

President Chad Doll called the meeting to order at 7:30pm on August 17, 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. Law Director Grant Neal, Mayor Dan Lee and Safety Service Director Tyler Price were also present. There were 32 visitors present.

Motion by Dunlap, second by Shepline to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2026 council meeting as submitted. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Communications –

President Doll gave a reminder that the next council meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 8th at 7:30pm due to the holiday.

Guest Petitions –

Mayor Lee introduced two special guests, Miss Jordan Stiles and Miss Evelyn Oen, participants in the Wapakoneta Eagles #691 'God, Flag & Country' competition. Miss Stiles and Miss Oen were both awarded with national placements for their speeches. Miss Stiles, followed by Miss Oen, gave said speeches to City Council and were each given a proclamation by Mayor Lee. Mayor Lee also thanked Wapakoneta Eagles #691 members for sponsoring the competition and presented them with framed, signed copies of the winning speeches.

Mr. Josh Bloomfield of Wapakoneta Area Economic Development Council and Mr. David Schlenker of 824 Glynwood Road addressed council regarding the Ohio Department of Development's residential development revolving loan program. Mr. Bloomfield explained that Auglaize County meets the qualifications for the program, which focuses on increasing affordable housing in rural areas. Mr. Bloomfield has worked with Mr. Schlenker and Elfie Properties to apply for the program in support of the development of land at Redskin Trail and 501. A development agreement between Elfie Properties and the City of Wapakoneta will be presented to Council, outlining the roles and responsibilities for each party. The first phase of the project would involve 29 single-family home lots. Mr. Greve asked if homes would be spec or custom builds. Mr. Schlenker answered, both. Mrs. Muhlenkamp asked for the Ohio Department of Development's definition of 'affordable home'. Mr. Bloomfield answered that this is addressed with density requirements within the agreement. Mr. Schlenker added that the zoning for said area is "R-2" and comparable to nearby subdivisions. Mrs. Muhlenkamp asked where the interest from the revolving loan fund would go. Mr. Bloomfield answered, it goes back to the fund for state disbursement. Mr. Dunlap asked for further explanation on the City's responsibilities with the agreement. Mr. Bloomfield stated the City would be the borrower and would have reporting requirements. Further details and resolutions will be presented to Council at a future meeting.

Mr. Josh Hall of 413 S. Pine Street addressed Council regarding his concerns about the use of Flock cameras in the City of Wapakoneta. Mr. Hall wished to know who approved the cameras, who would be held responsible if the data collected was stolen, where the data is stored, how many cameras will ultimately be installed in the city, contract term limits, system audits, outside departments having data access, project scope expansion, and procedure for addressing any misuse. Mr. Hall voiced concern over stolen data being used to track a person's movements, and the exacerbation of constant surveillance of citizens. Mr. Hall stated that the citizens of Wapakoneta voted for their representatives to protect their liberty, not to infringe upon it.

SSD Price answered that the Flock camera purchase was done through the administrative approval process, the contract with Flock is annual, and the data is stored on Amazon servers. Six cameras within Wapakoneta are license plate readers and one is a live-feed camera. Flock retention period is currently thirty days of license plate records held in the system, and which will soon be lowered to seven days of data. An officer can add an alert for a certain plate, but a driver's name or any other personal details would need to be accessed through LEADS. Every search in Flock records by Wapakoneta Police Department will be shown on the transparency portal and citizens have the option to submit a public records request for a specific case number. Current Flock cameras in Wapakoneta do not have

microphones on them. Any incident of misuse of the data would include discipline up to termination and prosecution.

Unfinished Business -

President Doll noted there is still an opening on the Recreation Advisory Commission.

Mr. Shepline shared that over the last two weeks, he has spoken with both city workers and residents in Wapakoneta and St. Marys about refuse collection methods. Mr. Shepline stated that the feedback he received from the City of St. Marys indicated that the transition to refuse totes has been well received by citizens and operations are running smoothly for their refuse department. Mr. Shepline pointed out that he sees some Wapakoneta residents placing 6 to 8 trash bags at the curb each week, and switching over to the tote collection method will likely encourage them to recycle more due to limited space in the tote. Mr. Shepline voiced concern over the health and safety of Wapakoneta's refuse department workers from having to physically lift years of trash bags into the trucks when an automated system could alleviate this need. President Doll added that Ordinance 2026-44 will be read for the third time and council should consider adoption, tabling, or an additional 'Committee of the Whole' meeting on the matter. Mr. Greve asked for more time to review information.

New Business –

SSD Price read the following: FINDINGS RELATED TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS Finding Number 2023-001 - Significant Deficiency – Billing for Service Provided by the City During a previous audit, the City installed sewer lines for a new City residential area but did not bill for the work performed. Also, the City installing sewer lines is not consistent with the City's past operations for new developments built within the City; instead, developers of the project install and pay for the installation of sewer lines. The City provided and incurred costs in providing those services that were not reimbursed. The installation of sewer lines was not consistent with City operations and the City failed to bill for the costs incurred. We recommend that the City follow the procedures in place for the building of new developments within the City and that the City bill for all services provided in a timely manner. Sewer line installation costs incurred by the City are under review by legal counsel of the City.

In order to remove this finding, Council needs to pass a motion to waive the recoupment of any fees, has exhausted legal options and will not pursue recovery of funds related to finding 2023-001, otherwise the finding will remain within every audit report. Motion by Muhlenkamp, second by Parsons to waive the recoupment of any fees, has exhausted legal options and will not pursue recovery of funds related to finding 2023-001. Vote – 6 yeas, 1 abstain (Stinebaugh). Motion passed.

Ordinance 2026-37 remains tabled.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2026-42 for the third time re: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE ALLOCATION OF TWELVE PERCENT (12%) OF ALL LODGING TAX REVENUES RECEIVED BY THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA TO THE PARKS DEPARTMENT FOR PARK IMPROVEMENTS, MAINTENANCE, BEAUTIFICATION, AND TOURISM-RELATED ENHANCEMENTS.

Motion by Parsons, second by Shepline to adopt Ord 2026-42. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2026-44 for the third time re: 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 Parsons, second by Greve to table Ord 2026-44. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Ordinance is now tabled.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Res 2026-45 for the third time re: A RESOLUTION APPROVING CERTAIN CITY-SPONSORED AND COMMUNITY EVENTS AS SPECIAL EVENTS OR FESTIVALS PURSUANT TO SECTION 864.01 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA.

Mrs. Muhlenkamp asked if a process will be in place for future events that wish to be considered. SSD Price stated that these would need to be approved by Council. Motion by Dunlap, second by Behr to adopt Res 2026-45. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2026-46 for the third time re: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE EDITING AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AS PARTS OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION AND PUBLICATION OF NEW MATTER IN THE UPDATED AND REVISED CODIFIED ORDINANCES; REPEALING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Motion by Muhlenkamp, second by Behr to adopt Ord 2026-46. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2026-47 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH POHLKAT LLC FOR LIME SLUDGE REMOVAL AND LAND APPLICATION FOR THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Greve, second by Parsons to suspend the rules for Ord 2026-47. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Dunlap, second by Greve to adopt Ord 2026-47. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

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

Mayor Report:

Police Department

346 calls for service, 31 requiring reports.

Officer Trego completed close quarters combat training.

Staff participated in back to school celebration and ALICE training.

Cadet Sadders graduating from Police Academy; awaiting state test date.

Public informed about FLOCK cameras via WCSM radio.

Fire Department

27 EMS Calls 1 call with injuries, 1 call to assist

Renovation progress Kitchen cabinets arriving Monday; installation next week.

Annual hose testing completed: 11,000 feet tested, 4 sections failed and removed.

Firefighter/Paramedic Trey Sager named Firefighter of the Year by the Masonic Lodge.

Parks / Pool Department

Slow attendance due to weather:

8/7: 145

8/9: 433

8/10: 79

8/11–12: Closed (thunderstorms)

8/13: 124 793 for the week.

Water Treatment Department

Preparing to pour dome on 3 million gallon storage tank.

Shoutout to Joe Hower, Ryan Walter, Nicole Huelskamp, Matt Griffo for meter pit and replacement work.

Engineering Department

Meeting with school regarding pedestrian walkways near football stadium and Redskin Trail.

Public Works / Refuse & Recycling

Suckhole addressed on Oakridge Ct.; no tile damage.

Storm damage brush dumping allowed free at brush farm through Saturday, 8/15.

Reminder that school and school bus will start rolling this week.

Thanks to all the departments for the weather clean up

Mr. Dunlap asked about superchargers. Mayor Lee stated this is still in discussion stages.

Safety Service Director Report:

501 / 198 project timeline is being paused by ODOT.
Working with schools regarding safety crossings.

Mrs. Muhlenkamp asked for the policy and procedures for notification to citizens regarding road construction. SSD Price stated the Engineering Department is working with contractors on this. Mayor Lee reminded citizens to utilize the city's app as well.

President Doll asked for an update on the Burger King sign repair. SSD Price answered, August 21st.

Law Director Report:

No report.

Mrs. Muhlenkamp asked who takes the lead on prosecuting crimes against the City of Wapakoneta. Mr. Neal answered, the Auglaize County Prosecutor.

Mr. Dunlap asked if City Council can limit the number of Flock cameras installed in the city. Mr. Neal answered that Council can choose to pass legislation to this effect, but noted there is a current contract with Flock. Mr. Neal can look into practices of other municipalities on the matter. Ms. Behr asked for the process of removing existing Flock cameras. Mr. Neal answered, passage of an ordinance to this effect. Ms. Behr asked for Mr. Neal to draft such an ordinance for Council's consideration. Mr. Parson suggested putting the matter to committee for discussion first. President Doll stated this would fall under the Health & Safety Committee.

Scheduling Committee Meetings:

Parks Committee will meet on September 8th at 6:30pm at City Hall.

Health & Safety Committee – to be announced.

Friend of Parks levy committee meeting is scheduled for August 20th at 4:30pm at the Harmon Park gazebo.

President Doll asked if Council wished to schedule an additional 'Committee of the Whole' meeting, or wait until next regularly scheduled Council meeting to address the refuse collection topic. No Committee of the Whole was scheduled.

Motion by Dunlap, second by Parsons to adjourn the meeting at 8:47pm. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President

Clerk of Council