

**WAUSEON CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 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 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 Jeff Stiriz to approve the minutes as printed.

All in favor: *Motion Passed Unanimously*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Jeff Stiriz said the Utility Committee met on February 3, 2020 to discuss water rates. He said a J.P. Joly gave a presentation of the Waterworth software. He said the software gave a detailed analysis of the water rates and showed what would happen over time with various increases. He said there are projects that are coming up and this program shows projections for the next 50 years. Councilor Jeff Stiriz said Wauseon is the lowest in the area and the 5% increase will increase the average water bill \$2.25/month. Keith Torbet said this software will allow the city to input different variables as needed to determine the necessary rate.

Motion to accept the Utility Committee recommendation to allow a 5% water rate increase moved by Council President Chamberlin and seconded by Councilor Schneider.

Vote: 6 Yeas 0 Nays *Motion Carries*

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Rick Sluder, Fire Chief: He said there is a meeting with the township trustees coming up this week to discuss fire contracts. He said the county supper is this week.

Kevin Chittenden, Police Chief: He said he ordered two new patrol vehicles and they will be delivered in a few months. Councilor Jeff Stiriz asked if they ordered Dodge Durango and was told yes they ordered from Terry Henricks to stay within the county.

Keith Torbet, Director of Public Service: He said the bid opening for the S. Shoop waterline which came in at \$508,000 with the low bidder being Vernon Nagle. He said he hopes to get it started in March. He said we are hosting the Wabash Cannonball Trail meeting on March 5th at the Rotary shelter house so they can be right at the trail.

Jamie Giguere, Director of Finance: Nothing to report.

Kevin Whitlock, Assistant Law Director: Nothing to report.

THIRD READING OF LEGISLATION OR EMERGENCY

Ordinance 2020-1: Amend Chapter 1144; Sidewalk Construction and Reconstruction to Include the Public Service Director

Motion to place Ordinance 2020-1 on final reading moved by Councilor Jeff Stiriz and seconded by Councilor Stickley.

Vote: 6 Yeas 0 Nays *Motion Carries*

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to accept the Mayor’s appointment of Patrick Griggs to the Tree Commission moved by Councilor Stickleby and seconded by Councilor Scott Stiriz.

Vote: 6 Yeas 0 Nays *Motion Carries*

Council President Chamberlin provided the position description for the Clerk of Council to all members of council. He said with a new council member and himself as a new Council President he wanted to provide this as a resource and reminder of the positions’ job duties.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

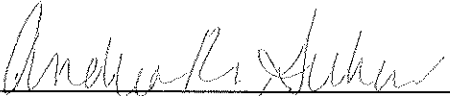
Councilor Schneider moved and seconded by Councilor Griggs to approve and pay the bills as presented.

Vote: 6 Yeas 0 Nays *Motion Carries*


ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Huner asked for a motion to adjourn. Council President Chamberlin moved and seconded by Councilor Stickleby to adjourn this meeting at 5:17 p.m.

All in favor: *Motion Passed Unanimously*



Andrea Gerken, Clerk of Council



Shane Chamberlin, President of Council