

President Chad Doll called the meeting to order at 7:30pm on February 16, 2026 at 701 Parlette Court with the following members present: Alex Stinebaugh, Jessica Muhlenkamp, Charity Behr, Alex Greve, John Sheipline and Jacob Parsons. Safety Service Director Tyler Price and Mayor Dan Lee were also present. There were 3 visitors present. Law Director Grant Neal and Councilman Chad Dunlap were absent.

Motion by Sheipline, second by Parsons to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2026 public hearing as submitted. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Behr, second by Parsons to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2026 council meeting as submitted. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Communications –

Clerk McDonald read a notice from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control regarding a new permit for: Apollo Pizza, LLC, 819 Defiance Street, Wapakoneta, Ohio. Council did not request a hearing.

Clerk McDonald read a notice from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control regarding a new permit for: 15 Perry LLC, 15 Perry Street, Wapakoneta, Ohio. Council did not request a hearing.

Guest Petitions –

Ms. Katherine Clark of 9145 Scotch Ridge Rd, Bowling Green, Ohio addressed Council regarding Res 2026-10. Ms. Clark noted that several legal scholars have reviewed the convention of states matter and feel it is a safe process. Ms. Clark shared copies of literature on the 'Convention of States Action'. Ms. Clark stated there would not be any legal implications to the City of Wapakoneta should Council choose to pass the non-binding resolution.

Unfinished Business -

Mrs. Muhlenkamp shared a photo of the billboard design that will be placed at the intersection of US 33 and 274. This billboard update will be completed utilizing lodging tax funds and will be installed in May 2026. The Downtown Wapakoneta Partnership is still conducting fundraising efforts for the proposed billboard on Bellefontaine Street at Millers Textiles.

President Doll reminded Council to complete the online Ohio Ethics training video.

President Doll asked if the recreation levy has been officially placed on the spring ballot. SSD Price answered that the county auditor stated that it would be.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2026-09 for the second time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SERVICE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE DUCHOUQUET TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES FOR FURNISHING OF FIRE PROTECTION AND AMBULANCE SERVICE.

SSD Price stated there was a rate increase to the contract.

Motion by Greve, second by Sheipline to suspend the rules for Ord 2026-09. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Greve, second by Parsons to adopt Ord 2026-09. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Res 2026-10 for the first time re: A NON-BINDING RESOLUTION CALLING UPON THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO ADOPT CONCURRENT LEGISLATION TO TRIGGER A CONVENTION OF STATES OF THE KIND CONTEMPLATED BY ARTICLE V OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2026-11 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE TO FINALIZE THE PROJECT AGREEMENT AND APPROVE ESTIMATED COSTS WITH ODOT FOR PID NO. 120037 AUG SR 501/198 2.32/2.36 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

SSD Price stated the estimated cost to the city will be \$320,918 and the state highway fund can cover this full amount. Construction would begin in 2027.

Motion by Muhlenkamp, second by Stinebaugh to suspend the rules for Ord 2026-11. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Parsons, second by Greve to adopt Ord 2026-11. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Res 2026-12 for the first time re: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA AND NET X, LLC AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

SSD Price noted that the cost is down considerably due to no longer needing a contractor. This will now be an internal position within the city.

Motion by Shepline, second by Parsons to suspend the rules for Res 2026-12. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Parsons, second by Shepline to adopt Res 2026-12. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Mayor's Report:

Admin Office

Auditors finishing on-site work today

GovDeals revenue at \$8,099 YTD

Tax Department

Tax Administrator position advertised due to upcoming retirement.

IT Department

We are looking for a full time IT employee

Ongoing cybersecurity monitoring after firewall attack attempts.

Fire Department

25 fire incidents since last report.

Received \$4,275 Fire Marshal training reimbursement grant and 10 smoke detectors for public distribution.

Police Department

510 calls for service; 50 reports.

New sergeants undergoing role training.

Parks / Pool Department

Jaime Nelson begins new role Tuesday.

27 returning waterpark employees; only 3 not returning.

Water Treatment Department

Pratt pipeline installation delayed due to weather; tie-in rescheduled for 3/10.

Various maintenance tasks completed including frozen service, leak verifications, equipment prep, lab work, and EPA asbestos survey.

Shout-out to Nicole Huelskamp for completing Water Quality Parameter sample set and Ohio Environmental Protection Agency submission.

Engineering Department

Strong resident response for curb lawn tree planting.

Public Works / Refuse & Recycling

Leaf pickup to resume once snow melts.

Attended a VFW meeting to recognize the four chaplains who perished on the USS Dorchester.

Safety Service Director Report:

Government Academy will soon be offered to the public.

President Doll asked about the status of the 'First on the Moon' trademark. SSD Price answered that all documents have been submitted.

President Doll asked for any updates on Auglaize River maintenance. SSD Price stated the county is moving forward with the Hamilton Street bridge project. The dam will not be affected.

Scheduling Committee Meetings:

Recreation Advisory Commission will meet March 16th at 6:30pm at City Hall.

Motion by Sheipline, second by Parsons to adjourn the meeting at 8:05pm. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President

Clerk of Council