

Village of Waynesville Council Meeting Minutes May 16, 2022 at 7:00 pm

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

Village Staff Present: 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, May 16, 2022.*

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Mayor Isaacs called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call – 6 present

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to excuse Mr. Blankenship and Mr. Colvin seconded the motion.

Motion – Gallagher

Second – Colvin

Roll Call – 6 yeas

Mayor Acknowledgements

A thank you to all the volunteers that met on Saturday to clean up Veteran's Park. A group of veterans from Kettering joined to help. Mulch was laid and the gazebo power washed and prepped for painting. The bank account has gotten a little low. Donations can be made for the Waynesville Veteran's Park Memorial Fund at the local Waynesville branch of LCNB. Any donation would be appreciated.

Disposition of Previous Minutes

Mrs. Miller made a motion to approve the minutes for the Council meeting on May 2, 2022 as written and Mr. Lauffer seconded the motion.

Motion – Miller

Second – Lauffer

Roll Call – 6 yeas

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Public Recognition/Visitor's Comments

Scott Teeters representing AES of 1900 Dryden Road approached the dais and spoke to Council about recent discussions on the upcoming increase of the generation price for electricity. Mr. Teeters explained that AES no longer generates electricity and is basically a delivery company. The upcoming price increase is for the generation cost. Around 2000 legislation was introduced to expand competition for the generation of electricity. Currently, individuals can go out and compare prices from suppliers and sign a contract. There are some municipalities that offer aggregations such as Wayne Township, which basically puts a bundle of customers together and goes out and looks for the best price. Some customers do not sign up with another supplier or participate in an aggregate, and AES must provide electricity to these people. In April AES put out to bid based on the number of customers they need to supply electricity. The price went from \$.048 KW to \$.109 KW. The reasoning behind the huge increase is the price of gas, natural gas, and inflation.

Mr. Teeters explained that customers can go to the PUCO website and there is an apples-to-apples comparison of different companies supplying electricity. On each electric bill, it will list who their supplier is, and they can compare rates to other supplier companies on this website.

Mr. Gallagher stated that a little bit ago AES asked for a rate increase and asked if this was the same thing. Mr. Teeters explained that this is different. The current increase is for the generation of electricity. This is for AES to buy the electricity wholesale and provide it to the customers; AES just serves as a pass-through. What Mr. Gallagher is referring to is the distribution rate increase to help AES maintain its infrastructures, such as improvements to poles, wires, and such. This had not been increased since 1994. The delivery fee is how AES makes its money, not the cost of electricity.

Chief Copeland stated that he has a meeting with the same company that Wayne Township used for its aggregate. He will get information on the possibility of setting up an aggregation for the Village that would allow residents to opt in or out to receive the agreed upon price per KW. He also stated that the Government accounts are already in a contract with Direct Energy until 2024 and the Village accounts will not be affected by the price increase until the contract ends.

Mr. Gallagher stressed the importance of residents doing research and making informed decisions by comparing rates and reading contracts of supplier companies. He stated that not all the companies offering contracts are a better deal than what AES offers. Therefore, using the PUCO website to compare different companies is very helpful.

Mr. Lauffer asked if things return to normal and the rates drop, will this be passed on to the customers. Mr. Teeters was not sure the length of this current contract, whether it was one year or three, but if the bidding price goes down then AES should lower the rate as they serve as a pass-through.

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Old Business

Mrs. Miller asked about the status of the contract for the transfer of the Lockup to the Museum. Chief Copeland stated he has not received a purchase agreement from Mr. Forbes.

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Reports

Finance

The Finance Committee will meet Thursday, May 19, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. in the small conference room at the Government Center. The public is welcome to join.

Public Works Report

The regularly scheduled Public Works for June 6, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. has been canceled, and instead, there will be a tour of the facilities scheduled to start at 5:30 p.m.

Special Committee Reports

None

Village Manager Report

- Set up a meeting for May 31 at 1:00 p.m. with Ms. Campbell from ODOT to start the process of getting a new stoplight at North Street and Route 42. Invited Representative Lipps to join the meeting. Still waiting to hear if the Village will receive funding through grants.
- Will find out in July if the Village has been awarded the 2023 OPWC Grant for Third Street and Franklin Street. These are two separate projects since the Village was just below the qualifying line in 2022. The total cost of both projects will be 1.7 million with the Village contributing just under 800K.
- Choice One is preparing a pre-application for the OPWC Grant for 2024 for Phase II of Franklin Road (upper portion of Franklin).
- Choice One is in contact with SmithCorp to see about the failing areas on Miami Street near the intersection of Miami and Edward.
- Both garage doors have been installed in the cold barn. Eventually would like to have the entire building painted to match the newer building.

- Met with Vic from Brown Paving. They will be filling in a few cracks and mill and fill about a 40-foot section that failed on Adamsmoor.
- Meeting this Thursday with Kyle from Strawser Construction to get a quote for Victoria Place and around the water hauling station.
- Thank you to the Township for agreeing to the cooperative agreement for both OPWC projects.
- The material bins have been completed and photos have been provided.
- Thank you to Greg and Brian for putting up all the American flags before Memorial Day.
- Mayor Isaacs presided over a wedding on May 3.
- Street Department turned in scrap metal and \$130 was received.

Police Report

- Dispatch Calls for Service and Mayor's Court Report for April have been provided.
- Attended the Annual Ohio State Inservice Chiefs of Police Conference in Columbus on May 8-10, 2022.
- On May 4th attended an appreciation breakfast in support of the Veteran's Court.
- Also, attended the annual Police Memorial at 406 Justice Dr. Thank you to Mayor Isaacs and Council member Dedden for also attending.
- Sgt. Denlinger turned over 48 lbs. of drugs from the Drug Take-Back Program.
- Plan on attending Lt. Bledsoe's graduation from STEP in Columbus later this week.

Law Report

None

New Business

Ms. Dedden asked about the yearly donation for the American Legion firework display. Chief Copeland responded that he just received the letter requesting donations today and was planning on including this in the next Village Manager report.

Ms. Dedden made a motion to donate 2K to the American Legion for the Fourth of July fireworks and Mr. Gallagher seconded the motion.

Motion – Dedden

Second – Gallagher

Roll Call – 6 yeas

At this time, Council discussed if the Village should pay for the mulch rather than the Waynesville Veteran’s Park Memorial since it is Village property. It was agreed that the Village should be responsible for the general maintenance of the park.

Legislation

First Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions

None

Second Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance No. 2022-021

Amending the Schedule of Fees and Charges for the Village of Waynesville Regarding Trash Rates to be Effective June 17, 2022

Mr. Colvin made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-021 and Ms. Dedden seconded the motion.
Motion – Colvin
Second – Dedden

Roll Call – 6 yeas

Tabled Ordinances and Resolutions

None

Executive Session

None

All were in favor to adjourn at 7:49 p.m.

Date: _____

Jamie Morley, Clerk of Council