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February 28, 2020

Wauseon City Council
230 Clinton Street
Wauseon, Ohio 43567

RE: Council Meeting of March 1, 2020

Dear Council Members:

We are not currently aware of anyone wishing to address Council.

The Finance Committee will present a report and recommend that the 2019 Appropriation Ordinance, Ordinance 2019-8, be amended to provide for an increase in the Public Works capital fund of \$10,000 to finance the purchase of a new fuel monitoring system. The Finance Committee will also recommend that the Codified Ordinances be amended to provide for a 1% income tax credit for residents who work outside of Wauseon.

The Safety & Code Committee and Tree Commission will also present reports.

There will be a first reading on Resolution 2020-3 which amends the 2019 Appropriation Ordinance, 2019-8, to provide for an increase in the Public Works capital fund of \$10,000 to allow for the purchase of a new fuel monitoring system.

There will also be a first reading on Ordinance 2020-3, which amends Codified Ordinance section 933.02 to provide for a 5% increase in the water rates effective June 1, 2020. (Please be advised that the June 1, 2020, effective date, which can be revised if Council deems appropriate, is based on there being three readings followed by thirty days before it could become effective.)

There is no legislation for first or second reading.

In new business, a motion will be necessary to authorize the Mayor or her designee to accept the VAWA grant award.

These are the only issues I am aware of to come before Council. Should any member of Council have any questions or comments, you are strongly encouraged to contact the appropriate Department Head prior to the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas A. McWatters III
City Law Director

TAM:knp

cc: Kathy Huner, Mayor
Andrea Gerken, Clerk of Council
Jamie Giguere, Finance Director
The Blade

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WAUSEON CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

March 2, 2020

5:00 pm

Order of Business

1. Call meeting to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Moment of Silence
4. Roll Call
 - a) Council President Chamberlin
 - b) Councilor Schneider
 - c) Councilor Stickley
 - d) Councilor Jeff Stiriz
 - e) Councilor Griggs
 - f) Councilor Scott Stiriz
5. Approval of prior meetings' minutes:
 - a) Council Meeting: February 17, 2020
 - b) Committee of the Whole: February 27, 2020
 - Motion to approve the prior meeting minutes moved by _____ and seconded by _____.
All in favor:
6. Names of Individuals Wishing to Address Council and Topic
7. Committee Reports
 - a) Tree Commission, Wednesday, February 12, 2020, Patrick Griggs, Chair
 - b) Finance Committee: Monday, February 17, 2020, Steve Schneider, Chair
 - Motion to accept the Finance Committee recommendations to approve an additional \$10,000 from the capital fund for a new fuel monitoring system 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 _____ and seconded by _____.
Vote: ____ Yeas ____ Nays
 - c) Safety & Code: Thursday, February 20, 2020, Scott Stiriz, Chair
8. Department Head Reports
 - a) Rick Sluder, Fire Chief
 - b) Kevin Chittenden, Police Chief
 - c) Keith Torbet, Director of Public Service
 - d) Jamie Giguere, Director of Finance
 - e) Thomas McWatters III, Law Director
9. First Reading of Legislation or Emergency

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a) 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 _____ and seconded by _____.

Vote: ____ Yeas ____ Nays

b) 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 _____ and seconded by _____.

Vote: ____ Yeas ____ Nays

10. Second Reading of Legislation or Emergency

11. Third Reading of Legislation or Emergency

12. New Business

a) Motion to accept the VAWA Grant in the amount of \$59,989.34 moved by _____ and seconded by _____.

Vote: ____ Yeas ____ Nays

13. Approval of the Bills

a) Motion to approve and pay the bills as presented moved by _____ and seconded by _____.

Vote: ____ Yeas ____ Nays

14. Adjournment

a) Motion to adjourn at _____ p.m. moved by _____ and seconded by _____.

All in favor:

Andrea R Gerken
Clerk of Council

Council reserves the right to adjourn into Executive Session at any time it deems appropriate. The distribution of this Agenda does not obligate Council to take action on the items set forth herein, nor does it limit Council from taking action on other items not on the Agenda. The items listed on the Agenda are subject to change. If additional items are added, Council will use its best effort to notify all interested parties of changes prior to the meeting.



*MINUTES OF THE WAUSEON TREE COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 12, 2020*

ATTENDANCE - COMMISSION MEMBERS - Pete Carr (present)
Tom Collins (present)
Larry Frey (present)
Rick Frey (present)
Patrick Griggs (present)
Dan Nelson (present)
Jim Spiess (present)

VISITOR Keith Torbet, City Administrator

The regular meeting of the Wauseon Tree Commission was held in Council Chambers at 230 Clinton St., Wauseon, OH. Chairman Rick Frey called the meeting to order at 7:15 a.m.

Tree Report – Larry reported that 38 trees were removed and several new trees were put in their place. Jim suggested the Oklahoma Elm tree be moved to the Middle School this year. Larry, Rick and Tom suggested planting a Chestnut tree with a plaque at North Park in memory of Walt Lange (Swanton Tree Commission member and Booster award winner). The Buckeye trees that were planted are at about a 60% survival rate. A Sunburst Honeylocust tree will be planted at Homecoming Park with Kim Bowles name on a plaque (outgoing Tree Commission member).

Indian Hill Park – Pete reported that Ed Nofziger and Paul Andre will be putting stone on a few wet spots in both north and south woods.

Tree Commission Members – Jim Spiess asked to be kept on the Tree Commission until April 24, 2020. Patrick Griggs has been appointed to the Tree Commission as a representative for City Council. Laura Kamp would like to be a Tree Commission member when Jim Spiess goes off in April. Laura will be invited to the next Tree Commission meeting.

Arbor Day – Jim will do a presentation on Arbor Day, April 24, 2020 at both Leggett Primary and Wauseon Elementary along with the Fulton SWCD (hands out tree seedlings to every first grader in Fulton County). Woody Warehouse will donate two trees to be planted at these schools on Arbor Day. The Tree Commission would like a male Ginkgo tree be planted at Leggett Primary.

230 Clinton Street, Wauseon, OH 43567

Tree Commission Members: Pete Carr, Tom Collins, Larry Frey, Rick Frey, Patrick Griggs, Dan Nelson, Jim Spiess

Tree City USA Awards Ceremony – Rick asked the members to decide if they will attend the Tree City USA Awards Ceremony on May 6, 2020 in Bowling Green. The cost is \$25.00 each.

Tree City USA Awards Ceremony in 2021 – Rick will talk to Stephanie Miller about the agenda and approximately how many will attend for when Wauseon hosts this in 2021. The City of Wauseon will provide some funding for this event. Rick asked Pete to check on the cost of rental of the hall and food at St. Caspar Church. Jim suggested checking with Toledo Metro Parks or Nate Andre (composting business) for a keynote speaker for this event. Jim suggested a committee be formed to plan this event.

The next meeting will be March 11, 2020 at 7:15 a.m. in Council Chambers. Tom Collins moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Larry Frey. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 a.m.

Submitted by Kim Bowles via notes from Pete Carr 2/19/20

Finance Committee Meeting
Monday, February 17, 2020
12:06 PM

Members Present: Steve Schneider, Chair, Shane Chamberlin and Jeff Stiriz

Staff Present: Jamie Giguere, Trish Lillich, Keith Torbet, Rick Sluder, Kevin Chittenden, Harold Stickley and Andrea Gerken

Fuel Monitoring System

Councilor Schneider turned the floor over to Jamie Giguere and she said that Keith Torbet has a request. Mr. Torbet said he needs to amend the budget to add additional funds to upgrade our fuel monitoring system. He said it is currently budgeted for \$14,000 to upgrade it but that would basically be putting a band aid on our current system. He has researched fuel monitoring systems and the one he would like to get is \$24,000. He said it will send information directly to the Finance Department. There was general discussion about the proposed new system.

Council President Chamberlin asked Finance Director Giguere her opinion. Jamie Giguere said she would rather spend the extra money to get a better system. Mr. Torbet said if the budget cannot be increased he will not do anything at this time. Council President Chamberlin said he is concerned about saying yes to extra spending with our revenue going down the past couple of years. But he said he is okay with paying an additional \$10,000 for this project as it affects the whole city. Councilor Schneider and Councilor Stiriz both agreed.

Motion to amend the budget to allow for an additional \$10,000 from the capital fund to upgrade the fuel monitoring system moved by Council President Chamberlin and seconded by Councilor Stiriz.

Vote: 3 Yeas 0 Nays *Motion Carries*

Income Tax Credits for Residents Who Work Outside of Wauseon

Councilor Schneider said when the January taxes came in they were higher and he is wondering if we know why. Income Tax Commissioner, Trish Lillich said she thinks people are filing sooner.

Jamie provided a list of municipalities and the credits offered in our area. Jamie Giguere said she feels not allowing a 100% credit for residents who work outside of Wauseon would help increase our revenue. Jamie Giguere explained that someone who works in Archbold pays 1.5% income tax to Archbold and we currently give them a 100% credit since they paid income tax to them; she is proposing requiring residents who work outside of Wauseon be required to pay ½% to Wauseon in addition to what they pay to the municipality where they work.

Councilor Schneider asked what our other options are to increase revenue. Miss Giguere said the other option is to increase the percent of income tax but that requires going to the voters. Councilor Schneider asked about possibly taking increasing the percentage of sales tax in the city. Jamie Giguere said the sales tax was \$13,500 in 2019. Councilor Schneider said that would not generate much revenue. There was general discussion about various options to increase revenue.

Motion to allow for a 1% income tax credit for Wauseon residents who work outside of the city and pay to another municipality beginning in 2021 moved by Councilor Stiriz and seconded by Council President Chamberlin.

Vote: 3 Yeas 0 Nays *Motion Carries*

WRA

Councilor Stiriz asked how much we received in 2019 from the WRA. Jamie Giguere said we received a check for \$16,000 from the baseball board for new dugout tops. Council President Chamberlin said a softball net that was purchased by the WRA was put in Roy Norman's barn but the administration has no standing because the WRA is its' own entity. Councilor Schneider said he would like to see the city get something for each tournament because the city pays for the utilities and the manpower to get the fields ready. Councilor Stiriz asked how much overtime was paid to the recreation department for the tournament. Council President Chamberlin said he thinks the WRA is missing checks and balances. Keith Torbet said he did speak with the recreation department and they will be revamping their schedules to eliminate some of the overtime. He said 2019 was a different type of year as they were both new to their positions. Jamie Giguere said the softball tournament wages and benefits were \$4200 and the baseball tournament wages and benefits were \$7400. She said that does not include utilities and supplies. There was general discussion about the WRA.

Councilor Schneider asked if there were any questions from the others present. Mr. Torbet said the health department is still giving him trouble with the hot dog cart for the pool. He said he is looking into other options including possibly building a new snack shack. There was general discussion about the snack shack and hot dog cart and other options.

Jamie Giguere said we should also start discussing the pool levy. She said she recommends renewing this levy for operation costs of the pool. There was general discussion about the levy.

With no further business to discuss, Councilor Schneider moved and seconded by Councilor Stiriz to adjourn this meeting at 12:53 PM.

All in favor: *Motion Passed Unanimously*

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea R. Gerken
Clerk of Council

Clinton Township Trustees Meeting Fulton County, Ohio

February 20, 2020

1:00 p.m.

Trustees Present: Ivan Hite, Rick Frey, Larry Neuenschwander

Others Present: Nancy Yackee, Eric Eyer, Jason Fisher, Rick Sluder, Fire Chief

Guests: Wauseon City Councilmen Harold Stickley and Scott Stiriz, Wauseon Mayor Kathy Huner, Dover Twp. Trustee Larry Burkholder, Phil Kessler, Assistant Fire Chief, Tom McWatters, Wauseon City Attorney, Dave Murry, Joe Garcia, G.T. Contracting

President Mr. Hite called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Neuenschwander made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 30, 2020 regular meeting as written. Mr. Frey seconded the motion.

By vote: Frey - **Yes** Neuenschwander – **Yes** Hite – **Yes** Motion **carried**

Mr. Frey made a motion to accept the February 20, 2020 agenda as given. Mr. Neuenschwander seconded the motion.

By vote: Frey-**Yes** Neuenschwander – **Yes** Hite – **Yes** Motion **carried**

Mr. Frey made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Mr. Neuenschwander seconded the motion.

By vote: Frey - **Yes** Neuenschwander – **Yes** Hite – **Yes** Motion **carried**

Fiscal Officer Nancy Yackee presented the following financial reports for review and signatures and/or initials of the Trustees: 1/31/20-2/20/20 Payment Listing, Receipt Listing, Appropriation Status, Appropriation Budget, Revenue Status, Revenue Budget, Cash Summary by Fund. A copy of the Fund Status Report was given to each Trustee.

Joe Garcia of G.T. Contracting spoke to the Board about doing crack and seal in the township suggesting the CO RD 18 Bet. USA20 and CO RD F need work. The Board thanked him for coming and will look at what needs to be done.

FIRE DISCUSSION: Discussion as to bill for service for Wauseon Fire Service to the townships that did not contract for fire service. It was discussed how much was to be charged. Rick Sluder suggested using FEMA rates and a flat fee for capital costs. Atty Tom McWatters will put a contract together and present it to the City and Clinton Township.
EMS monies were also discussed.

RESOLUTION 04-2020-02-20- A motion was made by Mr. Frey to sell the Clinton Township Excavator that was under an equipment use agreement with Wauseon Union Cemetery to Wauseon Union Cemetery for \$25,000 as is and with no warranty. A second motion was made by Mr. Neuenschwander.

By vote: Frey - **Yes** Neuenschwander – **Yes** Hite – **Yes** Motion **carried**

OLD BUSINESS

ZONING

-Jason suggested the zoning and board of appeals boards have a meeting to suggest changes to the zoning codes for fences and signage.

FIRE

-The new hurst tools were used at two accident crashes already and worked well.

ROAD

-Purchase of a roadside mower was discussed and it was decided not to purchase one at this time.

RESOLUTION 05-2020-02-20 A 2020 Equipment proposal was discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Frey to purchase the Bobcat T 740 at a cost of \$62,344.28 with the sale of the excavator to Wauseon Union Cemetery of \$25,000 going towards the purchase and a grasshopper 329-G4 for \$6,190.25. A second motion was made by Mr. Neuenschwander.

By vote: Frey - **Yes** Neuenschwander – **Yes** Hite – **Yes** Motion **carried**

-Estimate to do Pettisville Roads was given at \$400,000. Some of the streets in Pettisville need to be widened.

RESOLUTION 05-2020-02-20-A motion was made by Mr. Neuenschwander to do the infrastructure that will need to be done in 2020 in Pettisville before the streets can be done and send to the Fulton County Engineer the road proposal for chip and fog of CO RD 17 bet A-B and CR 17 bet B-C. and 1" overlay of CR 18 bet A-b, CR 16 bet A-B, CR 17 Bet F-US20A and CR 17 bet H-US20 and possibly CR 16 Bet US20A and SH2. A second motion was made by Mr. Frey.

By vote: Frey - **Yes** Neuenschwander – **Yes** Hite – **Yes** Motion **carried**

CEMETERY

No report

IVAN HITE

-attended the Fulton County Engineer meeting held at the Administration building on Feb. 14

RICK FREY

-discussed how the billboard on SH 108 and AC looks and it was decided that some work should be done to it to make it look better.

Nancy presented a proposal from Farmers and Merchants bank to open a sweep account.

RESOLUTION 06-2020-02-20-A motion was made by Mr. Neuenschwander to switch our accounts to Farmers and Merchants Bank from Huntington Bank. A second was made by Mr. Frey.

By vote: Frey - **Yes** Neuenschwander – **Yes** Hite – **Yes** Motion **carried**

The next township meeting will be held Thursday, March 5 at 1:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Neuenschwander to adjourn at 4:40 p.m. Mr. Frey seconded the motion.

By vote: Frey - **Yes** Neuenschwander – **Yes** Hite – **Yes** Motion **carried**

Ivan Hite, President

Larry Neuenschwander, Vice President

Rick Frey

Date: _____

Nancy J Yackee, Fiscal Officer

Emergency
First Reading
Second Reading
Third Reading
Suspension

Yes No

RESOLUTION 2020-3

A RESOLUTION TO 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.

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Wauseon, Ohio that to provide for the current expenses and other expenditures of said City of Wauseon during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2020, the following line item accounts are authorized to be increased and/or decreased as indicated and set aside and appropriated as follows:

SECTION 2. That Section 6 be amended to read as increased and/or decreased as follows:

<u>GENERAL FUND</u>		<u>INCREASED</u>	<u>DECREASED</u>
Reimbursements	403.699.52300	10,000.00	
Unappropriated Capital Income Tax			10,000.00
Total Capital Income Tax		10,000.00	10,000.00

SECTION 3. AND the City Finance Director is hereby authorized to draw his warrants on the City Treasurer for payments from any of the foregoing appropriations upon receiving proper certificates and vouchers therefor, approved by officers authorized by law to approve the same or an Ordinance or Resolution of Council to make the expenditures; provided that no warrants shall be drawn or paid for salaries or wages except the persons employed by authority of and in accordance with law or ordinance.

SECTION 4. THIS Resolution shall be in full force immediately upon passage of Council and approved by the Mayor.

Passed: March 2,2020

ATTEST:

Kathy Huner, Mayor

Andrea Gerken
Clerk of Council

Shane Chamberlin
President of Council

Approved as to Form:

City Law Director

I, Andrea Gerken, Clerk of Council for the City of Wauseon, do hereby certify that this is a true and accurate copy of Resolution 2020-3 passed on March 2, 2020

Andrea Gerken, Clerk of Council

	Yes	No
Emergency		
First Reading		
Second Reading		
Third Reading		
Suspension		

ORDINANCE 2020-3

AN ORDINANCE MODIFYING THE RATE SCHEDULE FOR WATER AND SEWER RATES FOR THE CITY OF WAUSEON

WHEREAS, the City of Wauseon has undertaken a rate study and analysis to determine the appropriate water and sewer fees necessary to ensure that the water and sewer fund remains solvent; and

WHEREAS, Council has determined that it is necessary to raise the base water rate 5% to ensure that the water and sewer fund remains solvent; and

WHEREAS, Council has determined that it is appropriate for the water rate increase to take effect June 1, 2020;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Wauseon, Fulton County, Ohio as follows:

Section 1.

That sections 933.02(a)(1) and 933.02(a)(2) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Wauseon shall be amended to read as follows.

933.02 RATE SCHEDULE.

(a) The following shall be the water rates charged by the Municipality for water services per billing period as recorded by each water meter in use on the premises. In the event of one or more meters on the premises, each meter shall be billed separately:

(1) Beginning on June 1, 2020, the effective water rates shall be

<u>Residential Accounts</u>	<u>Rate per 100 cubic feet</u>
First 7.00 hundred cubic feet	\$6.17
Over 7.00 hundred cubic feet	\$4.10
Minimum charge per billing	\$7.11

<u>Commercial Accounts</u>	<u>Rate per 100 cubic feet</u>
First 20 hundred cubic feet	\$6.17
Over 20 hundred cubic feet	\$4.10
Minimum charge per billing	\$20.85

(2) Beginning June 1, 2020, residential and commercial accounts inside the City limits whose usage exceeds 100,000 cubic feet per billing period shall pay at the rate of \$21.88 per 1000 cubic feet of water.

Section 2.

That all other ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Passed:

Kathy Huner, Mayor

Shane Chamberlin, President of Council

Attest: _____

Andrea Gerken
Clerk of Council

Approved as to form:

Thomas A. McWatters III
City Law Director

**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 Stickley 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 Stickley 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

**WAUSEON CITY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2020**

Councilor President Chamberlin called this meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. Roll was called by the Clerk of Council. Present were Councilors J Stiriz, S Stiriz, Stickley, Griggs and Schneider. Also present was Keith Torbet.

President Chamberlin said there will be a Tree Commission report given. He said a summary was provided at the last Committee of the Whole and asked Councilor Griggs if he wanted to discuss anything else and Councilor Griggs said no.

Councilor Schneider said the Finance Committee met February 17, 2020. Keith Torbet said he would like to update the fuel monitoring system but he needs an additional \$10,000 to get a better system. Councilor Schneider said various options were discussed on how to increase the income tax revenue. The committee decided a partial income tax credit for residents who work outside of Wauseon and pay another municipality. There was general discussion about ways to increase revenue. Councilor Schneider said Mr. Torbet is working to decrease the recreation employee overtime. Keith Torbet said last year the WRA gave more money than the city put out. He said he is working to get a better balance with the WRA. There was general discussion about the WRA.

The Finance Committee recommended approving an additional \$10,000 from the capital fund for a new fuel monitoring system and to allow for a 1% income tax credit for residents who work outside of Wauseon and pay another municipality beginning in 2021.

Councilor S Stiriz said the Safety & Code Committee met in a joint meeting with the Clinton Township Trustees to discuss fire service contracts. He said there was discussion about billing townships that do not have contracts with our fire department. He said Chief Sluder recommended using the current FEMA rates plus a flat rate to cover capital costs. He said Mr. McWatters is composing an agreement for review by council and Clinton Township for township fire service agreements. Councilor Stickley said the townships will have 30 days to respond. Councilor Stickley asked why Andrea Gerken did not attend this meeting and Councilor S Stiriz said he told her not to.

President Chamberlin said the fire contracts issue is time sensitive and there may be a draft sent via email either with the packets or later via a different email. There was general discussion about the fire contracts.

President Chamberlin said there is no legislation for second or third reading but there are two for first reading:

Ordinance 2020-3: Amend Section 933.02: Water Rate Schedule

Council President Chamberlin said he thinks it should go the full three readings to allow for the public to be notified and have a chance to comment. Keith Torbet said going the full three readings will make the increase effective June 1, 2020. There was general discussion about the water rates.

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

President Chamberlin said there will be a motion to accept the VAWA Grant in the amount of \$59,989.34. President Chamberlin provided a brief summary of the staff meeting.

There being no further business, this meeting adjourned at 8:24 a.m.