

President Chad Doll called the meeting to order at 7:30pm on September 2, 2025 at 701 Parlette Court with the following members present: Alex Stinebaugh, Jessica Muhlenkamp, Brandon Miller, Alex Greve, John Sheipline, Terry Campbell and Chad Dunlap. Safety Service Director Tyler Price and Law Director Grant Neal were also present. There were 8 visitors present. Mayor Dan Lee was absent.

Motion by Sheipline, second by Campbell to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2025 council meeting as submitted. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Lands & Buildings Committee – a meeting was held on 08-18-2025 and the following was discussed:

Reviewed chapter 1286 with law director and everything was alright.

Talked of billboard on Bellefontaine Street, Terry Campbell checked with engineering department and billboard has a variance for 39 foot height.

Provided copy of chapter 1286 for review.

New Business -

President Doll noted that a final draft of the City's Comprehensive Plan was shared with Council, and asked administration to post it on the City's website for public review.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2025-30 for the third time re: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE APPLICATION SUBMITTED TO COUNCIL TO EXPAND THE REVITALIZATION DISTRICT IN ACCORDANCE WITH OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 4301.81.

Motion by Dunlap, second by Campbell to adopt Ord 2025-30. Vote – 6 yeas, 1 nay (Muhlenkamp). Motion passed.

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

Law Director Neal noted that said Ordinance will be revised prior to next council meeting to omit unnecessary chapter references within the language.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Res 2025-32 for the first 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.

Service Director Report:

Mr. Price reviewed the list of topics addressed within the Comprehensive Plan.

Mrs. Muhlenkamp requested the downtown sidewalks be power washed to clean up bird droppings.

Mr. Campbell added that young tree trimming efforts can help to deter birds from resting in downtown trees.

Mr. Miller asked for an update regarding House Bill 28. SSD Price explained that the bill will omit 'replacement' versions of levy language and keep only the 'new' or 'renewal' levy options.

Mr. Miller asked about levy thresholds. SSD Price advised no news on this item.

President Doll asked about the purpose of posts with pink colored ties that have been placed along Mechanic and Seltzer Street areas. Mrs. Muhlenkamp answered this is likely for gas line work in the area.

Law Director Report:

A code enforcement charge has been filed.

Mr. Miller asked for an update on the sink hole on Maple Street. SSD Price stated this item has been repaired.

Scheduling Committee Meetings:

Recreation Advisory Commission will meet on September 8th at 8pm at City Hall.

Health & Safety Committee will meet on September 8th at 5:30pm at City Hall.

Miscellaneous Business –

Mr. Campbell encouraged councilors to see the improved sidewalk at Mrs. Linda Knerr's residence at the corner of Mechanic and Water Streets. The original bricks were incorporated into the new design.

Motion by Miller, second by Campbell to enter into executive session at 8:00pm for conferences with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are subject of pending or imminent court action, and inviting Law Director Neal and administration. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Miller, second by Dunlap to exit executive session at 8:37pm. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Dunlap, second by Miller to adjourn the meeting at 8:37pm. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President

Clerk of Council