

**WAUSEON CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 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 Councilors Jeff Stiriz, Scott Stiriz, Stickley, Griggs and Schneider to constitute a quorum for the transaction of city business. Council President Chamberlin was excused.

MINUTES

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

Vote: 5 Yeas 0 Nays *Motion Carries*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Schneider provided a summary of the Finance Committee meeting from Wednesday, December 2, 2020. He said discussed were the fire department union contract; the wage compensation scale; and the mayor's recommendation for employee wage increases. He said there was discussion about each topic and the committee recommended to accept each one.

Mayor Huner thanked everyone who was involved in helping create this agreement with the fire department.

Motion to accept the Finance Committee recommendation to approve the Fire Department Collective Bargaining agreement through April 1, 2023 moved by Councilor Jeff Stiriz and seconded by Councilor Stickley.

Vote: 5 Yeas 0 Nays *Motion Carries*

Councilor Scott Stiriz asked if any employees will fall off the bottom of the scale if they approve this scale adjustment and Finance Director Giguere said not as long as the wage increase is also approved.

Motion to accept the Finance Committee recommendation to increase the employee wage scale 3.1% based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) increases for 2019 and 2020 moved by Councilor Schneider and seconded by Councilor Scott Stiriz.

Vote: 4 Yeas 1 Nays (Griggs) *Motion Carries*

Motion to accept the Finance Committee recommendation to approve the 2020 across-the-board wage increase of 2.25%, plus merit increases, for all non-union, full-time employees moved by Councilor Jeff Stiriz and seconded by Councilor Scott Stiriz.

Vote: 5 Yeas 0 Nays *Motion Carries*

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Chief Sluder: He said the union contract is in the legislation later in the meeting and he will be happy to answer any questions about that agreement.

Chief Chittenden: He said the PD is working through the dispatch interviews and they have made a conditional offer to the top candidate with a target start date of January 4, 2021.

Jamie Giguere: She said the property and casualty insurance renewal has come back as well as the employee health insurance. She is meeting with the Finance Committee on Thursday regarding the 2021 budget. The income tax is down 3.6% from last year at the same time. The county sent an additional \$11,000 in coronavirus relief funds.

Councilor Jeff Stiriz asked if she shopped around for insurance quotes and Jamie Giguere said no because we are in a pool so it wouldn't be a wise move from those pools.

Keith Torbet: Absent.

Tom McWatters: He said there are 5 pieces of legislation for first reading.

FIRST READING OF LEGISLATION OR EMERGENCY

Resolution 2020-22: Authorizing the Mayor to Enter Into an Agreement with Ohio Plan Risk Management, Inc. for Casualty, Liability, Fire and Property Damage Insurance; and Declaring an Emergency

Motion to place Resolution 2020-22 on emergency reading moved by Councilor Stickley and seconded by Councilor Schneider.

Vote: 5 Yeas 0 Nays *Motion Carries*

Motion to place Resolution 2020-22 on final reading moved by Councilor Stickley and seconded by Councilor Jeff Stiriz.

Vote: 5 Yeas 0 Nays *Motion Carries*

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 first reading moved by Councilor Stickley and seconded by Councilor Scott Stiriz.

Vote: 5 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 Mutual Health Services for the Provision of Health Insurance for 2021

Motion to place Resolution 2020-24 on first reading moved by Councilor Schneider and seconded by Councilor Griggs.

Vote: 5 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

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

Vote: 5 Yeas 0 Nays *Motion Carries*

Resolution 2020-26: Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with the Wauseon Professional Firefighters IAFF, Local 5223; and Declaring an Emergency

Motion to place Resolution 2020-26 on emergency reading moved by Councilor Stickley and seconded by Councilor Scott Stiriz.

Vote: 5 Yeas 0 Nays *Motion Carries*

Motion to place Resolution 2020-26 on final reading moved by Councilor Jeff Stiriz and seconded by Councilor Stickley.

Vote: 5 Yeas 0 Nays *Motion Carries*

SECOND 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

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

Vote: 5 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

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

Vote: 5 Yeas 0 Nays *Motion Carries*

THIRD READING OF LEGISLATION OR EMERGENCY

There was no legislation for third reading.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to appoint Council President Chamberlin and Councilor Scott Stiriz to the Volunteer Firefighter Dependent Board moved by Councilor Jeff Stiriz and seconded by Councilor Schneider. Chief Sluder said this committee will need to meet to appoint the citizen member to this board with the passing of Joe Kolb.

Vote: 5 Yeas 0 Nays *Motion Carries*

Councilor Stickley asked if we are going to close the city building due to COVID-19 and Mayor Huner said not at this time.

Councilor Stickley asked the Finance Committee be diligent in going over the 2021 budget. Councilor Jeff Stiriz said that once the Finance Committee agrees to the budget that all of council still gets to vote on it.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

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

Vote: 5 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 Griggs to adjourn this meeting at 5:31 p.m. Mayor Huner wished for everyone to stay healthy so they can enjoy the holidays.

All in favor: *Motion Passed Unanimously*



Andrea Gerken, Clerk of Council



Shane Chamberlin, President of Council