

**Village of Waynesville
Council Meeting Minutes
September 6, 2022 at 7:00 pm**

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

Absent: Mr. Chris Colvin

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 Tuesday, September 6, 2022.

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

Roll Call – 6 present

Mr. Blankenship made a motion to excuse Mr. Colvin from tonight’s meeting and was seconded by Mr. Gallagher.

Motion – Blankenship
Second – Gallagher

Roll Call – 6 yeas

Mayor Acknowledgements

Mrs. Miller, Mr. Colvin, and I met with Congressman Chabot for lunch at the Stonehouse Tavern. We discussed issues within the Village, and I took him to see the intersection of Route 42 and North Street. He was able to see how dangerous the intersection was and why a stoplight is needed.

Disposition of Previous Minutes

Mrs. Miller made a motion to approve the minutes for the Council meeting on August 15, 2022 as written and Mr. Blankenship seconded the motion.

Motion – Miller
Second – Blankenship

Roll Call – 6 yeas

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Public Recognition/Visitor’s Comments

Members of the Little Miami Watershed Network, Chris Barnett, Hope Taft, and Bill Schieman addressed Council and shared the results from “The Value of the Outdoor Recreation in the Little Miami River Corridor” survey results.

Ms. Barnett stated that the organization is a project-oriented group with the main objective being to protect Little Miami. She explained the main project for 2020 was to have an economic survey completed to try to quantify how much the river is worth to its communities. Unfortunately, with COVID the survey was not completed until 2021. Ms. Taft explained that the project took seven months and covered 43 miles from Springfield to Oregonia. There are five sites within Waynesville where the survey was conducted. The survey concluded the annual worth of the river is \$14.9 million with a \$1,379,000 economic impact on the sites within Waynesville. Mr. Schieman explained the organization worked with Ohio State University to help calculate the total recreational and local economic value of the Little Miami River. He stated that municipalities know what an important asset the Little Miami River is to communities, but this study helps quantify in dollars how valuable this asset is. The study stresses the importance to maintain the value by protecting floodplains, slowing down erosion, and keeping the river clean.

Mr. Gallagher thanked the members of the Little Miami Watershed Network for the informative presentation. He stated there is a proposal by a landowner within the Village to fill in an area within the floodplains. He asked if they knew of other municipalities passing zoning codes to protect the floodplains and wetlands and to prohibit development within these areas. Mr. Schieman responded that there are two possible ways to hinder development and it comes down to updating local zoning codes. The first option is legislation that establishes a riparian buffer zone on both sides of the waterway. This could state that 200 feet from the river are to remain treed and vegetation in place. This would help with erosion and filter pollutants from the river. The second zoning legislation to consider is a compensatory storage clause which ultimately means floodplains cannot be filled in without creating a new floodplain: a no net loss of floodplains. The members of the Little Miami Watershed Network stated they would be more than happy to speak with the Planning Commission and provide sample legislation.

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Old Business

None

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Reports

Finance

The Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for September 22, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Public Works Report

Public Works met this evening and discussed the aggregate and other projects going on within the Village. The next Public Works meeting is on October 3, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. The public is encouraged to attend.

Special Committee Reports

None

Village Manager Report

- Ohio Valley Painting has begun sanding, priming, and painting the lampposts along Main Street. It is looking very nice.
- Strawser is almost completed with micro surfacing Village streets. Initially, the surface will be rough but with hot weather and wear, the roadways will smooth out and turn gray.
- Asking to table the ordinance on tonight's agenda concerning SCADA. Would like the new hire for the water operator to have a chance to review the proposal.
- The Street Department has been out patching streets that were not resurfaced. Would like to remind everyone that Franklin should be redone next year as part of the OPWC grant to replace water lines and storm drains.
- Thank you to Ashley for weeding the beds around the government center and to Jamie for maintaining file records.
- There will be a ribbon cutting at 220 N Main for Jamie Gabbard's new office.
- Appreciate the Little Miami Watershed Network coming and addressing Council. Currently working with them and Molly Conley from Warren County Water and Soil on the proposed filling-in of the property at the corner of Route 73 and 42. ODOT recently received a request for a right-of-way into this property. I plan to attend the meeting where the application is reviewed and will inform Council of the outcome.
- On August 19, Mr. Colvin, Mrs. Miller, and Mayor Isaacs met with Congressman Chabot for a luncheon.
- ODOT is still reviewing the application for a grant to fund a stoplight at Route 42 and North Street.

- Hired Greg Perkins as the Village's new water operator. Greg has a Class II water license and should be a good fit with the Village.
- The Air Show at Red Stewart Airfield was this weekend and heard it went well despite the weather.

Police Report

- August dispatch calls for service and the August Mayor Court Report have been provided for your review.
- Corporal Morris had a great drug bust which resulted in a felony arrest for drug trafficking. He also recovered several firearms, one of which had been reported stolen. The Warren County Drug Task Force commended Corporal Morris for this drug traffic bust.
- Sgt. Denlinger's August code enforcement report has been provided.
- Firearm qualifying has been scheduled for October 22 at the Franklin range. Plan to provide lunch, snacks, and drinks for all the officers.
- I have made several public alerts to the public to keep them informed of upcoming projects such as paving and painting lampposts.

Finance Director Report

None

Law Report

None

New Business

Legislation

Ordinance No. 2022-041

Authorizing the Village Manager to Enter into a Contract with the Henry P. Thompson Company for Scada System Upgrade Services

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to table Ordinance 2022-041 and Ms. Dedden seconded the motion.

Motion – Gallagher
Second – Dedden

Roll Call – 6 yeas

Ordinance No. 2022-042

Certifying Special Assessments on Certain Properties
in the Village of Waynesville and Declaring an Emergency (Utility Bills)

Mr. Lauffer made a motion to waive the two-reading rule for Ordinance 2022-042 and Mrs. Miller seconded the motion.

Motion – Lauffer
Second – Miller

Roll Call – 6 yeas

Ms. Dedden made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-042 as an emergency and Mrs. Miller seconded the motion.

Motion – Dedden
Second – Miller

Roll Call – 6 yeas

Resolution No. 2022-043

Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying Them to the County Auditor and Declaring an Emergency

Ms. Dedden made a motion to waive the two-reading rule for Resolution 2022-043 and Mr. Blankenship seconded the motion.

Motion – Dedden
Second – Blankenship

Roll Call – 6 yeas

Mr. Blankenship made a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-043 as an emergency and Mr. Gallagher seconded the motion.

Motion – Blankenship
Second – Gallagher

Roll Call – 6 yeas

Second Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance No. 2022-037

An Ordinance Authorizing the Disposal of Obsolete, Unneeded and Unfit for Public Use Personal Property Pursuant to R.C. 721.15

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-037 and Mr. Lauffer seconded the motion.

Motion – Gallagher
Second – Lauffer

Roll Call – 6 years

Ordinance No. 2022-039

An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of an Energy Consulting and Management Agreement with Trebel, LLC and Declaring an Emergency

Mr. Gallagher motioned to amend Exhibit A of Ordinance 2022-039 to change the contract length from five years to three years on Page 1 and delete “in” on page 2 section 3(B). Ms. Dedden seconded the motion.

Motion – Gallagher
Second – Dedden

Roll Call – 6 years

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-039 as an emergency and Mrs. Miller seconded the motion.

Motion – Gallagher
Second – Miller

**Roll Call – 5 yeas (Blankenship, Dedden, Gallagher, Isaacs, Miller)
1 nay (Lauffer)**

Tabled Ordinances and Resolutions

None

Executive Session

None

Mr. Blankenship made a motion to adjourn, and the motion was seconded by Mr. Gallagher. All were in favor to adjourn at 7:48 p.m.

Date: _____

Jamie Morley, Clerk of Council