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July 31, 2020

Wauseon City Council
230 Clinton Street
Wauseon, Ohio 43567

RE: Council Meeting of August 3, 2020

Dear Council Members:

By way of reminder, the meeting will be conducted via Zoom.

Currently, Becky Thatcher, Candidate, Fulton County Commissioners, would like to address Council at the start of the meeting.

The Tree Commission will present a report.

There will be a first reading on the following resolutions:

1. Resolution 2020-14 (emergency), which submits the question of renewing part of the existing tax levy of for the purpose of parks and recreational purposes to the electors of the City.
2. Resolution 2020-15, which amends 2019-8, the annual appropriation ordinance, to increase certain account appropriation in connection with the receipt of funds from the Coronavirus Relief Fund.

There is no legislation for second or third reading.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Thomas A. McWatters III
City Law Director

TAM:knp

cc: Kathy Huner, Mayor
Andrea Gerken, Clerk of Council
Jamie Giguere, Finance Director
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WAUSEON CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
August 3, 2020 @ 5:00 pm
Zoom Cloud Meeting

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: July 6, 2020
 - b) Committee of the Whole: July 16, 2020
 - Motion to approve the meeting minutes moved by _____ and seconded by _____.
All in favor:
6. Names of Individuals Wishing to Address Council and Topic
 - a) Becky Thatcher, Candidate for Fulton County Commissioner
7. Committee Reports
 - a) Tree Commission: Wednesday, July 15, 2020, Patrick Griggs, 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
 - a) Resolution 2020-14: A Resolution Submitting to the Electors of the City the Question of Renewing Part of an Existing Tax Levy for the Purpose of Parks and Recreational Purposes; and Declaring an Emergency
 - Motion to place Resolution 2020-14 on emergency reading moved by _____ and seconded by _____.
Vote: ____ Yeas ____ Nays

- Motion to place Resolution 2020-14 on final reading moved by _____ and seconded by _____.

Vote: ____ Yeas ____ Nays

- b) Resolution 2020-15: A Resolution to Amend Ordinance 2019-8, Annual Appropriation Ordinance, by Authorizing the Director of Finance to Increase Certain Account Appropriations in Connection with the Coronavirus Relief Fund

- Motion to place Resolution 2020-15 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

13. Approval of the Bills

- a) Motion to approve and pay the bills 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
JULY 15, 2020*

ATTENDANCE - COMMISSION MEMBERS - Pete Carr (present)
Tom Collins (absent)
Larry Frey (present)
Rick Frey (present)
Patrick Griggs (absent)
Laura Kamp (present) (Zoom)
Dan Nelson (absent)

VISITOR - Stephanie Miller, Forester, guest speaker (Zoom)

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 8:30 a.m.

Welcome – Rick welcomed Stephanie Miller, Regional Urban Forester and Laura Kamp, new member (she replaced Jim Spiess) to the meeting by Zoom.

Tree City USA – Stephanie discussed Tree City USA format with the Tree Commission members. She said that the host provides the awards lunch. The lunch is the biggest expense. She said to keep the cost per person at \$20-\$25.00 each. Menu: coffee, fruit, healthy food. Some giveaway gift suggestions were coffee mug, water bottle, pruning saw, or coaster. Make sure the cost of the giveaway gift doesn't cause you to go into the red. She suggested that the vendors pay \$25.00 to display at the Awards Lunch. Some suggestions were: Soil Moist and Maumee State Forest. Possible drawing for gifts. The event should last until about 2:00 p.m. Average attendance to these events is 220 people. Wauseon is scheduled to host June of 2021. Stephanie stated that we will not do the event if it is not safe (COVID-19). The City of Wauseon should budget between \$6250-\$8000. It was mentioned to have Patrick Griggs bring this up at a council meeting to allocate that amount for the event. Other items mentioned by Stephanie were:

- Commit to a date in the summer.
- Let Stephanie know when we have a firm speaker and topic. (Nate Andre of Andre Farms LLC Compost will be our speaker. The compost facility is the only one in the State of Ohio.)
- Make sure of commitments – Banquet may be delayed until later in the year of 2021.
- Get with Stephanie two months to go over more details (September meeting).
- Have Mayor introduce guest speaker and give background on Wauseon and added attractions.

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

Tree Commission Academy – Laura Kamp asked about this and our management plan. Stephanie said Tree Commission Academy covers a variety of topics pertaining to being a Tree Commission member and there are four two-day classes.

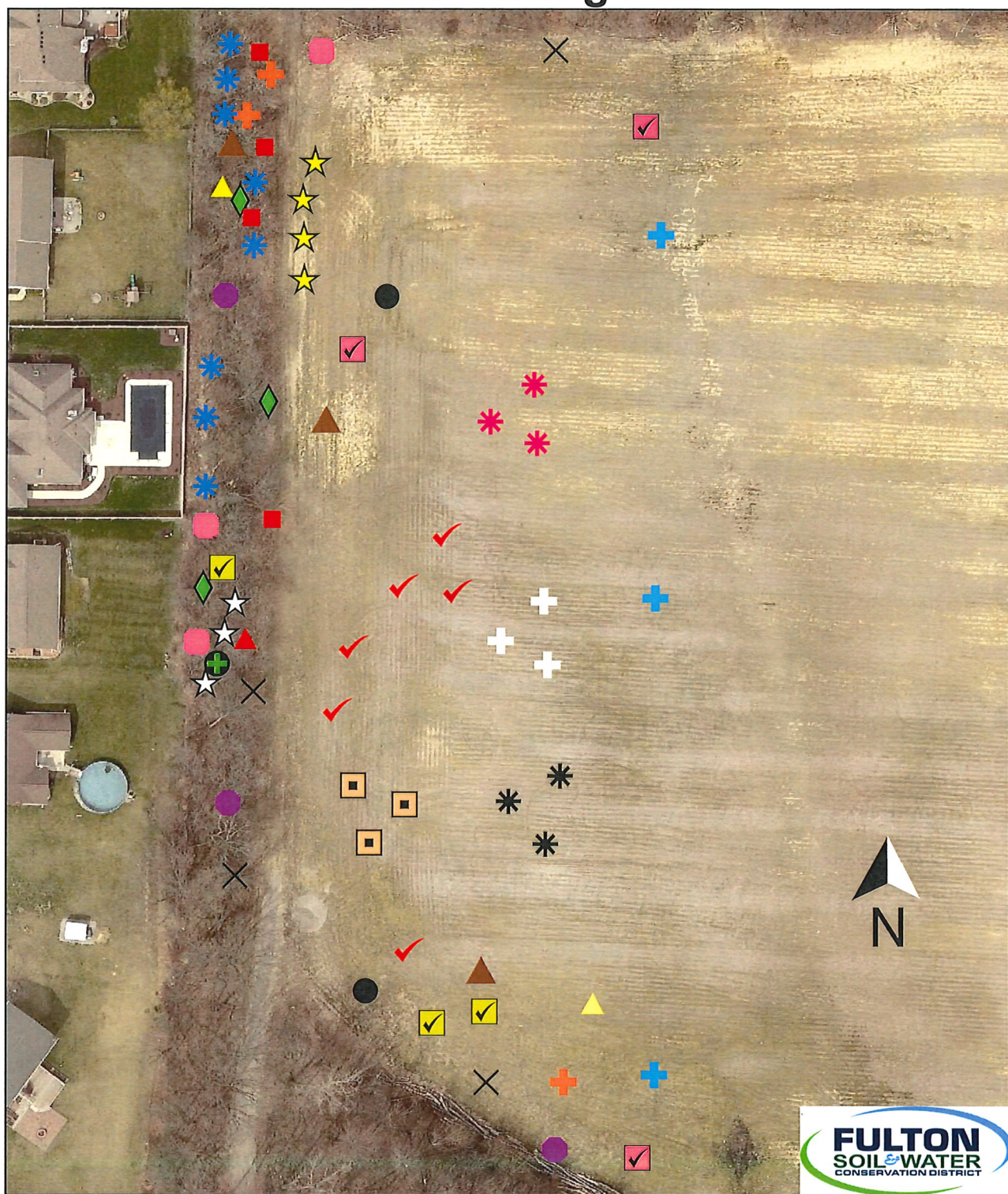
Indian Hills Trails – Pete Carr passed out map showing trees planted at Indian Hills Trails (see attached).

New Tree Commission Member – Larry Frey will show Laura Kamp the trees in the city limits and Tree Commission projects including tree removal and planting in right of ways.

The next meeting will be August 12, 2020 at 7:30 a.m. in Council Chambers. With no other business to attend to, Chairman Rick Frey adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Submitted by Pete Carr 7/28/20.

Wauseon Rotary Trail Homecoming Park



Legend

▲ autumn blaze	✱ blue spruce	⊕ oak	☑ sweetgum
▲ autumn flame	◻ bur oak	■ october glory	▲ tulip poplar
● beech	● chokecherry	✓ red oak	⊕ white oak
✚ bird house	✕ dead	✚ redbud	☑ yellowwood
● black gum	◊ dogwood-dead	★ river birch	
✱ black oak	☆ maple	✱ scarlet oak	

Emergency
First Reading
Second Reading
Third Reading

Yes No

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-14_____

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY THE QUESTION OF RENEWING PART OF AN EXISTING TAX LEVY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PARKS AND RECREATIONAL PURPOSES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, on July 20, 2020, this Council adopted Resolution No. 2020-11 pursuant to Sections 5705.03 and 5705.19(H) of the Revised Code declaring it necessary to renew and decrease by 0.6 mill the City's existing 2.6-mill tax levy outside of the ten-mill limitation approved by the voters at an election held on November 3, 2015, to constitute a 2.0-mill levy for the purpose of parks and recreational purposes, for five years, and requesting the Fulton County Auditor to certify the total current tax valuation of the City and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by that renewal and decrease levy; and

WHEREAS, on July 21, 2020, the County Auditor certified that the total current tax valuation of the City is \$128,943,690 and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by that proposed 2.0-mill renewal and decrease levy would be \$238,982 annually during the life of the levy, assuming that the total current tax valuation remains the same throughout the life of the levy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WAUSEON, COUNTY OF FULTON, OHIO, not less than two-thirds of all members of said Council elected thereto concurring, that:

Section 1: Declaration of Necessity of Tax Levy. This Council finds, determines and declares that the amount of taxes that may be raised by the City within the ten-mill limitation by levies on the current tax list and duplicate will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of the City, and that it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of that limitation for the purpose of parks and recreational purposes, and specifically that it is necessary to renew and decrease by 0.6 mill the existing 2.6-mill levy approved by the voters of the City at an election on November 3, 2015, for the purpose of parks and recreation purposes, to constitute a 2.0-mill levy for that purpose for a period of five years.

Section 2: Submission of Question of Tax Levy to the Electors. The question of renewing part of the City's existing 2.6-mill ad valorem property tax outside of the ten-mill limitation approved by the voters on November 3, 2015, being a reduction of 0.6-mill, to constitute a 2.0-mill levy for the purpose of parks and recreational purposes, for five years, beginning with the tax list and duplicate for the year 2020, the proceeds of which levy first would be available to the City in calendar year 2021, shall be submitted under the provisions of Sections 5705.19(H) of the Revised Code to the electors of the City at an election to be held therein on November 3, 2020, as authorized by law. That election shall be held at the regular places of voting in the City as established by the Fulton County Board of Elections, or otherwise, within the times provided by law and shall be conducted, canvassed and certified in the manner provided by law.

Section 3: Notice of Election. The Clerk of Council (or any Acting Clerk of Council) is hereby authorized and directed to give or cause to be given notice of that election as provided by law.

Section 4: Delivery of Materials to Board of Elections. The Clerk of Council (or any Acting Clerk of Council) is hereby directed to deliver or cause to be delivered a certified copy of this Resolution, Resolution No. 2020-11 referred to in the first preamble to this Resolution and the related County Auditor's Certificate referred to in the second preamble to this Resolution, to the Fulton County Board of Elections before the close of business on Wednesday, August 5, 2020.

Section 5: Compliance with Open Meeting Requirements. This Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council and of any of its committees concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Council or committees, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

Section 6: Captions and Headings. The captions and headings in this Resolution are solely for convenience of reference and in no way define, limit or describe the scope or intent of any Sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs or clauses hereof.

Section 7: Declaration of Emergency; Effective Date. This Resolution is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the City, and for the further reason that this Resolution is required to be immediately effective so that it, together with other necessary materials, can be timely filed with the Fulton County Board of Elections in order to submit the question of the levy to the electors at an election to be held on November 3, 2020; wherefore, this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Mayor.

Adopted: August 3, 2020

President of Council

Attest: _____

Clerk of Council

Mayor

Approved as to Form:

Director of Law

I, Andrea R. Gerken, Clerk of Council for the City of Wauseon, do hereby certify that this is a true and accurate copy of Resolution No. 2020-14, adopted on August 3, 2020.

Clerk of Council

RESOLUTION 2020-15

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 4 be amended to read as increased and/or decreased as follows:

<u>CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND</u>		<u>INCREASED</u>	<u>DECREASED</u>
Wages - Police	205.101.52110	30,000.00	
Supplies - Police	205.101.52400	3,000.00	
Wages - Fire	205.102.52110	9,000.00	
Supplies - Fire	205.102.52400	6,000.00	
Supplies - EMS	205.102.52410	1,000.00	
Wages - Rec	205.301.52110	5,000.00	
Supplies - Rec	205.301.52400	500.00	
Wages - WRP	205.504.52110	7,000.00	
Supplies - WRP	205.504.52400	2,500.00	
Supplies - Water Office	205.551.52400	250.00	
Wages - WTP	205.554.52110	10,000.00	
Wages - PSD	205.698.52110	5,000.00	
Supplies - PSD	205.698.52400	250.00	
Wages - PW	205.699.52110	40,000.00	
Prof Services - Mayor	205.701.52320	5,000.00	
Wages - Finance	205.704.52110	10,000.00	
Supplies - Finance	205.704.52400	500.00	
Supplies - Building	205.705.52400	8,589.77	
Legal Fees - Counsel	205.709.52350	15,000.00	
Wages - Clerk	205.799.52110	5,000.00	
Supplies - Clerk	205.799.52400	250.00	
Unappropriated Coronavirus Relief Fund			163,839.77
Total Coronavirus Relief Fund		163,839.77	163,839.77

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: August 3, 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 2020-15 passed on August 3, 2020

Andrea Gerken
Clerk of Council

**WAUSEON CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 20, 2020**

Mayor Huner called this meeting of the Wauseon City Council to order at 5:04 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 Scott Stiriz to approve the minutes as printed.

All in favor: *Motion Passed Unanimously*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Stickley gave a brief summary of the July 6, 2020 Buildings and Grounds meeting. He said the committee is reviewing draft legislation to ban removing fish from Rotary Pond. No action taken.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Chief Sluder: Nothing to report. President Chamberlin asked about the temporary reception area that the FD helped create. Chief Sluder said it has been disassembled and is in the FD storage area.

Chief Chittenden: Safety City wrapped up the end of last week and 41 kids went through the program.

Keith Torbet: Ridgeville Telephone has completed the work on Shoop Ave and they will come back in the fall to reseed for grass. He gave a presentation for the Small City's grant last week to redo Oak St. He explained Resolution 2020-12.

Jamie Giguere: The Finance office has been closed and will not reopen until at least Monday, July 27, 2020 due to COVID-19 exposure. The checks will be printed next week since they cannot be in the office.

Tom McWatters: He explained Resolutions 2020-10 & 2020-11 which pertain to the recreation renewal levy. He said that an additional piece of legislation will be read and voted on after the auditor certifies the amount to be collected.

FIRST READING OF LEGISLATION OR EMERGENCY

Resolution 2020-9: A Resolution Adopting the Fulton County Hazard Mitigation Plan; and Declaring an Emergency

Motion to place Resolution 2020-9 on emergency moved by Councilor Jeff Stiriz and seconded by Councilor Schneider.
Vote: 6 Yeas 0 Nays *Motion Carries*

Motion to place Resolution 2020-9 on final reading moved by Councilor Jeff Stiriz and seconded by Council President Chamberlin.
Vote: 6 Yeas 0 Nays *Motion Carries*

Resolution 2020-10: A Resolution Vacating Resolution 2020-8; and Declaring an Emergency

Motion to place Resolution 2020-10 on emergency moved by Councilor Stickley and seconded by Councilor Scott Stiriz.
Vote: 6 Yeas 0 Nays *Motion Carries*

Motion to place Resolution 2020-10 on final reading moved by Councilor Griggs and seconded by Councilor Schneider.
Vote: 6 Yeas 0 Nays Motion Carries

Resolution 2020-11: A Resolution Declaring it Necessary to Renew Part of an Existing Tax Levy for the Purpose of Parks and Recreational Purposes, Requesting the Fulton County Auditor to Certify the Total Current Tax Valuation of the City and the Dollar Amount of Revenue that Would be Generated by that Renewal and Decrease Levy, and Declaring an Emergency

Motion to place Resolution 2020-11 on emergency moved by Councilor Stickley and seconded by Councilor Griggs.
Vote: 6 Yeas 0 Nays Motion Carries

Motion to place Resolution 2020-11 on final reading moved by Councilor Schneider and seconded by Councilor Jeff Stiriz.
Vote: 6 Yeas 0 Nays Motion Carries

Resolution 2020-12: A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Electrical Supply Agreement for City Street Lights; and Declaring an Emergency

Motion to place Resolution 2020-12 on emergency moved by Councilor Stickley and seconded by Councilor Griggs.
Vote: 6 Yeas 0 Nays Motion Carries

Motion to place Resolution 2020-12 on final reading moved by Councilor Stickley and seconded by Council President Chamberlin.
Vote: 6 Yeas 0 Nays Motion Carries

Resolution 2020-13: A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute Documents Necessary to Obtain Funds from the City of Wauseon Revolving Loan Fund for the Downtown ADA Ramp Project; and Declaring an Emergency

Motion to place Resolution 2020-13 on emergency moved by Councilor Jeff Stiriz and seconded by Councilor Schneider.
Vote: 6 Yeas 0 Nays Motion Carries

Motion to place Resolution 2020-13 on final reading moved by Councilor Stickley and seconded by Councilor Scott Stiriz.
Vote: 6 Yeas 0 Nays Motion Carries

SECOND READING OF LEGISLATION OR EMERGENCY

There was no legislation for second reading.

THIRD READING OF LEGISLATION OR EMERGENCY

There was no legislation for third reading.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to appoint Laura Kamp to the Tree Commission for the unexpired term of Jim Spiess to December 31, 2021 moved by Councilor Stickley and seconded by Councilor Griggs.
Vote: 6 Yeas 0 Nays Motion Carries

Mayor Huner asked Councilor Griggs about the Tree Commission minutes. Councilor Griggs said he has not yet received them to provide a report.

Motion to table further discussion on the proposed legislation transferring oversight of the operation of the City's recreation programs from the Wauseon Recreation Association to the City's Park Board moved by Councilor Griggs and seconded by Councilor Stickley.

Vote: 3 Yeas (Stickley, Schneider, Griggs) 2 Nays (Chamberlin & Jeff Stiriz) 1 Abstain (Scott Stiriz) Motion Carries

Councilor Jeff Stiriz asked if this motion would just table the draft legislation and was told yes. Councilor Scott Stiriz said he is still on the fence in regards to this topic and he would like to research it further.

Council President Chamberlin read the below prepared statement:

"There was a time when I was pretty green to the operation of a City and the purpose of a legislative body such as City Council. Here I am in my 13th year as a member of the Wauseon City Council, still learning, but with a much better understanding when it comes to the inner workings of a municipality as compared to my early years. My early years involved me working on legislative issues independently, I quickly realized no matter how much I believed in an issue without the support of a majority of my fellow council members, my individual efforts would not be fruitful.

In 2019 I asked my fellow council members to join me in working on a topic, assigning the City's recreational programming responsibilities to the Park Board. In an unusual request from our Law Director, before he would create any work on this topic, a vote of City Council was required. Just imagine how slow the wheels of government would move if a vote of City Council was required for every piece of draft legislation. In any event, the matter was brought before Council and members voted 5 to 1 in support of our Law Department creating a piece of draft legislation, in other words a working document. Still not sure why Councilman Stickley voted against the idea, I would never stand in the way of him working on an issue, understanding in the end I might not vote in favor of the outcome, but why keep another Council member from simply working on an issue.

In June a memorandum was authored by our Law Department along with a draft ordinance. Wanting to gain support of other Council members I decided to let the draft proposal marinate for a while and occasionally chat with other members and attempt to gauge where they stood on the topic. I always wondered what would be the best vehicle for all members to discuss the idea of assigning recreational programming to the Park Board. In 2020 I was fortunate enough to be voted in as Council President. I then realized as Council President maybe calling a special committee of the whole meeting would be a good approach to having an open dialogue amongst members. Then the pandemic happened and I just thought hosting this meeting by way of zoom would have been a train wreck. We eventually made it back to in person meetings and I hosted a special committee of the whole meeting earlier this summer. I thought the special meeting gave everyone an opportunity to share their thoughts and hear from others, mission accomplished!

Now what, my thought eventually bring the matter to a vote. I learned this past Thursday morning Member Griggs is concerned with this cloud of not knowing looming over the Wauseon Recreation Association (WRA). Member Griggs wants to dissolve the draft legislation, in other words make it go away. Member Griggs shared his thoughts as to why recreational programming under the City umbrella is a bad idea. In summary, those reasons included an inability of youth sport groups to fundraise, the financial hit to the City having to pay benefits to employees, everything is okay right now why make a change, members are wanting this change simply to have control, and something along the lines of what more does the WRA need to do.

No worries, youth sports will be able to fundraise without the WRA. The City of Bryan's youth does not seem to go without and recreational programming there is over seen by their Park Board. We can stop with this scare tactic.

Yes there will be some additional cost to the City for paying employees for work they do, but this is simply nature of the business. I personally think if employees are doing work why should we legislatively keep them from receiving benefits.

Yes things seem to be going well right now, kudos to the present WRA Board members. But it was not that long ago things were in disarray, exhibited by the \$30,000 loss brought upon by poor decision making by past board members. Which looking back soon after the financial loss become public the WRA president and treasurer resigned. It was not

that long ago WRA money (from the softball board) was used to purchase batting cages that were installed into a private citizen's barn. So instead of using the Councilman Stickley's approach of waiting for a fire to start and then trying to extinguish it, I would rather apply fire prevention.

And to be honest, I am not sure if the WRA is a governing board or an advisory board. It seems they describe themselves as both. During a recent committee of the whole meeting members of the WRA were present and denied making the decision to cancel recreational programming this season due to COVID. Yet not long after the meeting a member of the WRA posted a comment on social media owning the decision of cancelling programming. They described themselves as advisory but I watched a WRA meeting not long ago on zoom where they voted to banish the softball board from affiliation with the WRA. They made a decision, much more than offering advice to our Parks and Recreation Director. Not long ago the WRA made a decision to offer the City 20% of the revenue generated from tournaments hosted at Biddle Park. This was a decision from the WRA not an opinion offered to our Parks and Recreation Director to help him/her make a decision.

I digress.....

To the idea of control, this notion is incorrect, my goal is oversight. Remember Member Griggs committee work is prevalent throughout the City's operation. The administration of recreational programming by the City would be no different.

And lastly to your point of 'what else does the WRA need to do', I have never asked for anything from the WRA. Other members of Council have given the financial issue some deliberation, which I have not stood in the way of, but in my opinion there is nothing the WRA can do, I am looking to make fundamental change when it comes to handling recreation programming, having it fall under the umbrella of the City.

In conclusion, why the resistance to oversight? Why the resistance for a layer of checks and balances? Where is the harm? These are rhetorical questions right now but something each member should give thought to. This is not my attempt at reinventing the wheel, other jurisdictions already guide recreational programming from within, such as the City of Bryan. And I am sure our Legal Department appreciated the City of Bryan already having such an arrangement, it aided Tom McWatters and his staff in creating the proposed legislation before us today.

Imagine if you were a subordinate within a business and your superior came to you one day and asked that you begin to generate a document that justifies your time and effort during a week and you fought this change tooth and nail. How would this be perceived by the superior? Thought provoking at a minimum.

Under past WRA administration, Council has asked for certain pieces of information and were told no. With this change, that would no longer be an option. Heck a member of the WRA attended a Council meeting years ago and I was asking questions of the WRA member only to be interrupted by our own Law Director and informed the WRA member was not there to answer those types of questions.

Again, why the resistance to oversight?

As members of government, if you are against a system of checks and balances, you might be in the wrong line of work. Our government is based upon a system of checks and balances, therein lies the reason for three branches of government. If we did move recreational programming under the umbrella of the City, our Parks and Recreation Director would be charged with the day to day operations of recreational programming. If the Director were to stumble upon an issue that needed the assistance of the legislative body, he/she would present his/her concern to the Park Board, the Park Board would decide to take no action or make a recommendation to City Council. City Council would then entertain the issue and vote in favor of or against the Park Board recommendation. Simple stuff, no different for the Police Department, the Fire Department, Public Works, or any person within the community. It works and it will work for recreational programming.

If members of Council would join me in voting against Member Griggs' motion tonight, I plan to make a motion on August 3, 2020 to adopt the draft resolution and draft ordinance as presented within the memorandum dated June 14, 2019. Let's have an up and down vote on assigning recreational programming under the City's administrative umbrella."

Mayor Huner thanked President Chamberlin for preparing the statement. Jamie Giguere said that as a city we cannot fundraise. Councilor Griggs said he wanted to table this matter due to the financial burden to the city, but that it can always be removed from the table at a later date. He said the WRA has recently implemented new policies that provide a system of checks and balances and that two council members now sit on the board as non-voting members so Council knows what is going on. Councilor Jeff Stiriz said he likes to do preventative maintenance and though the board is good now it may not always be. Councilor Scott Stiriz said that the money mentioned was funds raised by the Softball Board, not the WRA. Mayor Huner commended the Park Board for appointing someone to sit on the WRA board as a non-voting member. Keith Torbet said he thinks the WRA is doing a good job and this is not the time to torpedo the system. Tom McWatters clarified that the legislation he drafted would give Council oversight of the recreation budget, not the programming. Councilor Stickley said in 2018 he and Councilor Scott Stiriz were involved in the restructuring of the WRA and its' satellite boards. He asked for a copy of the President Chamberlin's statement as he felt it slandered his name. Councilor Scott Stiriz also asked for a copy of the statement. Councilor Schneider said he would like more clarification on the fund raising and how much work this would create for the Finance Department. Mayor Huner said this statement should have been distributed beforehand so it can be reviewed and information can be gathered to provide responses. There was a lot of discussion on the WRA and recreational programming.

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 Jeff Stiriz moved and seconded by Councilor Stickley to adjourn this meeting at 6:16 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, JULY 30, 2020**

Councilor President Chamberlin called this meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. The meeting was held via Zoom and streamed live on Facebook. Roll was called by the Clerk of Council. Present were Councilors Scott Stiriz, Griggs, Schneider and Stickley. Councilor Jeff Stiriz was excused. Also present was Keith Torbet.

Council President Chamberlin gave a brief summary of topics discussed at the staff meeting. He then moved onto the agenda items. Becky Thatcher will be present to introduce herself as a candidate for Fulton County Commissioner.

He said the Tree Commission will give a report. Councilor Griggs provided a brief summary of the July 15, 2020 meeting. He said Stephanie Miller was present via Zoom to discuss the upcoming Tree City USA banquet scheduled in Wauseon in 2021. Most host cities spend \$6250 to \$8000. Pete Carr provided a map showing trees planted at Indian Hills Trails.

He said there are two pieces of legislation for first reading:

Resolution 2020-14: A Resolution Submitting to the Electors of the City the Question of Renewing Part of an Existing Tax Levy for the Purpose of Parks and Recreational Purposes; and Declaring an Emergency.

Resolution 2020-15: A Resolution Amending the Budget to Include the COVID-19 Funds

Council President Chamberlin said there is no legislation for second or third reading.

He said there is currently nothing under new business.

President Chamberlin reminded Councilor Schneider that a Finance Committee meeting needs scheduled to discuss the WRA proposal. Councilor Schneider asked if there was a tournament held at Biddle Park last weekend. There was general discussion about having and hosting tournaments at the park.

Clerk Andrea Gerken reminded members that there is a Building and Grounds meeting on Monday, August 3, 2020 @ 4:30 p.m. that will be held via Zoom.

There being no further business, this meeting adjourned at 7:45 a.m.