

**WAUSEON CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2020**

Council President Chamberlin called this meeting of the Wauseon City Council to order at 5:00 p.m. He 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.

Also present were Vic, Shelly & Bekah Cales and Robyn and Jazzi Weber for support.

MINUTES

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

All in favor: *Motion Passed Unanimously*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Griggs gave a brief summary of the February 12, 2020 Tree Commission meeting. He said discussed was Arbor Day which is April 24th and the Tree City Awards Program being hosted by Wauseon in 2021. No action taken.

Councilor Schneider said the Finance Committee met Monday, February 17, 2020. He said Keith Torbet requested additional funds to upgrade the city' fuel monitoring system which the committee approved. Councilor Schneider said also discussed was raising income tax revenue. He said the committee agreed to allow a 1% credit to residents who work outside of Wauseon and pay another municipality. Those individuals will be required to pay ½% to Wauseon beginning in 2021. He said the WRA donated \$16,000 for dugout tops. He said there are still some issues with the WRA pertaining to getting enough funds from the tournaments to cover the city's costs.

Motion to accept the Finance Committee recommendations to approve an additional \$10,000 for a new fuel monitoring systems and to allow for a 1% income tax credit for residents who work outside of Wauseon and pay another municipality beginning in 2021 moved by Councilor Stickley and seconded by Councilor Jeff Stiriz.

Vote: 6 Yeas 0 Nays *Motion Carries*

Councilor Jeff Stiriz said he has been going over the budget and had a couple of questions. He asked Mr. McWatters why he has been attending committee meetings as this costs the city more money. Council President Chamberlin said this matter was best discussed under new business.

Councilor Scott Stiriz said the Safety & Code Committee had a joint meeting with the Clinton Township Trustees on February 20, 2020 to discuss the township fire service agreements. He said they discussed how much to charge the townships without an agreement for Wauseon Fire Department services. He said there were no recommendations but Tom McWatters was asked draft an agreement to send to those townships. Council President Chamberlin said distributed Friday via email was the draft agreement and it will be discussed during new business.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Rick Sluder, Fire Chief: Nothing to report.

Kevin Chittenden, Police Chief: The annual PD meeting was February 19, 2020 and Kevin Knierim was named Officer of the Year. He said the VAWA Grant is to assist with the cost of the victims' advocate.

Keith Torbet, Director of Public Service: On February 18, 2020 the Delta waterline was opened due to a water main break in Delta. The HVAC system is being replaced this week. Thursday, March 5th, the Wabash Cannonball Trail committee is meeting at Rotary shelter house. March 25th is the first preconstruction meeting for the S. Shoop waterline. Wood County will be in Council Chambers on Wednesdays from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. for building permits. The EPA sight inspection for the WTP is Wednesday, March 11th. The WRP was issued their 5 year license on February 28th.

Jamie Giguere, Director of Finance: Income tax revenue is up slightly from 2019.

Tom McWatters, Law Director: He explained the legislation on the agenda.

FIRST READING OF LEGISLATION OR EMERGENCY

Ordinance 2020-3: Amend Section 933.02; Water Rate Schedule Effective June 1, 2020

Motion to place Ordinance 2020-3 on first reading moved by Councilor Stickley and seconded by Councilor Schneider.
Vote: 6 Yeas 0 Nays *Motion Carries*

Resolution 2020-3: Amend Ordinance 2019-8; Annual Appropriation Ordinance by Authorizing the Director of Finance to Increase or Decrease Certain Line Account Appropriations within the Various Funds Listed Within the Year of 2020

Motion to place Resolution 2020-3 on final reading moved by Councilor Stickley and seconded by Councilor Jeff Stiriz.
Vote: 6 Yeas 0 Nays *Motion Carries*

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to accept the VAWA Grant in the amount of \$59,989.34 moved by Councilor Jeff Stiriz and seconded by Councilor Griggs.

Vote: 6 Yeas 0 Nays *Motion Carries*

Council President Chamberlin welcomed new businesses; Warrior Wings and Activate, the doctor's office behind Anytime Fitness.

Councilor Jeff Stiriz asked why Mr. McWatters has been attending committee meetings. He said he has been on council for a lot of years and generally the Law Director doesn't come to most committee meetings. Mr. McWatters said he only attends committee meetings when he is requested to attend or when there is legislation to be discussed. Councilor J Stiriz said he thought the committees were supposed to meet and make recommendations to bring back to council. Councilor J Stiriz said he is concerned about the amount of money this costs the city.

Councilor Stickley asked if the Fire service agreements will be sent to all of the townships. Council President Chamberlin said the draft for the fire contract was distributed on Friday afternoon to Council for review. He asked if any members had questions or comments and no issues were brought forward. He then asked for a motion to approve the draft to be sent on to the Clinton Township Trustees for their consideration.

Motion to accept the draft fire agreement and letter moved by Councilor Schneider and seconded by Councilor Stickley.
Vote: 6 Yeas 0 Nays *Motion Carries*

Council President Chamberlin provided the draft legislation from June 2019 pertaining to the Wauseon Recreation Association to the members of Council for their review. He said this legislation would move the recreation programming under the umbrella of the Park Board. He said since there is a new member he wanted him to understand what is going

on. Council President Chamberlin said he plans to possibly call a special committee of the whole meeting to discuss this document.

Councilor Scott Stiriz asked if the email issue was fixed and Mr. Torbet said yes our IT guy was able to determine that none of the emails actually came from city email.

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, Council President Chamberlin asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilor Stickley moved and seconded by Councilor Griggs to adjourn this meeting at 5:36 p.m.

All in favor: *Motion Passed Unanimously*



Andrea Gerken, Clerk of Council



Shane Chamberlin, President of Council