

**Village of Waynesville
Council Meeting Minutes
March 7, 2022 at 7:00 pm**

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

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 Monday, March 7, 2022.

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Mayor Isaacs called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Roll Call – 7 present

Mayor Acknowledgements

None

Disposition of Previous Minutes

Ms. Dedden made a motion to approve the minutes for the working session of Council on February 22, 2022 as written and Mr. Blankenship seconded the motion.

Motion – Miller
Second – Blankenship

Roll Call – 7 years

Mrs. Miller made a motion to approve the minutes for the Council meeting on February 22, 2022 as written and Mr. Colvin seconded the motion.

Motion – Miller
Second – Colvin

Roll Call – 7 years

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Public Recognition/Visitor’s Comments

Diane Colvin, 4337 N. Waynesville Road, informed Council that Wayne Township will be having a traffic study done sometime soon by ODOT for the intersection of Old 73 and Route 73. New signs have been installed signifying a dangerous intersection.

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Old Business

Andrew Shipman, David Nation, and Brian Blankenship addressed Council as members of the Friend’s Museum Board in reference to the Lockup. The Museum has decided they would like to go forward with accepting the Lockup and has plans to use this as a multifunction room for the community. They asked if the Village could draw up an agreement and deed the property, 260 Chapman, to the Museum.

David Nation, 120 Victoria Place, stated that the Museum is excited to be able to open the Lockup to the community. He indicated that the board has some concern that if the Museum invests a lot of money into the building and for some unforeseeable reason years from now must give the building back to the Village, the Museum will lose their investment. He asked if there could be a time limit of four years that the Museum would own the building free and clear. He also asked if an inspection could be done before, to ensure there are no unknown huge repair costs.

Mr. Colvin asked Mr. Forbes what the next steps would be to donate the building to the Museum. Mr. Forbes responded that he would draw up a purchase agreement between the Museum and the Village for \$1 that spells out the terms as discussed in tonight’s meeting. Mr. Forbes also pointed out that Mr. Blankenship will no be able to participate in further discussions or vote on the contract as he has a conflict of interest being both on Council and the Museum Board.

Ms. Morley suggested Council reconsider including 260 Chapman Street in the required Historic District to ensure that any changes to the outside of the building must be approved by the Historic Preservation Board.

Ms. Dedden asked Mr. Forbes’s opinion on Section K of the Rules of Council and if he had any recommended changes.

Section K.

Any member who was absent or voted with the prevailing side may move a reconsideration of any action of Council, excepting measures which shall be into immediate effect. Such a motion for reconsideration shall be made not later than the next regular meeting after the action to which it relates was taken. No motion to reconsider shall be made more than once on any measure and such motions shall require a majority of all members elected to Council in order to prevail. Any member of Council may second such a motion.

Mr. Forbes stated that this has never been done in the time he has been Law Director. Mr. Forbes said this is typical for Robert’s Rules and not uncommon to have in Rules of Council. He

said if an ordinance is passed as an emergency this section does not apply. Mr. Forbes explained that it basically means that something was done at the last meeting, but someone thinks it ought to be reconsidered or undone. To make this motion the member must have been absent or a member who was on the prevailing side of the vote. The motion must have four affirmative votes to be discussed and revoted on. Mr. Forbes also noted that there are other ways to reconsider an ordinance such as passing another ordinance to rescind or amend the previous ordinance. After hearing Mr. Forbes's explanation, Council agreed to keep the Rules of Council as is.

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Reports

Finance

The Finance Committee will meet this Thursday, March 24, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. in the small conference room at the Government Center. The public is welcome to join.

Public Works Report

Public Works met this evening and discussed the lampposts along Main Street weather to refurbish or replace them. The next meeting will be on April 4, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. and the public is encouraged to attend.

Special Committee Reports

None

Village Manager Report

- The Village now has a new copier and large format printer. This will allow staff to scan and print blueprints to help communicate with engineers and create electronic file management for blueprints. The lease is slightly more for two pieces of equipment, but the price of copies has gone down.
- Thank you to Mrs. Miller and Mr. Lauffer for all their work researching new lampposts along Main Street. I will investigate obtaining a quote to refurbish the current lampposts as another option.
- The electronic sign at the Government Center is up and running. There have been many compliments from the public and it serves as another great way to communicate with the public.
- Thank you to Mr. Colvin for contributing the article on behalf of the Village for the Township Newsletter.
- The clock to be dedicated for Waynesville's 225th birthday is being repaired and cleaned up by Barry at Hour House. He

suggested that the Village convert the clock from battery operated to electric as battery-operated is not the best option for adverse weather. The Township has agreed to allow the clock to be placed at the gazebo and pour a cement pad for the clock. It will cost about \$500 to have the clock converted to electric and repaired and would like to know Council's opinion for the Village to pay for this.

- Planning Commission met to discuss filling in the plot of land at the corner of Route 73 and 42. This is tabled as of right now pending further investigation.
- Maintenance Crew placed a stop sign at the government center and will paint a stop bar when weather permits.
- Believe donating the Lockup to the Museum is the best choice for the building. Mr. Richter wrote a good story on the Lockup for the Dayton Daily News which was included in the Village Manager's report.
- 100 tons of salt was delivered.

Police Report

- February's dispatch calls for service and Mayor's Court report have been provided.
- Code Enforcers report has also been provided. Sgt. Denlinger has given several properties some leeway because of poor weather.
- Presented photos of SRO Mermann presenting at Career week to kindergarteners.
- Sgt Denlinger just returned from First-Line Supervision training.

Mrs. Miller asked about the enforcement of code violations at 599 Chapman as the home needs to be repainted and the roof has been tarped for over a year. Chief Copeland responded that there have been offers in the past from service groups to help paint the house, but the homeowner has refused. He also added that the Prosecutor for Mayor's Court is very good at working with the offenders. Chief Copeland stated that the point of code enforcement is not to beat up the residents but to help keep the Village looking nice.

Ms. Dedden asked Council's opinion on the Village Manager's question about paying for the clock repair. It was the consensus of Council to pay for the repairs and an electrician to run electric to the clock. Ms. Colvin stated she would be willing to donate to the repair of the clock. Mr. Forbes stated that it is fine if someone wants to make a private donation to help defray the cost.

Financial Director Report

None

Law Report

None

Mr. Colvin stated he just attended the public records training required by the State Auditors. He asked about something that there were updates brought up during the session about changes in executive session confidentiality not to be assumed and changes in imminent and pending litigations criteria for executive sessions. Mr. Forbes stated that he is not aware of changes but will research. He also said that there has been discussion about municipalities liberally using the imminent and pending litigation to go into executive session. Mr. Forbes also added that there is nothing in the Sunshine Law stating that discussions in executive session is confidential but there are other provisions in other laws such as the Ethics Law and Waynesville's Rules of Council that state this.

Mr. Colvin also asked if Council has any oversight in the records retention plan. Mr. Forbes stated that it is the job of the Records Committee to oversee this. The Committee is made up of the Law Director, Finance Director, Village Manager, and resident of the Village. Mr. Forbes stated that what is often referred to as the Sunshine Law has two different statutes. One is the Public Record Law and one is the Open Meeting Act.

New Business

Legislation

First Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance No. 2022-007

An Ordinance Authorizing the Finance Director to Transfer Investment Funds (2 Year Cd) and Declaring an Emergency (CD Rollover)

Ms. Dedden made a motion to waive the two-reading rule for Ordinance 2022-007 and Mrs. Miller seconded the motion.

Motion – Dedden
Second – Miller

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Mr. Colvin explained the reason for the emergency because the previous CD matured and it is in the best interest of the Village to put the money back in investments to start earning interest.

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-007 as an emergency and Mr. Lauffer seconded the motion.

Motion – Gallagher
Second – Lauffer

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Resolution No. 2022-008

A Resolution Adopting the Permanent Appropriations for the Village of Waynesville for Calendar Year 2022 and Declaring an Emergency

Mrs. Miller made a motion to waive the two-reading rule for Resolution 2022-008 and Mr. Blankenship seconded the motion.

Motion – Miller
Second – Blankenship

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Mr. Colvin made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-008 as an emergency and Mr. Gallagher seconded the motion.

Motion – Colvin
Second – Gallagher

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Second Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions

None

Tabled Ordinances and Resolutions

None

Executive Session

None

Chief Copeland stated that he was planning to represent the Village at the One Ohio MOU Opioid meeting at the County offices unless anyone from Council would like to volunteer. This is in reference to the settlement agreement concerning the joint lawsuit and how to distribute the funds at a local level. Council agreed that Chief Copeland would be the best representative at this meeting.

Mr. Blankenship made a motion to adjourn, and all were in favor to adjourn at 8:03 p.m.

Date: _____

Jamie Morley, Clerk of Council