

President Chad Doll called the meeting to order at 7:30pm on October 20, 2025 at 701 Parlette Court with the following members present: Alex Stinebaugh, Jessica Muhlenkamp, Brandon Miller, Alex Greve, John Shepline and Terry Campbell. Law Director Grant Neal, Safety Service Director Tyler Price and Mayor Dan Lee were also present. There were 4 visitors present. Councilman Chad Dunlap was absent.

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

Streets & Alleys Committee – a meeting was held on 10-16-2025 and the following was discussed:

1. 5-way traffic intersection proposal by ODOT and Choice One, redesign of Defiance, Lincoln, Hamilton, Cole St. and Stinebaugh Dr.

Mr. Dietz opened meeting with a couple of traffic flow questions and concerns,

1. Would there be adequate turn clearance for semi traffic turning right onto Defiance from Hamilton? Mitch of Choice One explained the split stop bars on Defiance would allow such clearance.

2. How will removing the signal light for Stinebaugh improve the traffic flow. Mitch explained that a radar detector will be installed to better detect vehicle presences and control Defiance and Hamilton signals to allow traffic to clear Lincoln and allow left turn vehicles on Stinebaugh to exit.

Mr. Helmstetter also had a couple of concerns,

1. The physical location of Stinebaugh Dr. relocation in proximity to his apartment building. Both issues have been changed to Mr. Helmstetter's approval.

2. The compensation amount for property the project required from Mr. Helmstetter.

This is an ongoing negotiation between ODOT and Mr. Helmstetter. The city will be talking with our legal counsel Grant Neal to discuss the current situation with the negotiations.

Unfinished Business –

Mr. Miller asked Law Director Neal to explain the changes made to Ord 2025-31R. Mr. Neal stated that the original version had a reference to Chapter 880 of the code that was redundant and now irrelevant. The change made to the ordinance was to eliminate that reference. Mr. Miller added that the ordinance relates to the City Administration issuance of solicitor permits. Mr. Campbell suggested that City Administration provide permitted solicitors with a form or badge to offer as proof of permit upon request.

Motion by Miller, second by Campbell to remove Ord 2025-31R from the table for consideration. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Miller, second by Greve to adopt Ord 2025-31R as revised by Law Director Neal. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2025-33 for the second time re: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE CONTINUED OPERATION OF THE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED DESIGNATED OUTDOOR REFRESHMENT AREA IN THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA.

Councilors requested that DORA signage and recycling bin needs be checked.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Res 2025-35 for the second time re: A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE FOR THE AUGLAIZE COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2025-36 for the second time re: AN ORDINANCE TO ENTER INTO A PROJECT AGREEMENT WITH ODOT FOR PID NO. 120037 AUG SR 501/198 2.32/2.36.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Res 2025-37 for the second time re: A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PREPARED BY REVEILLE LTD. FOR THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA, OHIO.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Res 2025-38 for the second 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.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Res 2025-39 for the first 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.

SSD Price explained that state regulations are ensuring all 911 system numbers match GPS coordinates for dispatching purposes.

Mayor Report:

Attended Tree Commission

Attended the Municipal League Annual meeting

Spoke at the Out of the Darkness Walk on Saturday the 11th Over 150 people in attendance.

Attended the department head meeting.

Attended a department head education on the 10 keys to effective public service

FD had 23 incidents last week including EMS calls

Lucas Walter and Devin Kuhns passed the first quarter of Paramedic school

PD had 549 calls for service and 85 requiring reports. I believe you will see our Ebikes during this year's Halloween parade.

Detective Barns spent the week at training in reference to extracting information from electronic devices

Water Reclamation Department

Chad Topp recently passed his class 2 exam and be eligible to become class 2 on October 24th

Michael Miller, water treatment plant operator III, was recognized for his work on Clarifier #2 maintenance

Parks will start to be winterized in the next weeks

Engineering. Milling of Tulip, Hoopengarner, N. Blackhoof, Brighthorn, Pine, Johnston, Cass, Anna, and part of Fairview has been milled

Paving on Tulip and Hoopengarner has begun.

Dave Martin and Jeremy Bishop scheduled for classes this winter for their residential

Inspection Certificates

Public Works

Mark Sawmiller, Austin Brown, and Cody Schott worked the fall collection day, which went very well, They also set up and took down the stage the same day for the out of the darkness walk.

This week Auglaize St. will get the no parking signs and clean up before the parade

Please be kind and cautious at the parade. Kind to those around you and cautious with your children by keeping them off the street.

Our Trick or Treat is on the 30th from 6 to 730

Last note please keep your leaves in the tree lawn and now on the street.

Service Director Report:

Leaf pickup, street sweeper and recycling truck are all getting repaired.

Continue to explore automated garbage pickup system.

Met with TSC to continue work on fiber project.

City vehicles preparing for Halloween Parade.

Mrs. Muhlenkamp asked if City Administration knew of a timeline regarding the gas company work being done on Pearl Street. SSD Price answered, no.

Mrs. Muhlenkamp asked why trash was not picked up downtown last week. SSD Price answered that this task is back in regular rotation.

Law Director Report:

There are pending legal issues in the court system regarding the municipal portion of the marijuana sales tax. Issue 2 ballot language and general assembly language differed. Mr. Neal will supply Council with a memo from the Moritz College of Law regarding the matter for their review. Mr. Neal added that the City has a right to repeal prior ordinances that were passed.

Scheduling Committee Meetings:

Recreation Advisory Commission will meet on October 27th at 6pm at City Hall.

Miscellaneous Business:

Mr. Campbell will be attending a forestry conference this week on behalf of the Tree Commission.

Motion by Miller, second by Greve to adjourn the meeting at 8:07pm. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President

Clerk of Council