

**Village of Waynesville
Council Meeting Minutes
September 20, 2021 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: 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, September 20, 2021.*

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

Roll Call – 7 present

Mayor Acknowledgements

Went to Nashville and saw cousins inducted into the Grand Olde Opry. Very proud of them.

Disposition of Previous Minutes

Mr. Lauffer made a motion to approve the minutes for the Council meeting on September 7, 2021 as written and Mr. Blankenship seconded the motion.

Motion – Lauffer
Second – Blankenship

Roll Call – 7 yeas

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Public Recognition/Visitor’s Comments

None

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Old Business

None

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Reports

Finance

The Finance Committee will meet on Thursday, September 23, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. in the small conference room at the Government Center. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Public Works Report

Public Works next meeting will be on October 4th at 6:00 p.m. The public is encouraged to attend.

Special Committee Reports

Parks and Rec were scheduled to meet earlier today but one of the members has moved out of the Village and the Board no longer has a quorum. Ms. Morley was asked to advertise the opening.

The Historic Preservation Board met 2 weeks ago and discussed an application. It is the consensus of the Board to get serious about enforcing historical expectations along Main Street.

Village Manager Report

- Ordinance on tonight's agenda for Brown Paving to mill and fill Adamsmoor and Mill Street. Brown can do the job this year and had the lowest bid of 117K.
- Provided photographs of the completed cold barn floor. Currently getting bids from electricians to install LED lights and outlets for the new garage doors.
- Nathan from PCI Services has almost completed updating the electrical lines to the well heads.
- Met with Ryan Braun and Ben Schroder from Wessler to begin the water model project which will include researching a new well on the other side of the Mill Race.
- Finishing up details for the Sauerkraut Festival including handing out parking permits and having a strategic plan in place.
- Supplied photos of the vault in front of the schools for the new water lines to the Performing Arts Building.

- Current renter of the Lock Up is behind in rent and stated they plan to terminate the lease at the end of October. The building needs quite a lot of work. Suggest thinking about selling it. There have been several individuals interested in purchasing it. Asking for direction from Council on whether to repair and winterize the building or see about selling.
- Walt Biggs has ordered precast basins and have asked him to wait until after Sauerkraut Festival to begin this project.
- Staff Christmas party has been scheduled for Friday, December 10 at 6:00 p.m.

Police Report

- Had the Departmental Annual Firearms and Taser training this past weekend. Sgt. Denlinger certified all officers in handguns, rifles, and ARs. Officer Mermann certified all officers in tasers. Took the Command Center down to the range and it worked out great. Would also like to thank Mr. Blankenship for the donation of food to provide the officers with lunch.
- Thank you to the Bowersox family, a thin blue line family, for providing the officers with snacks and drinks.

At this time Council agreed that it would be beneficial to install lights and electrical outlets in the cold barn.

Council discussed the possibility of selling the Lock Up versus maintaining it as Village property. Ms. Dedden stated she felt the market was doing well and it would be an opportune time to sell it. Mr. Blankenship stated he is in favor of selling the building but asked if Council would consider donating it to the Friend's Museum. Mr. Lauffer wanted to ensure it was okay to sell the building when renters still occupy the building. Ms. Morley stated that in the lease the renters do have the first right of refusal. Chief Copeland stated the first steps would be to get it appraised, surveyed, and then see about selling the property. Mr. Lauffer asked if there is any beneficial historical or community value for the Village to keep the building. Chief Copeland responded that there are limited uses for the building because lack of parking and the building has been altered so much that there is not much historical significance. Mr. Lauffer stated he did not see the advantage in spending tax-payers money to repair the building that would serve little to no advantage to the community. Mr. Gallagher asked if the building provided any strategic or utility benefits to the Village, which Chief Copeland said that it did not. Chief Copeland suggested that money from selling the property could be used for new Welcome to Waynesville signs or streetlights along Main Street.

Chief Copeland also stated there was a vacant piece of land owned by the Village on the corner of High and Edwards that he would also like Council to consider selling. Another suggestion was to use it for a location for a new park.

Ms. Dedden made a motion to pursue the selling of the Village property known as the Lock Up and was seconded by Mr. Lauffer.

Motion – Dedden
Second – Lauffer

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Mr. Gallagher asked if there was a bypass in the valve in the vault for the Performing Arts Building. Chief Copeland responded that there was and could be seen in the picture next to the ladder.

Mr. Colvin asked if there has been any word on having Hearth Warming for the Holidays. If so, he stated that a time to hang Christmas lights before the event should be planned. It was discussed that the event was sponsored by WMA and is usually the first weekend of November. Mr. Colvin suggested deciding on a date to meet at the next meeting.

Financial Director Report

None

Law Report

None

New Business

Legislation

First Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance No. 2021-043

Authorizing the Village Manager to Enter into a Contract with Brown Paving and Construction Co., Inc. in an Amount Not to Exceed \$117,000 for the Resurfacing of Adamsmoor Drive and Mill Street and Declaring an Emergency

Ms. Dedden made a motion to waive the two-reading rule for Ordinance 2021-043 and was seconded by Mr. Blankenship.

Motion – Dedden
Second – Blankenship

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Mr. Colvin made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-043 and was seconded by Mrs. Miller.

Motion – Colvin
Second – Miller

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Second Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance No. 2021-039

An Ordinance Establishing Certain Positions and Amending the Base Pay Rates and Ranges of Village of Waynesville Employees

Mr. Blankenship made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-039 and was seconded by Mr. Gallagher.

Motion – Blankenship
Second – Gallagher

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Tabled Ordinances and Resolutions

None

Executive Session

None

Mayor Isaacs announced that the next Council meeting will be on October 4, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Finance will have a meeting on September 23 at 5:00 p.m. and Public Works meeting will be October 4 at 6:00 p.m.

All were in favor to adjourn at 7:45 pm.

Date: _____

Jamie Morley, Clerk of Council