of speeds. There are several classification groups that define them on speed and capabilities, but after a long discussion, the group could not clearly define an improved and consistent law. We decided that we should discuss further with our law director to get his opinion.

#### **Unfinished Business -**

President Doll asked for an update on the City's comprehensive plan. SSD Price stated the final draft has been placed on the City's website for review.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2025-31 for the third time re: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SECTION 864.01 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF WAPAKONETA, OHIO.

Motion by Miller, second by Shepline to table Ord 2025-31 due to a needed revision. Vote – 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Res 2025-32 for the second time re: A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.

President Doll noted that a special meeting will be held in order to consider the resolution by the County Auditor's deadline.

#### **Mayor Report:**

Sidewalk work continues.

Donated shelter house is up.

City Hall floors continue to be worked on.

Continuing to explore options for peak shaving on electricity usage.

Keeping apprised of House Bills and how they may affect Wapakoneta's tax base.

Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> – Art in the Park event.

Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> – Suicide Awareness Walk.

Mr. Miller asked for a detailed update on the status of the levy language and 60% threshold House Bills. Mayor Lee advised he will provide said update to Councilors via email and give a statement at the next Council meeting.

President Doll noted that Wapakoneta's Halloween Parade is scheduled for October 23<sup>rd</sup> and Trick or Treat Night will be held Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Service Director Report:**

Fire Department is continuing hydrant checks.

Fire and safety inspection has been completed for the high school.

New shelter house has been installed at Veteran's Park.

Sidewalk pouring is happening on Carnation Drive. Curb work is also being performed. Mill and pave work will follow.

Recreation Advisory Commission recommended seeking a 2 mil park levy. President Doll noted there are 2 pieces of legislation needed for this.

Mr. Miller noted that the swimming pool basement needs work done and options are being explored for funding. SSD Price added that the Hauss-Helms Foundation will be consulted on this.

Mrs. Muhlenkamp noted that organic composting containers are now available for public use. Mr. Miller asked City Administration to utilize social media to communicate same to residents. SSD Price added the containers are located at Public Works near the recycling dumpsters. Mayor Lee stated signage is in place to indicate proper usage. Mr. Miller also asked that Public Works provide data and financial impact to Council once available.

**Scheduling Committee Meetings:**

Recreation Advisory Commission will meet on September 29<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm at City Hall.

Mayor Lee has called a Special Council Meeting to be held on September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30pm at City Hall regarding Resolution 2025-32.

**Miscellaneous Business –**

Motion by Miller, second by Greve to enter into executive session at 7:48pm to review negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or conditions of their employment and inviting City Administration. Vote – 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Miller, second by Dunlap to exit executive session at 7:59pm. Vote – 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Miller, second by Shepline to approve the collective bargaining agreement that was agreed to between City Administration and the Wapakoneta Fire Department. Vote – 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Miller, second by Greve to adjourn the meeting at 8:00pm. Vote – 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

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Clerk of Council