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

Motion by Sheipline, second by Greve to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2025 council meeting as submitted. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Guest Petitions–
Mr. Jim Stinebaugh of 706 N. Blackhoof and Mr. Ross Kantner of 1215 Oakridge Court addressed Council regarding Resolution 2025-38, voicing their support and recommendation of levying additional tax for parks and recreation purposes for the City of Wapakoneta. Mr. Stinebaugh pointed out that the City's park areas have greatly expanded over the last 30 years, increasing the mowing, maintenance and staffing needs. The additional funds would allow for improvements, updates and additional park areas in the city. The parking lot at Veterans Park also needs replacing. Councilors thanked the Recreation Advisory Commission for their efforts and expressed their support in caring for the City's park lands.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2025-33 for the third time re: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE CONTINUED OPERATION OF THE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED DESIGNATED OUTDOOR REFRESHMENT AREA IN THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA.
Motion by Dunlap, second by Campbell to adopt Ord 2025-33. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Res 2025-35 for the third time re: A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE FOR THE AUGLAIZE COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT.
Motion by Miller, second by Sheipline to adopt Res 2025-35. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2025-36 for the third time re: AN ORDINANCE TO ENTER INTO A PROJECT AGREEMENT WITH ODOT FOR PID NO. 120037 AUG SR 501/198 2.32/2.36.
Motion by Campbell, second by Stinebaugh to adopt Ord 2025-36. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Res 2025-37 for the third time re: A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PREPARED BY REVEILLE LTD. FOR THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA, OHIO.
Motion by Greve, second by Sheipline to adopt Res 2025-37. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Res 2025-38 for the third time re: A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF LEVYING AN ADDITIONAL TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION FOR PARKS AND RECREATION PURPOSES AND REQUESTING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO CERTIFY THE TOTAL CURRENT TAX VALUATION OF THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA AND THE REVENUE THAT WOULD BE GENERATED BY A TWO-MILL LEVY.
Motion by Miller, second by Campbell to adopt Res 2025-38. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Res 2025-39 for the second time re: A RESOLUTION DOCUMENTING THE POSITION OF THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA REGARDING NAMING OF ADDRESSING AUTHORITY WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2025-40 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1028.99 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA SPECIFIC TO THE PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS OF CHAPTER 1028 "TREES".
Mr. Miller asked for clarification on types of violations. Mr. Campbell replied, vandalism and destruction, noting tree replacement costs.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2025-41 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY TO PURCHASE A FREIGHTLINER M2 TRUCK

FOR THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT AND TO UPFIT THE VEHICLE WITH REQUIRED EQUIPMENT.
SSD Price stated the purchase is to replace an older truck and will be made from the vehicle line of the electric fund.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2025-42 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1476 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA SPECIFIC TO INCLUDING A STATUTORY AUTHORIZATION CLAUSE.
SSD Price stated this is a procedural remedy, as the floodplain regulations that were recently updated did not have the necessary language within the body of the ordinance.
Motion by Miller, second by Greve to suspend the rules for Ord 2025-42. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.
Motion by Greve, second by Campbell to adopt Ord 2025-42. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Mayor Report:
Gave out the Mayors award at the Halloween Parade to the Wapakoneta art Dept. on 10.23
Attended the boo at the moon on 10.28
Attended department head meeting on 10.29
Attended a Trap and Release meeting on 10.28
Attended Bill Thomas Retirement Party on 10.31
No problems were reported during the Trick or Treat on 10.30
Parks are continuing to winterize and prepare for the light display behind town.
GovDeals has generated a total of $151,555 YTD
We would like to congratulate Tyler Varno for joining the Water Reclamation Team with his Operator I license.
The Fire Department responded to 37 incidents including EMS calls, motor vehicle accident with injuries, service calls, and CO detector activation due to malfunction. This is up 15 calls from last meeting.
548 calls for service with 62 requiring a report Reporting calls were down 23.
I hope you enjoyed seeing the Police bikes out during the parade. They will use them when the weather permits through the year.
Congratulation to Anthony Treg Drexler on his first day by himself after the retirement of Bill Whitey Thomas our retiring Public Works Superintendent.

Mayor Lee pointed out that the park levy matter would be placed on the May 2026 ballot for consideration. Mr. Campbell gave a reminder that a Tree Commission meeting is scheduled for tomorrow. Mr. Greve asked about the funds generated by GovDeals sales. SSD Price answered that these funds are reallocated to specific departments. Mr. Miller asked about fund allocation for the feral cat trap and release program. SSD Price answered, $5000 from the general fund. Mayor Lee added that an outside group is assisting the city with logistics for this program. Mr. Sheipline asked about the above ground storage tanks at the Stahler property. SSD Price stated these are already in use.

Service Director Report:
Fire Department now has a new tanker truck.
Police Department is conducting sergeant exams.
Mrs. Elaine Poppe has donated her holiday decoration collection to the City.
Water Treatment expansion is 75% complete.
Shelly Company has completed paving projects. Striping and manhole repair will follow.

Mr. Greve asked about the status of the telephone pole behind Krave Creamery. SSD Price answered this pole has been moved off the gutter but the lines still need redirected.
Mr. Miller noted that Council may receive a temporary budget for 2026 ahead of a finalized version.
President Doll asked about the renewal process for the ‘First on the Moon’ tagline. SSD Price answered that this is being worked on now.
Mr. Campbell asked about leaf pickup. SSD Price answered the truck should be fixed by tomorrow.

Law Director Report:
Prepared the 501/198 petition for appropriation.
Code violation process has been navigated and one case has been pursued
Mr. Miller asked if there have been further developments on the marijuana tax. Mr. Neal replied, no.

Mayor Lee gave a reminder to refrain from placing plastic in the food waste compost containers provided by the city.

Scheduling Committee Meetings:
None.

Miscellaneous Business:
Mr. Stinebaugh noted that Langholm, Scotland is seeking a kinship relationship with Wapakoneta regarding Neil Armstrong's ancestral lineage.

Motion by Miller, second by Greve to enter into executive session at 8:12pm to consider the compensation of a public employee or official and inviting City Administration. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Miller, second by Greve to exit executive session at 8:23pm. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Miller, second by Dunlap to approve the memorandum of understanding for the police sergeant pay agreement. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Miller, second by Greve to adjourn the meeting at 8:23pm. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

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President Clerk of Council