

**Village of Waynesville  
Council Meeting Minutes  
January 2, 2024 at 7:00 pm**

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

Village Staff Present: Chief Gary Copeland, Village Manager and Safety Director

*CLERK'S NOTE- This is a summary of the Village Council Meeting held on Tuesday, January 2, 2024.*

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The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Ms. Dedden swore Mayor Earl Isaacs in for his new 4-year term as Mayor. Mayor Isaacs swore in Mrs. Connie Miller and Mr. Zachary Gallagher to serve their reelected four-year terms as Council members.

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**Mayor Acknowledgments**

Mayor Isaacs wished everyone a Happy New Year. He stated he was looking forward to the new year and all the projects happening in the Village. Things are a little hectic now. Many of these projects should have been done years ago and will be worth the inconvenience.

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**Disposition of Previous Minutes**

Ms. Dedden motioned to approve the Council minutes as written for the December 18, 2023 Council meeting, and Mr. Lauffer seconded the motion.

Motion – Dedden  
Second – Lauffer

**Roll Call – 7 yeas**

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**Public Recognition/Visitor’s Comments**

None

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**Old Business**

Chief Copeland explained that Ms. Morley provided an email containing the requested information of quotes for a one-year contract for the Everbridge texting program. Mr. Lauffer stated he liked the idea of having a way to reach residents through texts. However, he asked several residents what they thought about offering this service, and out of the 22 people he asked, only three thought it was a good idea. He said that even though he believes it is a good idea, as a representative of the Village, he has to vote the way the residents would want. Ms. Dedden stated she is not in favor of the program. If Council decides to enroll in a texting program, she favors the one-year contract, so the Village is not committed to spend 3K a year for three years and find out the public does not utilize the service. Mr. Blakenship agreed that he felt 3K was too expensive. Mr. Gallagher asked Chief Copeland’s opinion. Chief Copeland stated he felt it was another good way to communicate, but there are many ways the Village currently uses for this purpose. Mr. Gallagher added that he believes there are things that this service would be useful for, but he understands why others do not want to spend the funds. Chief Copeland stated that the Village will continue communicating through other methods such as website posts, Facebook posts, signs, and notices. At this time, no Council member asked for legislation to be drafted to enter into a contract with Everbridge. It was decided to table the discussion unless the public asks for it to be readdressed. Mr. Colvin stated this is a good portrayal of how the governmental process works by collecting information, researching, discussing, and listening to the public to make informed decisions representative of the residents.

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**Reports**

**Finance**

The Finance Committee will meet on January 18th, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to join the meeting.

**Public Works Report**

The Public Works met this evening to discuss the projects throughout the Village. The next meeting will be on February 5, at 6:00 p.m. Anyone with any questions or interest in the infrastructure is invited to attend.

**Special Committee Reports**

An invitation has been extended to the Chamber and the WMA about the MOMS Committee meeting on Tuesday, January 16, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

**Village Manager Report**

- Catch basins are being rebuilt throughout the Village
- Waterlines are being delivered to start the OPWC Third Street project. Residents will be informed of the dates of street closures. Part of the project includes the installation of valves to help minimize water service disruption during construction and water line breaks. Furthermore, new fire hydrants will be installed to provide better fire protection and new storm lines will be installed to help with drainage.
- The bend at Franklin and Third is still closed because KT Holden is installing a vault for a PRV and working on the storm lines.
- Moody should be starting next week to complete the Well 10 project.

**Police Report**

- There was low activity during the holidays, which is good as many municipalities had break-ins. The police did a good job providing omnipresence.

**Financial Director Report**

Ms. Dedden stated the State Auditor has completed the audit, and now the Village is waiting for their report. Ms. Crockett will have year-end reports for the next meeting. Ms. Morley has begun her training. The Village’s finances are stable, and we look forward to a good new year.

**Law Report**

None

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**New Business**

Mr. Gallagher motioned to nominate Mr. Colvin as President Pro Tempore, and Ms. Dedden seconded the motion.

Motion – Gallagher  
Second – Dedden

**Roll Call – 7 yeas**

At this time, Mr. Gallagher asked a question for clarification. He asked if the water department installs new lines or only maintains existing ones. Chief Copeland replied that the Water Department does not install new water lines. He explained the Village does not have the manpower, equipment, or engineering to install new water lines. The Village does repair water lines but does not install new ones.

The next agenda item was for the Council to consider whether to request a hearing for Hammel House's application for a liquor license. Ms. Dedden explained the only reason to request a hearing is if there were suspected legal reasons why they should not have a liquor license. She asked Chief Copeland if he knew of any legal reason to request a hearing. He responded that there were no reasons he was aware of.

Ms. Dedden motioned not to request a hearing for the Hammel House liquor license permit, and Mr. Lauffer seconded the motion.

Motion – Dedden  
Second – Lauffer

**Roll Call – 7 yeas**

Mr. Colvin asked Council to review the current rules of Council to see if there are any amendments, corrections, or updates.

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**Legislation**

**First Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions**

None

**Second Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions**

None

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**Tabled Ordinances and Resolutions**

None

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**Executive Session**

None

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All were in favor of adjourning at 7:38 pm.

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Jamie Morley, Clerk of Council