

**WAUSEON CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2020**

Mayor Huner called this meeting of the Wauseon City Council to order at 5:00 p.m. She asked everyone to stand for the pledge of allegiance which was followed by a moment of silence. Roll was taken by the clerk of council. Present were Councilors Jeff Stiriz, Scott Stiriz, Stickley and Schneider to constitute a quorum for the transaction of city business. Councilor Chamberlin was excused.

Also present was Bekah Cales to show support.

ELECT COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Mayor Huner explained that in order to elect someone president they must accept the position. Tom McWatters said under section 122.21 C of the Ohio Revised Code a Council member cannot vote if not present and this situation is treated the same. He said they could elect someone president but it wouldn't be official until that member formally accepted the position. There was general discussion about the process.

Councilor Jeff Stiriz nominated Councilor Chamberlin for Council President and Councilor Scott Stiriz seconded.

Councilor Jeff Stiriz moved and seconded by Councilor Schneider to close the nominations.

Vote: 4 Yeas 0 Nays *Motion Carries*

Motion to elect Councilor Shane Chamberlin as Council President moved by Councilor Jeff Stiriz and seconded by Councilor Schneider.

Vote: 4 Yeas 0 Nays *Motion Carries*

MINUTES

Mayor Huner asked for a motion to approve the prior meeting minutes. Councilor Stickley moved and seconded by Councilor Jeff Stiriz to approve the December 16, December 30 and January 2 minutes as printed.

All in favor: *Motion Passed Unanimously*

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Rick Sluder, Fire Chief: The department handed a small fire on New Year's Eve. He said Chesterfield, York and Pike Townships have decided not to renew their agreements with the Wauseon Fire Department for service in their townships. He said he now needs to know what to do in the event of an emergency. He said a joint meeting with Clinton Township is needed for more discussion.

Councilor Stickley said he agrees that something needs to be done as soon as possible to get something accomplished. Councilor Schneider asked if the residents of these townships have been notified that they are currently not covered by the Wauseon Fire Department. Mr. McWatters said with no contract in place and no automatic assistance agreements we currently have no jurisdiction to enter into those townships but we can still be called out for mutual aid. There was general discussion regarding the cancelled agreements.

Mayor Huner said we need to get the special meeting scheduled so we have a council president in place so city business can be conducted. Councilor Jeff Stiriz said we have to give a 24 hour notice prior to having a Special Council meeting. He suggested Wednesday, January 8, 2020 in the morning. Mayor Huner said 8 a.m. works for her schedule.

Kevin Chittenden, Police Chief: The candidate for the full time officer position is finishing up the pre-hire process.

Keith Torbet, Director of Public Service: He is getting year end reports around. Resolution 2020-2 is for the S. Shoop waterline bids. There is a tentative date of April 27th to May 2nd for unlimited drop off at the Public Works. He said next year they plan to use coupons and provide those to the city residents. Councilor Stickley asked if the Public Works department can add an area to drop off brush but was advised that the city doesn't have the equipment to handle it at this time.

Jamie Giguere, Director of Finance: She provided the year end reports and the income tax was down 4.3% for the year.

Tom McWatters, Law Director: He is working on the township fire contracts. He explained the legislation on the agenda.

FIRST READING OF LEGISLATION OR EMERGENCY

Resolution 2020-1: Amend Resolution 2019-31, Annual Wage Increase for Full Time Nonunion Employees; and Declaring an Emergency

Motion to place Resolution 2020-1 on emergency reading moved by Councilor Stickley and seconded by Councilor Schneider.

Vote: 4 Yeas 0 Nays *Motion Carries*

Motion to place Resolution 2020-1 on final reading and that the final reading be passed moved by Councilor Jeff Stiriz and seconded by Councilor Scott Stiriz.

Vote: 4 Yeas 0 Nays *Motion Carries*

Resolution 2020-2: A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Advertise for Bids for Water Main Replacement; Authorizing the Mayor to Accept the Lowest and Best Bid; Authorizing the Mayor to Enter Into a Contract with the Lowest and Best Bidder; and Declaring an Emergency

Motion to place Resolution 2020-2 on emergency reading moved by Councilor Schneider and seconded by Councilor Stickley.

Vote: 4 Yeas 0 Nays *Motion Carries*

Motion to place Resolution 2020-2 on final reading and that the final reading be passed moved by Councilor Stickley and seconded by Councilor Jeff Stiriz.

Vote: 4 Yeas 0 Nays *Motion Carries*

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to accept the Mayor's appointments to the various boards and commissions moved by Councilor Stickley and seconded by Councilor Scott Stiriz.

Vote: 4 Yeas 0 Nays *Motion Carries*

Charter Revision Commission

Jeff Stiriz – 12/31/20 1 Year Term

Steve Schneider – 12/31/20 1 Year Term

Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council

Sue Dieringer – 12/31/22

Larry Fruth – 12/31/22

Maumee Valley Planning Organization 1 Year Term

Keith Torbet – 12/31/20

Wauseon Planning Commission 4 Year Term

Kathy Huner – 12/31/23

Pride Wauseon Preservation & Design Review Board 3 Year Term

Ivan Hite – 12/31/22

Tree Commission 3 Year Term

Larry Frey 12/31/22

Rick Frey (At Large) replace Jim Spiess 12/31/21

Zoning Board of Appeals 5 Year Term

Michael Christman 12/31/24

Daniel Dunlap (Perry Rupp Vacancy) 12/31/22

Mayor Huner read a proclamation for Elda Maasal Dehnbostel’s 100th birthday.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

Councilor Schneider moved and seconded by Councilor Jeff Stiriz to approve and pay the bills as presented.

Vote: 4 Yeas 0 Nays *Motion Carries*

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Huner asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilor Jeff Stiriz moved and seconded by Councilor Stickley to adjourn this meeting at 5:39 p.m.

All in favor: *Motion Passed Unanimously*



Andrea Gerken, Clerk of Council



Shane Chamberlin, President of Council