

**WAUSEON CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2020**

Mayor Huner called this meeting of the Wauseon City Council to order at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom Cloud Meeting. The meeting was streamed on Facebook Live. She led the Pledge of Allegiance which was followed by a moment of silence. Roll was taken by the Clerk of Council. Present were Council President Chamberlin, Councilors Jeff Stiriz, Scott Stiriz, Stickley, Griggs and Schneider to constitute a quorum for the transaction of city business.

MINUTES

Mayor Huner asked for a motion to approve the prior meeting minutes. Councilor Stickley moved and seconded by Councilor Griggs to approve the minutes as printed.

Vote: 5 Yeas 0 Nays *Motion Carries*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council President Chamberlin provided a summary of the December 7, 2020 Personnel Committee meeting. He said after brief discussion the committee recommended approving the Clerk of Council evaluation as presented.

Motion to accept the Personnel Committee recommendation to approve the Clerk of Council evaluation moved by Councilor Stickley and seconded by Councilor Schneider.

Vote: 4 Yeas 1 Nay (Griggs) 1 Abstain (Chamberlin) *Motion Carries*

Councilor Schneider gave a summary of the December 10, 2020 Finance Committee meeting. He said the various department heads and superintendents attended to explain their portion of the budget. He said after two hours the committee voted to approve it as presented.

Councilor Jeff Stiriz asked about the coronavirus funds and Jamie Giguere explained that she still has to amend the budget to reconcile for the use of those funds. He also asked about the service truck for Public Works and about the ambulance that are to be purchased. Chief Sluder said the ambulance we have has 200,000 miles on it and it is time to replace it. Councilor Jeff Stiriz asked what will happen to our current ambulance and Chief Sluder said they have a couple of options; they can either mount the box on another chassis or keep it so they have two. There was a lot of discussion about the transport ambulance.

Council President Chamberlin asked about the Public Works service truck that is set to be replaced. Keith Torbet said the truck they are planning to replace is 17 years old. Councilor Stickley asked about the vacuum truck that is included in the budget. Keith Torbet said our current truck is going to need a lot of repairs. There was general discussion about the purchase of a vacuum truck.

Councilor Stickley also asked if the PD is purchasing a new police car and Chief Chittenden said yes but they would be using funds from a different account, not the capital account. Councilor Stickley said he wants to caution everyone regarding spending during the fiscal year of 2021 because we may have the risk of a shut down due to the pandemic.

Motion to accept the Finance Committee recommendation to approve the 2021 budget moved by Council President Chamberlin and seconded by Councilor Griggs.

Vote: 5 Yeas 1 Nays (Jeff Stiriz) *Motion Carries*

Councilor Stickley gave a summary of the December 17, 2020 Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting. He said the committee met to discuss a request from Eric Richer to allow for a drive to be expanded on city property off of County Road 15. He said after brief discussion the committee recommended allowing Mr. Richer to use 20' of city property.

Motion to accept the Buildings and Grounds Committee recommendation to allow for the 20' access drive to be installed off of County Road 15 at the request of Eric Richer moved by Councilor Stickley and seconded by Councilor Schneider.

Vote: 6 Yeas 0 Nays *Motion Carries*

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Chief Sluder: He said they are working on EMS contracts for 2022 with the Fulton County Commissioners. He said COVID transports have increased.

Chief Chittenden: He said the PD received a \$3000 donation from the Backing the Blue BBQ hosted by the Delta Eagles. He said those funds will help with the public cameras. He said there has been an increase in crashes and he asked everyone to drive carefully.

Keith Torbet: He said the downtown ADA project has been awarded to Smith Paving and may be done by May 2021. He thanked Public Works for fixing the sign so quickly. He exited the meeting at 5:39 pm.

Jamie Giguere: She said the Munilink portal is now ready to sign up for electronic bills. Robin Schantz has announced her retirement on March 31, 2021. Councilor Griggs cautioned replacing Robin Schantz with a part time person to make sure the office is fully staffed.

Tom McWatters: He explained Resolution 2020-29 for the RLF for Tony's Pet Shop. He said he supplied a summary for valid reasons to go into executive session and for passing legislation on emergency.

FIRST READING OF LEGISLATION OR EMERGENCY

Ordinance 2020-10: An Ordinance to Approve, Adopt and Enact the 2020 Replacement Pages to the Codified Ordinances; to Repeal Ordinances in Conflict Therewith; to Publish the Enactment of New Matter; and Declaring an Emergency

Motion to place Ordinance 2020-10 on emergency reading moved by Councilor Stickley and seconded by Councilor Jeff Stiriz.

Vote: 6 Yeas 0 Nays *Motion Carries*

Motion to place Ordinance 2020-10 on final reading moved by Councilor Jeff Stiriz and seconded by Councilor Schneider.

Vote: 6 Yeas 0 Nays *Motion Carries*

Ordinance 2020-11: An Ordinance to Make Appropriations for Current Expenses and Other Expenditures of the City of Wauseon, State of Ohio, During the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2021

Motion to place Ordinance 2020-11 on final reading moved by Councilor Jeff Stiriz and seconded by Councilor Scott Stiriz.

Vote: 6 Yeas 0 Nays *Motion Carries*

Resolution 2020-27: A Resolution to Amend the Compensation Plan by Adjusting the Employee Wage Scale; and Declaring an Emergency

Motion to place Resolution 2020-27 on emergency reading moved by Councilor Schneider and seconded by Councilor Jeff Stiriz.

Vote: 5 Yeas 1 Nays (Griggs) *Motion Carries*

Motion to place Resolution 2020-27 on final reading moved by Councilor Jeff Stiriz and seconded by Councilor Stickley.

Vote: 5 Yeas 1 Nays (Griggs) *Motion Carries*

Resolution 2020-28: A Resolution Approving a Wage Increase for Full-Time Non-Union Employees to be Effective the First Full Pay Period in 2021; and Declaring an Emergency

Motion to place Resolution 2020-28 on emergency reading moved by Councilor Jeff Stiriz and seconded by Councilor Scott Stiriz.

Vote: 6 Yeas 0 Nays *Motion Carries*

Motion to place Resolution 2020-28 on final reading moved by Councilor Schneider and seconded by Council President Chamberlin.

Vote: 6 Yeas 0 Nays *Motion Carries*

Resolution 2020-29: A Resolution Accepting the Recommendation of the Revolving Loan Fund Committee; Authorizing the Mayor to Enter Into an Agreement with Tony's Pet Shop; and Declaring an Emergency

Motion to place Resolution 2020-29 on emergency reading moved by Councilor Stickley and seconded by Councilor Jeff Stiriz.

Vote: 6 Yeas 0 Nays *Motion Carries*

Motion to place Resolution 2020-29 on final reading moved by Councilor Jeff Stiriz and seconded by Council President Chamberlin.

Vote: 6 Yeas 0 Nays *Motion Carries*

SECOND READING OF LEGISLATION OR EMERGENCY

Resolution 2020-23: Authorizing the Mayor to Grant a Permanent Easement to Ohio Gas Co. for a Twenty Foot Strip Along the Southeast Corner of Fulton County Parcel No. 06-015518-05.000 Located Near the Corner of County Road F (Linfoot Street) and County Road 13

Motion to place Resolution 2020-23 on second reading moved by Councilor Stickley and seconded by Councilor Schneider.

Vote: 6 Yeas 0 Nays *Motion Carries*

Resolution 2020-24: Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with Pareto Captive Services, LLC, Sun Life Financial, and Lucent Health Services for the Provision of Health Insurance for 2021; and Declaring an Emergency

Motion to place Resolution 2020-24 on emergency reading moved by Councilor Stickley and seconded by Councilor Scott Stiriz.

Vote: 6 Yeas 0 Nays *Motion Carries*

Motion to place Resolution 2020-24 on final reading moved by Councilor Schneider and seconded by Council President Chamberlin.

Vote: 6 Yeas 0 Nays *Motion Carries*

Resolution 2020-25: Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with Met Life to Provide Life Insurance and Voluntary Dental and Vision Insurance for Full Time Employees; and Declaring an Emergency

Motion to place Resolution 2020-25 on emergency reading moved by Councilor Stickley and seconded by Councilor Jeff Stiriz.

Vote: 6 Yeas 0 Nays *Motion Carries*

Motion to place Resolution 2020-25 on final reading moved by Councilor Stickley and seconded by Councilor Schneider.

Vote: 6 Yeas 0 Nays *Motion Carries*

THIRD READING OF LEGISLATION OR EMERGENCY

Resolution 2020-20: A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement for Indigent Defense Services in County Court with the Fulton County Commissioners; and Declaring an Emergency

Motion to place Resolution 2020-20 on emergency reading moved by Councilor Schneider and seconded by Councilor Stickley.

Vote: 6 Yeas 0 Nays *Motion Carries*

Motion to place Resolution 2020-20 on final reading moved by Councilor Stickley and seconded by Councilor Jeff Stiriz.

Vote: 6 Yeas 0 Nays *Motion Carries*

Resolution 2020-21: A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement for a Countywide Emergency Management Agency Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5502; and Declaring an Emergency

Motion to place Resolution 2020-21 on emergency reading moved by Councilor Jeff Stiriz and seconded by Councilor Scott Stiriz.

Vote: 6 Yeas 0 Nays *Motion Carries*

Motion to place Resolution 2020-21 on final reading moved by Councilor Stickley and seconded by Councilor Scott Stiriz.

Vote: 6 Yeas 0 Nays *Motion Carries*

NEW BUSINESS

Councilor Jeff Stiriz questioned why the city takes their vehicles out of town to get them fixed. Mayor Huner said we usually try to use local when possible. She said local is not always the best option for the citizens. Mayor Huner asked Chief Sluder to advise why this vehicle was towed outside of Wauseon to be repaired. Chief Sluder said he was not aware of a city policy that requires vehicles to be repaired in Wauseon. Councilor Schneider said he personally thinks if we can use local that we should. There was a lot of discussion about having a vehicle towed to an out of town facility to be repaired.

Mayor Huner said she would like to thank the City of Wauseon Council and employees for stepping up during this COVID year. She honored the memory of Wendell Newcomb, Joe Kolb, Judge Jim Barber, Brett Kahrs, Marie Hale, Greta Weber and Tom Willison. She thanked the citizens of Wauseon for stepping up to benefit our businesses and supporting our first responders. She said she hopes and prays 2021 brings more unity.

Motion to authorize the Director of Finance to pay all bills through December 31, 2020 moved by Councilor Jeff Stiriz and seconded by Council President Chamberlin.

Vote: 6 Yeas 0 Nays *Motion Carries*

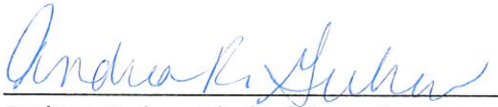
APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

Councilor Schneider moved and seconded by Councilor Stickley to approve and pay the bills as presented.
Vote: 6 Yeas 0 Nays *Motion Carries*


ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Huner asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilor Stickley moved and seconded by Councilor Jeff Stiriz to adjourn this meeting at 6:22 p.m.
All in favor: *Motion Passed Unanimously*

Mayor Huner wished everyone a Merry Christmas!



Andrea Gerken, Clerk of Council



Shane Chamberlin, President of Council