Village of Waynesville Council Meeting Minutes May 19, 2025 at 7:00 pm

Present: Mr. Lyle Anthony

Mr. Brian Blankenship Mr. Chris Colvin Mr. Zack Gallagher Mayor Earl Isaacs Mr. Troy Lauffer Mrs. Connie Miller

Village Staff Present: Jeffery Forbes, Law Director; Gary Copeland, Village Manager and Director of Public Safety; Jamie Morley, Finance Director and Clerk of Council

CLERK'S NOTE- This is a summary of the Village Council Meeting held on Monday, May 19, 2025.

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

Roll Call – 7 present

Mayor Acknowledgements

Mayor Isaacs stated he was glad to see upper Franklin has been completed. The project is moving along, and the Village is looking good.

Disposition of Previous Minutes

Mrs. Miller motioned to approve the May 5, 2025 meeting minutes as written, and Mr. Gallagher seconded the motion.

Motion – Miller Second – Gallagher

Roll Call - 7 yeas

Mayor Isaacs motioned to give the employees Friday, June 20th off, so they can have a long weekend since Juneteenth is that Thursday, and Mr. Blankenship seconded the motion.

Motion – Isaacs Second – Blankenship

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Public Recognition/Visitors Comments

None	
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Old Business	
None	
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Reports

Finance

The Finance Committee met this evening and reviewed the provided reports. Everything is looking good. The Village is undergoing a full audit for the years 2023 and 2024 with the State Auditor. The next Finance Committee meeting will be June 16th at 6:00 p.m.

Public Works Report

Mr. Gallagher apologized for not making the Public Works meeting on May 5th; he had a work emergency. The next meeting is on June 2nd, 2025, at 6 p.m., and the public is encouraged to attend to learn more about the Village's upcoming projects and infrastructure.

Special Committee Report

None

Village Manager Report

- The Sons of the Legion dropped off a letter today informing Council of the 4th of July activities on Friday, July 4th, 2025.
- SmithCorp is on track to complete the Franklin Phase II project, with paving planned for the end of May.
- The Street Department utilized the hydrovac to clear several storm drains clogged with rocks and sand.
- Chief Copeland held a Zoom meeting with Jenifer Gonzalez from Fischer Homes regarding a potential development on the old Michner property. He emphasized the necessity for an ingress and egress on Old 73, stating that passage through the Camp Creek development would not be permitted. They planned to connect with two other neighborhoods in the Township.

- The Recycle Rally on May 3 was successful. The Village provided two employees to assist with the event.
- On May 7th, at the 900 block of Franklin, there was a water main break. The staff managed to repair this in-house, and no boil advisory was issued.
- On July 20th, there will be a car show in downtown Waynesville. This event is a fundraiser for WMA.
- The Village received the final installment of the CVT funds to help cover its share of the stoplight at Route 42 and North Street.

Police Report

- Corporal Little represented the Village of Waynesville in the procession for Deputy Henderson, the Hamilton officer who was killed in the line of duty.
- A letter of appreciation was provided for review, thanking the Village for participating in the convoy of police cars that drove by Eli's house. Eli is battling childhood cancer and dreams of becoming a police officer. Officer Kirsch represented the Village in this convoy.
- Mayor Isaacs, Chief Copeland, and Lt. Bledsoe attended the Police Memorial Ceremony in Lebanon on May 15th.
- A flyer containing information about suicide prevention has been provided.
- Thank you to the Walton, Bowersox, Zorb, and Campbell families for supporting the officers and providing treats for them during Police Memorial Week.

Financial Director Report

- Ms. Morley shared the response from Michelle Tesko's office regarding their invitation to attend a Council meeting.
- Ms. Morley stated that the reason for a full audit, as opposed to the "baby audits" the Village has conducted in previous years, is that a municipality is only allowed to have three "baby audits" in a row. Therefore, the Village is due for a full audit. She mentioned that she has been working with the Auditor and providing the requested information.

Mr. Gallagher asked Chief Copeland about the plans for the development proposed by Fischer Homes. Chief Copeland responded that they suggested ½-acre lots, which would accommodate about 100 homes valued between 700K and 800K. Mr. Gallagher inquired why the developers always approach the Village without consulting the Township, considering this land is currently within the Township. Chief Copeland explained that the Township mandates two-acre lots, which are not economically feasible for a developer. Mr. Gallagher asked Mr. Forbes whether the Village could impose a fee to help offset the costs that the development would impose on the

Village's infrastructure and schools. Mr. Forbes noted that a few years ago, there were disagreements between local governments and developers due to municipalities imposing impact fees on developers. The courts have ruled against these fees.

Mr. Gallagher stated that he was interested in revising the Village's zoning codes regarding new developments. He would also like to provide an outline to developers from the outset, detailing the Village's expectations to help maintain its character. He asked the Council if anyone opposed increasing the lot size of new developments to ¾ acre lots. Mrs. Miller expressed her belief that ½ acre lots were acceptable. She mentioned that her daughter lives in a neighborhood with halfacre lots, which are very nice and help keep housing more affordable.

Mr. Forbes stated that the code indicates that anything annexed into the Village is automatically zoned R1, which he believes requires ½ acre lots. After some discussion, it was agreed that Mr. Gallagher would collaborate with Mr. Forbes on possible code updates.

Mr. Lauffer stated that he believes there is no way to stop the growth of Waynesville, but he thinks the Village should try to control it. At that time, Mr. Forbes noted that he had looked up the code, and anything annexed into the Village is zoned R1, which requires 25,00 square foot lots, equating to .57 acres.

Mr. Lauffer asked how the tire portion of the Recycle Rally went. Ms. Morley stated that she has not received an invoice but will present it to the Council once she receives it.

None
New Business
None
<u>Legislation</u>
First Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions
None

Second Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions

Law Report

Ordinance No. 2025-01	15
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Establishing the Main Street Capital Projects Fund (Fund 4901)

Mr. Lauffer moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2025-015, and Mrs. Miller seconded the motion.

Motion – Lauffer Second – Miller

Roll Call - 7 yeas

Ordinance 2025-017

An Ordinance Amending the Village of Waynesville Personnel Policy Manual Regarding Insurance Benefits

Mr. Anthony moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2025-017, and Mr. Gallagher seconded the motion.

Motion – Anthony Second – Gallagher

Roll Call - 7 yeas

Ordinance 2025-018

Amending the Schedule of Fees and Charges for the Village of Waynesville Regarding Trash and Yard Waste Disposal Service Fees

Mr. Blankenship moved adopt Ordinance No. 2025-018, and Mr. Anthony seconded the motion.

Motion – Blankenship Second – Anthony

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Executive Session

None

Mr. Blankenship thanked Chief Copeland for addressing some code violation issues on Fourth Street. He appreciates his prompt and attentive actions regarding this matter.

All were in favor of adjourning at 7:33 p.m.

Date:		
Jamie	Morley, Clerk of Council	