

**Village of Waynesville
Council Meeting Minutes
January 16, 2024 at 7:00 pm**

Present: Mr. Brian Blankenship
Mr. Chris Colvin
Ms. Joette Dedden
Mr. Zack Gallagher
Mr. Troy Lauffer
Mrs. Connie Miller

Absent: Mayor Earl Isaacs

Village Staff Present: Jeff Forbes, Law Director; Chief Gary Copeland, Village Manager and Safety Director; Jamie Morley, Clerk of Council

CLERK’S NOTE- This is a summary of the Village Council Meeting held on Tuesday, January 16, 2024.

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President Pro Tempore Colvin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Colvin welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that Mr. Blankenship would need to leave early to attend another meeting for the Friends Museum Board.

Mr. Colvin motioned to excuse Mayor Isaacs from tonight's meeting, and Mr. Gallagher seconded the motion.

Motion – Colvin
Second – Gallagher

Roll Call – 6 yeas

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Mayor Acknowledgments

None

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Disposition of Previous Minutes

Mrs. Miller motioned to approve the Council minutes as written for the January 2, 2024 Council meeting, and Mr. Blankenship seconded the motion.

Motion – Miller
Second – Blankenship

Roll Call – 6 yeas

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Public Recognition/Visitor's Comments

None

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Old Business

Mr. Colvin commented that it was decided at the last meeting not to pursue the texting program unless the residents showed more interest. He asked Ms. Morley to remove this from old business.

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Reports

Finance

The Finance Committee will meet this Thursday, January 18th, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to join the meeting. Ms. Dedden stated that each Council member has received a draft copy of the 2021-2022 audit. This is an unofficial draft, and if any Council member has any questions or concerns about the report, contact Ms. Crockett.

Public Works Report

The Public Works meeting will be on February 5 at 6:00 p.m. Anyone with any questions or interest in the infrastructure is invited to attend.

Special Committee Reports

The MOMS Committee meeting scheduled for this evening was canceled. Mr. Colvin stated he has not heard back from the WMA, and the Chamber will meet to appoint a member to the committee. He said he would try to reschedule another meeting but wanted to stress that the MOMS Committee is not a committee of Council, and he and Mr. Lauffer are only representatives of Council. Mr. Lauffer added that Ms. Garofalo will be getting in touch with Mr. Colvin about scheduling a meeting.

The Personnel Committee tentatively scheduled a meeting for March 11 at 6:00 p.m. to review Ms. Crockett's current employment agreement to use as a baseline for a contract agreement for Ms. Morley to become the new Finance Director.

At 7:10 p.m. Mr. Blankenship left the meeting.

Village Manager Report

- Provided a public notice to the residents on street closures for the Third Street water main replacement and repaving project. Smith Corp will install two insert-a-valves to help keep water shut-offs to a minimum when switching over to the new main. Smith Corp has quoted an additional 80K to add additional storm sewer lines as part of the project, as there are currently no storm sewer lines within the area. This will help with drainage.
- There is an ordinance tonight to award property and vehicle insurance to Hylant. This is a first read, but unfortunately, the quote is unavailable as they want to access the Village's cybersecurity threat before providing a final quote. It is believed to be a 5% increase from last year. The final figures will be provided before the ordinance is adopted at the next meeting.
- Fed Excavating has begun installing new catch basins throughout the Village. However, weather and illnesses have caused delays.
- The Street Department has been working on repairing the lights in Victoria Place. Currently, all but two poles are fully functioning. Will contact an electrician about repairing the wiring for those two posts.
- KT Holden is moving along on Franklin Phase I. A huge vault is being installed for a PRV near Old Stage Road. There have also been some unforeseen issues with the storm drains at the S-curve on Franklin.
- Provided a flyer for WMA's Night of Poe event.
- On December 26th, there was a water main break on Wilkerson. This has been repaired and asphalted.
- Provided photos of the newly reelected Council members being sworn in. Congratulations to Mayor Isaacs, Mrs. Miller, and Mr. Gallagher.

Police Report

- December calls for service, Mayor's Court Month End, and code enforcement reports have been provided for review.
- A bias-free report has been provided for review. The Ohio Collaborative requires this.
- There has been a water line issue at the address of 214 High Street. The owner has been advised that he must bring the water lines up to code, as it states each separate building will have its own water line and meter pit. Plan to have Mr. Forbes write the owner a letter.

Mr. Gallagher asked about the timeline for adding additional storm lines and catch basins to the Third Street project. Chief Copeland replied he was unsure when it would be done but suspects Smith Corp would add the new storm lines after replacing the water main and laterals. Mr. Gallagher wanted to ensure this would be finished before the final asphaltting of Third Street. Chief Copeland said it would be completed before Third Street was milled and filled.

Financial Director Report

None

Law Report

- The Ohio State Legislature has made no updates to the current laws on adult recreational use of cannabis. The Village’s moratorium is still good.

Mr. Colvin asked if there are still no updates to the laws before the moratorium expires, can it be extended. Mr. Forbes replied that it could be extended. He reminded the Council that when medical marijuana became legal, the Council passed two 180-day moratoriums before passing legislation. This is why the current moratorium is for 360 days, to give the State plenty of time to get laws in place.

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New Business

Mr. Colvin stated that Ms. Morley provided Council with electronic copies of the Rules of Council. He asked that each Council member review the document and be prepared to make suggestions for updates or changes at the next Council meeting.

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Legislation

First Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance No. 2024-001

Authorizing the Village Manager to Award Property and Liability Insurance Coverage for the Village of Waynesville

Mr. Gallagher motioned to have the first-reading for Ordinance 2024-001 and Mrs. Miller seconded the motion.

Motion – Gallagher
Second – Miller

Mr. Colvin stated that he has a few questions on the proposed policy and will send them to Chief Copeland. Ms. Dedden wanted to ensure that all the numbers for the price would be provided by next week. Chief Copeland responded that he would get the questions answered and provide numbers after conferring with Karie Novesl.

Roll Call – 5 yeas

Ordinance No. 2024 - 002

Imposing A Moratorium for a Period of 360 Days on the Granting of any Permit Allowing Solar Energy System Installation within the Village of Waynesville, Ohio and Declaring an Emergency

Ms. Dedden motioned to waive the two-reading rule for Ordinance 2024-002 and Mr. Lauffer seconded the motion.

Motion – Dedden
Second – Lauffer

Roll Call – 5 yeas

Mr. Colvin commented that it was important not to rush through the adoption of code on solar panels. The process needs to be followed, giving the Planning Commission time to analyze the data and listen to the residents.

Mr. Gallagher motioned to adopt Ordinance 2024-002 as an emergency and Mr. Colvin seconded the motion.

Motion – Gallagher
Second – Colvin

Roll Call – 5 yeas

Resolution No. 2024– 003

A Resolution Referring Certain Zoning Code Amendments to the Planning Commission (Solar Energy Systems)

Mr. Colvin motioned to have the first-reading rule for Resolution 2024-003 and Mrs. Miller seconded the motion.

Motion – Colvin
Second – Miller

Roll Call – 5 yeas

Second Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions

None

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Tabled Ordinances and Resolutions

None

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Executive Session

None

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All were in favor of adjourning at 7:40 pm.

Date: _____

Jamie Morley, Clerk of Council