

President Chad Doll called the meeting to order at 7:30pm on August 18, 2025 at 701 Parlette Court with the following members present: Alex Stinebaugh, Jessica Muhlenkamp, Alex Greve, John Sheipline, Terry Campbell and Chad Dunlap. Safety Service Director Tyler Price, Mayor Dan Lee and Law Director Grant Neal were also present. There were 4 visitors present. Councilman Brandon Miller arrived at 7:34pm.

Motion by Sheipline, second by Greve to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2025 council meeting as submitted. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Lodging Tax Committee – Mrs. Muhlenkamp summarized a meeting held on 08-18-2025. Remaining lodging tax funds from 2024 were rolled over into 2025. The committee discussed maintenance and replacement details regarding the veteran's banners hanging throughout the City. Motion by Muhlenkamp, second by Campbell to create a new line item account in the City's 2026 budget to include costs for veteran's banners. President Doll asked where the line item will be placed. SSD Price answered, the general fund. Mr. Greve asked if said funding would be used for repairs. Mrs. Muhlenkamp answered, yes, it would be utilized for banner replacements as needed. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Muhlenkamp, second by Dunlap to preapprove \$1620 of lodging tax funds for the installation and replacement costs for 36 veteran's banners and having Harrod Nagel complete said work. Vote – 6 yeas, 1 nay (Muhlenkamp). Motion passed.

Mrs. Muhlenkamp noted an application was received from the Downtown Wapakoneta Partnership requesting \$3000 of lodging tax funds to purchase a new picnic table for the downtown parkway area. The Lodging Tax Committee recommended that DWP research purchasing a solar powered picnic table that has the ability to charge devices. Motion by Muhlenkamp for \$12,000 of lodging tax funds be awarded to the Downtown Wapakoneta Partnership for the purchase of a solar powered picnic table to be placed in the Heritage Parkway downtown. Mrs. Muhlenkamp provided Council with a photo of the proposed solar table. Mr. Campbell asked what materials are used to construct the table, and if there would be a battery included with the purchase. Mr. Stinebaugh noted the proposed area may not receive enough sunlight for adequate solar power. Mr. Miller asked for the remaining balance within the lodging tax fund. Mrs. Muhlenkamp answered, \$43,000. Mr. Dunlap stated that spending \$12,000 of lodging tax funds on a picnic table does not feel like a responsible purchase, and he would rather support the DWP's original ask of \$3000 for a regular picnic table. As a point of order, President Doll asked if there was a second to the motion on the floor. No second was made and the motion was lost. Motion by Dunlap, second by Sheipline to approve the DWP's original request of \$3000 for the purchase of a regular picnic table for the Heritage Parkway. Mr. Miller then asked if there was a dire need for a new picnic table in that area of downtown. Mayor Lee explained that a table with a canopy, similar to the ones at the pickle ball court, was desired. Mrs. Muhlenkamp added that an additional proposal was submitted by the DWP to the Wapakoneta Area Community Foundation to request funds for purchasing a second, matching picnic table. It is not clear whether the request will be approved. Vote – 4 yeas, 3 nays (Campbell, Miller, Greve). Motion passed.

The Lodging Tax Committee also received a request from the Wapakoneta Basketball Alumni Association for \$1000 of funding to be used towards their 2026 alumni tournament. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Mrs. Muhlenkamp added that the Lodging Tax Committee has moved toward a system based method for grant recipients to receive awarded funds.

Guest Petitions –

Mr. Mike Borges of 301 Biscayne Blvd. and representing Vietnam Veterans of America, addressed Council to ask permission for a road closure of Auglaize Street from Willipie to Blackhoof Street for the Goldstar Mothers & Families event on September 28th. A written request for same was provided to SSD Price. Mr. Borges also thanked Council for their support in getting the veterans banners project complete for 2025 and placing the matter within the City's budget moving forward.

New Business -

Motion by Miller, second by Campbell to bring Ordinance 2025-31 to the floor for its first reading. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2025-28 for the third time re: AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 1476 TITLED “FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION” OF PART FOURTEEN OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES AND ENACTING A NEW CHAPTER 1476 TITLED “FLOOD DAMAGE REDUCTION” OF SAID CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA.

Motion by Campbell, second by Miller to adopt Ord 2025-28. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Res 2025-29 for the third time re: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF LODGING TAX FUNDS TO REIMBURSE CITY DEPARTMENTS FOR SERVICES PROVIDED TO CERTAIN SPECIAL EVENTS IN THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA

Motion by Miller, second by Shepline to adopt Res 2025-29. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Miller, second by Campbell to appropriate \$14,000 of the 2025 lodging tax funds to reimburse city services for public, non-profit events. Mrs. Muhlenkamp asked if Council is still committed to the chargebacks out of the general fund, as she does not wish to see more funds come out of lodging tax funds later in the year for these purposes. SSD Price stated the most of the services are out of the electric, police and public works departments. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

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

A public hearing has been scheduled for this ordinance for September 2, 2025 at 7:15pm at City Hall.

Mr. Campbell requested that Council be provided with the entire map of the proposed revitalization district. Mr. Miller asked what the primary goal would be and how the City would benefit in expanding the revitalization district to include more land area. SSD Price answered the expansion would possibly increase commerce north of town. Mrs. Muhlenkamp stated that any business with 70% or more in food receipts could benefit from the revitalization district liquor licenses. Mayor Lee stated he does not believe revitalization liquor licenses can be used for new builds. Mrs. Muhlenkamp disagreed, stating the language of the revitalization district ordinance is not worded that way and allows for any business with proper food receipt sales to qualify for one of said liquor permits. Mrs. Muhlenkamp further pointed out that the program was designed for downtown development, and six of the City’s twelve revitalization liquor licenses have already been used, with the number of licenses provided being based on acreage. Mr. Miller again asked how passing this ordinance will help the community or its existing businesses. Mrs. Muhlenkamp asked City Administration to research the matter further regarding the qualifications of new builds using said liquor permits.

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

Mr. Miller noted the language changes will allow the Mayor and Safety Service Director to have more discretion on whom they provide a permit to. Law Director Neal stated if Council is receptive to repealing chapter 880 regarding book sales, he will revise the ordinance for next meeting.

Mayor Report:

Attended Tree Commission meeting.

Met with Senator Bernie Moreno. Spoke with Representative Angie King and Senator Susan Manchester on several topics.

Attended WAEDC board meeting.

Attended National Night Out.

Attended Superintendent’s meeting.

Mr. Miller asked about the legislation to raise the threshold for city levies. Mayor Lee answered that discussions with representatives are ongoing.

Mr. Miller asked for an update on the marijuana tax. Mayor Lee stated he does not yet have answers to this matter.

Service Director Report:

Hydrant flow testing is ongoing.
Shelter house construction happening in Veteran's Park.
City traffic lights are being inspected.
Area Benton to Auglaize will soon have a scheduled power outage.
Water Reclamation flow project is ongoing.
Water Department is testing lines and performing lead and copper sampling.
Industrial loop is proceeding.
Midwest Concrete has started this year's sidewalk program.
Public Works Department is working on alley improvements.

Mr. Campbell asked if the boring being done for the Water Reclamation Department has become more costly than expected. SSD Price answered that the costs will remain within the same bid parameters.

Mr. Miller noted a recent sinkhole problem on Maple Street. SSD Price stated this was due to an old sanitary line that had collapsed, and Public Works filled this back in. Mr. Campbell stated the City is in need of qualified inspectors for projects such as this.

Mr. Miller asked City Administration to provide Council with the finalized copy of the strategic plan.

Mrs. Muhlenkamp stated that Veteran's Park has missing swings, a broken picnic table and no changing table.

Law Director Report:

Attended Lands & Buildings Committee meeting to discuss billboards, signage and zoning matters.

Scheduling Committee Meetings:

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

Motion by Dunlap, second by Greve to adjourn the meeting at 8:31pm. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President

Clerk of Council