

WAUSEON CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, January 2, 2024

Mayor Hunor called the meeting of the Wauseon City Council to order at 5:01 p.m. in Council Chambers. She led the Pledge of Allegiance which was followed by a moment of silence.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken by Jan Tropf, Executive Assistant to the Mayor and substituting for the Clerk of Council. Present were Councilors, Chamberlin, Schneider, Stickley, Tijerina and Heising. To constitute a quorum for the transaction of city business.

OATH

City Law Director Tom McWatters administered the oath of office to Mayor Kathy Huner.

Mayor Kathy Huner then administered the oath of office to Councilors, Shane Chamberlin, Brandon Tijerina and Jermey Simon.

ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Nominations for Council President were opened and Harol Stickley was nominated for Council President. Motion made by Councilor Heising to close nominations, seconded by Councilor Tijerina.

All in Favor: *Motion passes unanimously*

Motion to elect Harold Stickley as Council President made by Councilor Chamberlin, seconded by Councilor Schneider.

Vote: 5 Yeas, 0 Nays, 1 Abstaining , *Motion carries*

Councilor Chamberlin had to leave for other commitments.

MINUTES

Motion made by Council President Stickley and seconded by Councilor Heising to approve the following minutes:

Special Council Meeting:	December 18, 2023
Council Meeting:	December 18, 2023
Committee of the Whole:	December 28, 2023

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Vote: 5 Yeas, 0 Nays *Motion Carries*

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Chief Kessler stated they were focusing on the new year. He had no reports of fireworks on January 1st. He has not received any questions on York Township but knows there is conversation out there and he is encouraging people to educate themselves on the matter at hand.

Chief Chittenden stated there is one Durango at Terry Hendricks so the second one should follow soon. The vehicles would then go to the outfitter before they would be ready for the road. It is unknown which officers will be assigned the new cars.

Public Works Director Torbet stated not much to report because he was on vacation. Resolution 2024-1 on an emergency LPA agreement between ODOT and the City of Wauseon, received a grant several years back to re-do Oak Street, this is the LPA agreement to do a mill and fill. ODOT failed to send it to the City in a timely manner, thereby constituting an emergency resolution, the City must advertise and be out for bid by April 1st. Finishing the end of the year with one more pass either this week or next week for pick up of Christmas trees and any additional brush, pending any weather conditions of snow and ice.

Jamie Giguere was not at the meeting, she had a very busy month of December.

Tom McWatters stated there was not much to report just looking forward to 2024. He welcomed newly elected Council President Stickley and newly elected Council member Jeremy Simon.

FIRST READING OF LEGISLATION OR EMERGENCY

Resolution 2024-1: A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter Into AN LPA Federal Local let Project Agreement For the Milling and resurfacing of Approximately .40 miles of Oak Street and Declare an Emergency

Motion to place resolution 2024-1 on emergency reading by Councilor Schneider, seconded by Councilor Tijerina

Vote: 5 Yeas, 0 Nays. *Motion carries*

Motion to place Resolution 2024-1 on final reading by Councilor Tijerina, seconded by Council President Stickley

Vote 5 Yeas 0 Nays *Motion carries*

Resolution 2024-2: A resolution Authorizing The Mayor To Enter Into An Agreement with HR Premier Consulting, LLC For Human Resource Services; And Declaring An Emergency Second Reading of Legislation or Emergency

Motion to place resolution 2024-2 on emergency reading made by Council President Stickley, seconded by Councilor Simon.

Councilor Heising requests a discussion. Councilor Heising stated business card was different than name shows HRC Inc, asking if it's the same business because of the now listing as HR Premier Consulting? This is this person's own company.

Council President Stickley asked who she will report to. She will report to the Mayor or if working with a specific department, will work with that Department Head. Councilor Heising just wanted to know the structure, Mayor referred to the contract since she is a contractor and not an employee. Per City Law Director, she is operating under the supervision of the Mayor.

Vote: 5 Yeas, 0 Nay *Motion carries*

Motion to place resolution 2024-2 on final reading made by Council President Stickley, seconded by Councilor Tijerina

Vote: 5 Yeas, 0 Nays *Motion carries*

THIRD READING OF LEGISLATION OR EMERGENCY

Ordinance 2023-7: An Ordinance Amending Section 1114 Of the Codified Ordinances Of The City of Wauseon To Add A New Section 1114.12 Titled "Adult Use Cannabis Operators"

Motion to place Ordinance 2023-7 on third reading made by Councilor Tijerina seconded by Councilor Heising.

Council President Hickley asked the number needed to pass, it was noted it was 4.

Discussion: Mayor added she would like round-table discussion without formal minutes thinking more people would participate in the discussion.

Vote: 4 Yeas 1 Nays *Motion carries*

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor wishes everyone a Happy New Year and looks for it to be a progressive one.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

Motion to approve and pay the bills made by Councilor Schneider, seconded by Council President Stickley

Vote: 5 Yeas 0 Nays *Motion carries*

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Councilor Tijerina moved and seconded by Councilor Heising to adjourn this meeting at 5:35p.m.

All in favor: *Motion passes Unanimously*

Jan E. Tropf, Executive Assistant

Harold Stickley, President of Council