

**WAUSEON CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, September 19, 2022**

Mayor Huner called this meeting of the Wauseon City Council to order at 5:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. She led the Pledge of Allegiance which was followed by a moment of silence.

ROLL CALL

Roll was taken by the Clerk of Council. Present were Council President Stiriz, Councilors Chamberlin, Schneider, Stickley, and Heising to constitute a quorum for the transaction of city business. Councilor Tijerina had an excused absence.

MINUTES

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

All in favor: *Motion Passed Unanimously*

OATH

Mayor Huner read former Chief Sluder's Resignation letter. As of September 12, 2022, Rick Sluder started his new position as the Chief Deputy State Fire Marshal for the State of Ohio. Mayor recognized Rick Sluder for working with the city of Wauseon Fire Department since 1990, she also recognized him for the role he played in a few of Wauseon's major fires. Mayor Huner then read the Oath of Office for the new Fire Chief, Phil Kessler. Heather Kessler, Phil Kessler's wife, pinned his new badge on.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Chief Kessler gave a report for the Fire Department. He stated that the Fair was a success with no major issues, and that they will continue working on staffing for next year. He said the transition between himself and former Chief Sluder has been smooth with great support without skipping a beat.

Director of Public Service, Keith Torbet gave an update on his department. Work on Brunell Street is continuing. He said Brunell and Leggett Street would be closed on September 20th while a subbase was put in. Also, on the 20th Spectrum said that they would finally be removing their lines so that the poll that has been in the middle of the road can be removed. The first layer of asphalt will be started on Wednesday. He said 90% of construction should be done in the next 2 weeks. Pavement will be put down at depot street parking lot on September 23rd. The water line on Washington Street should be completed this week and fully functional by next. Unlimited drop off starts September 26th and ends October 1st.

Law Director, Tom McWatters gave his report. He said the bike trail is now officially part of the city.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council President Scott Stiriz gave a report from the previous Tree Commission Meeting on September 12, 2022. He explained the committee members are planning the Tree City USA event that Wauseon will be hosting next year. He said they are looking into locations that would work best and local vendors for the event.

Councilor Stickley gave a report from the previous Park Board Meeting on September 13, 2022. He explained that the committee discussed the six sculptures the artist and donor had chosen to be placed along the bike trail. He said the city will pour concrete slabs to place the sculptures on.

Recommendation to approve the six sculptures chosen by the donor to be placed along the bike trail at the specified locations moved by Councilor Heising and seconded by Council President Stiriz.

Vote: 5 Yeas 0 Nays *Motion Carries*

Councilor Heising gave a report from the Previous Utility Meeting on September 14th. She explained that the committee looked over the bids they received regarding the five-year refuse contract. The Committee quickly narrowed it down to two options.

Option 1 Keeping the trash tags

- They will stay at \$1.30 per tag
- Noting that any local businesses that sell the trash tags can add an additional handling fee

Option 2 Container System

- This option eliminates the trash tag system, implementing a selection of trash containers at various sizes.
- Residents would have the option of 3 different container sizes (listed below)
- Any size bag can be put into the containers. T
- his option also includes biweekly recycling pickup.
- Residents would not have to purchase a container
- The Monthly Refuse bill would be incorporated into the resident's water bill
- Residents cannot opt out of recycling

- 95-gallon container \$15/month
- 65-gallon container \$15/month
- 35-gallon container \$14.50/month
- Recycling for an addition \$1.85

She explained that the committee wanted to seek public input. The decided to go with a google form survey. The survey could be found on social media. It explained the two options and then residents could vote on the option they preferred. She explained that the committee understood that the survey could possibly be skewed towards a younger audience. She said as of that afternoon there had been 665 votes submitted, it's stayed consistent at about 41% for containers and 59% requesting to stick with the current tag system. The committee will meet again to recommend the tag system most likely.

Councilor Heising said Lacey Peterson, a small business owner of Freedom Bound Quilt Shop, located at 1050 N Shoop Avenue came to address the Utility Committee over her water bill. Peterson believes she is not being charged with what is aligned with other businesses. The committee will be checking into it to see if everyone is paying the appropriate amount.

FIRST READING OF LEGISLATION OR EMERGENCY

Resolution 2022-20: A Resolution Authorizing The Mayor To Issue A Request For Qualifications For An Engineer

Motion to suspend the rules on Resolution 2022-20 moved by Councilor Chamberlin and seconded by Councilor Schneider.

Vote: 5 Yeas 0 Nays *Motion Carries*

Motion to place Resolution 2022-20 on final reading and the final reading be passed moved by Councilor Stickley and seconded by Councilor Heising.

Vote: 5 Yeas 0 Nays *Motion Carries*

Resolution 2022-21: Bridge Inspection Agreement; and Declaring an Emergency

Motion to place Resolution 2022-21 on Emergency reading moved by Councilor Stickley and seconded by Councilor Schneider.

Vote: 5 Yeas 0 Nays *Motion Carries*

Motion to place Resolution 2022-21 on final reading and the final reading be passed moved by Councilor Schneider and seconded by Council President Stiriz.

Vote: 5 Yeas 0 Nays *Motion Carries*

Resolution 2022-22: A Resolution Authorizing The Mayor To Enter Into A Temporary Storage Yard Agreement With American Transmission Systems, Inc.; And Declaring An Emergency

Motion to place Resolution 2022-22 on emergency reading moved by Councilor Stickley and seconded by Councilor Heising.

Vote: 5 Yeas 0 Nays *Motion Carries*

Motion to place Resolution 2022-22 on final reading and the final reading be passed moved by Councilor Stickley and seconded by Councilor Schneider.

Vote: 5 Yeas 0 Nays *Motion Carries*

THIRD READING OF LEGISLATION OR EMERGENCY

Resolution 2022-18: A Resolution Adopting The City Of Wauseon Local Government Manual

Motion to place Resolution 2022-18 on final reading and the final reading be passed moved by Councilor Chamberlin and seconded by Councilor Stickley.

Vote: 5 Yeas 0 Nays *Motion Carries*

NEW BUSINESS

D5I Liquor Permit or Reighard 8090 LLC: DBA El Jarro Mexican Grill 445 Airport Highway Wauseon, Ohio

There were no objections.

Motion to accept the Mayor's appointments to the various boards and commissions moved by Councilor Stickley and seconded by Council President Stiriz

Vote: 5 Yeas 0 Nays *Motion Carries*

Park Board: Lisa Vajen – 9/19/2022 to 12/21/24

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

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

Vote: 5 Yeas 0 Nays *Motion Carries*

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Councilor Stickley moved and seconded by Council President Stiriz to adjourn this meeting at 5:35 p.m.

All in favor: *Motion Passed Unanimously*


Korin Miller, Clerk of Council


Scott Stiriz, President of Council