

**Village of Waynesville  
Council Meeting Minutes  
February 7, 2022 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, February 7, 2022.*

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Mayor Isaacs called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Roll Call – 7 present

**Mayor Acknowledgements**

The Streets Department did a great job on the streets this past snowstorm and would like to thank them for the good job. Hopefully spring is on the way.

Ms. Dedden made a motion to amend the agenda for tonight’s Council meeting on page two to correct the title for Ordinance 2022-004 to change the amount to \$37,500 and change the location to Third Street. Mr. Gallagher seconded the motion.

Motion – Dedden  
Second – Gallagher

**Roll Call – 7 yeas**

Mrs. Miller wanted to acknowledge the Scouts from Troop 1051 and Troop 51 attending the Council meeting tonight.

**Disposition of Previous Minutes**

Mrs. Miller made a motion to approve the minutes for the Council meeting on January 18, 2022 as written and Mr. Blankenship seconded the motion.

Motion – Miller  
Second – Blankenship

**Roll Call – 7 yeas**

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**Public Recognition/Visitor’s Comments**

Mr. Colvin asked Mr. Teeters, representing AES, if the winter storm this past week affected services. Mr. Teeters responded that as far as he was aware, the storm was a nonevent and service was provided as usual.

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**Old Business**

None

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**Reports**

**Finance**

The Finance Committee will meet on February 24, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. in the small conference room at the Government Center. The public is welcome to join.

**Public Works Report**

Public Works met this evening at 6:00 p.m. and went over ongoing and future Village projects. The Committee also discussed snow and ice removal during this past winter storm. Furthermore, the Committee would like Council to discuss the possibility of selling the Lock Up as it is currently sitting empty and costly repairs are needed. Council agreed to discuss this topic further under New Business.

**Special Committee Reports**

Planning Commission has a meeting scheduled for February 22 at 7:00 p.m. to review three lot splits or replats.

**Village Manager Report**

- The construction of the Village message board is moving along
- There are two ordinances on tonight’s agenda to have Choice One complete the engineering plans for the OPWC Grant applications for Third Street and Franklin Road. This will award the Village extra points for having the plans before

submitting the application. This amount will be considered part of the Village's contribution.

- Staff is working closely with Wessler to complete the water model. Hydrants were flushed last week to check pressure and flow. Staff discovered valve 22 was broken and plan to replace it in the spring.
- Also on the agenda are Ordinances to renew the contracts for both the Magistrate and Prosecutor for Mayor's Court. The contracts are now cohesive and will need to be renewed at the same time. The Prosecutor's rate remained the same and the Magistrate's increased to be able to contribute to OPERS.
- Would like Council's input on considering selling the Lock Up.
- Staff did an excellent job keeping up with the storm this past week. Arranged rotating shifts with the Street Department (Brian Corn and Greg Craddock), Andy Ray, and Shannon Mermann.
- Have an appointment to meet with Karie Novesl to go over the renewal proposal from Hylant Insurance for insurance of Village vehicles and property. There will be an ordinance at the next Council meeting to approve the plan.
- Contacted by Cindy Menth from the Merchant's Association about celebrating Waynesville's 225-year anniversary. The Village has a clock donated by Mike Foley and suggested a dedication ceremony during the celebration. Ms. Menth has an appointment with Wayne Township to get approval to install the clock at the gazebo area as it is centrally located downtown.

## **Police Report**

- Provided Dispatched Calls for Service, Mayor's Court report, and Code Enforcement report for January.
- Sgt. Denlinger will have to pick up a prisoner about 5 hours away for a case in County Court. The Sheriff's Office will not do this for this long of a distance. It is the responsibility of the citing jurisdiction to pick up the prisoner.
- Lt. Bledsoe attended STEP (Supervisor Training Education Program) training last week in Columbus. This is important for the continuation of educating police officers and to keep developing their skills.
- Provided a photograph of the presentation of Officer of the Year to Officer Walker.

Mr. Colvin asked about the code enforcement report and if yellow meant that the issue has been resolved. Chief stated that yellow did mean the case was resolved either through a citation or the violation was corrected. If the violation is repeated, a new case will be reopened. If incidents at properties are repetitive than a warning will not be issued but rather an automatic citation will be issued.

## **Financial Director Report**

- Should have an ordinance to approve permanent appropriations at the next meeting.

## **Law Report**

None

## **New Business**

Ms. Dedden asked Council to review the Rules of Council to be discussed at a special meeting of Council at 6:30 on February 22, 2022. Ms. Morley will email the most recent version of the Rules of Council for Council's review.

Mr. Gallagher pointed out that the Council meeting and Planning Commission meeting were scheduled for the same date and time because President's Day is that Monday. Ms. Morley said she would contact the Planning Commission to reschedule the meeting.

At this time, Council discussed the possibility of selling the Lock Up. Mr. Gallagher stated he felt the cost for upkeep and maintaining the building was too expensive and did not think this was a good way to spend taxpayers' money. Currently, the building needs mortar work, insulation installed, duct work, and plumbing work. He further does not see any benefits for the Village to keep the property and thinks the Village should sell it while the market is good. Mr. Lauffer asked what the purpose of the Lock Up was and if there is any value to keep the building. It was explained that the building has served as the old jail and fire house at one time. Mr. Blankenship indicated the Friends Museum would be interested in using it as an auxiliary building, but they do not have the funds to purchase the building. Mr. Gallagher asked if the Village could donate the Lock Up to the Museum and Mrs. Miller asked if the Museum could afford to properly fix and maintain the building. Ms. Dedden stated she would like to see the Lock Up go to the Museum if they can afford to properly maintain the historic building. Mr. Isaacs said that at one time the Chamber was planning on using the Lock Up for an informational building but never followed through. Chief Copeland said he had spoken to Ms. Miller of the Chamber and although the Chamber would love to utilize the building, it is too far off the beaten path. Mr. Blankenship confirmed he would speak to the Museum Board and come up with a proposal for a formal offer. Mr. Colvin asked if the Lock Up was donated to the Museum Board, could a clause be included in the agreement to require the proper maintenance of the building and if the Museum decided to sell the building that it would have to be returned to the Village. It was agreed to table the discussion and revisit it at the next Council meeting.

Mr. Lauffer asked what was happening on Main Street with all the trucks. Chief Copeland explained the Warren County was lining the sewer pipes with new bladders.

Chief Copeland indicated he would speak with Wayne Township if they would like to collaborate with the Village on the OPWC Grants to help with the cost of replacing the fire hydrants. The Village will get more points if two or more municipalities collaborate on the

application. This will benefit the Wayne Township Fire Department to have all fire hydrants compatible by having the same hose size and rotation.

## **Legislation**

### **First Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions**

#### **Ordinance No. 2022-002**

An Ordinance Appointing Robert Kaufman to Serve as Magistrate of the Village of Waynesville Mayor's Court and Authorizing the Village Manager to Execute any Necessary Contract Related to the Appointment and Declaring an Emergency

Mrs. Miller made a motion to waive two-reading rule for Ordinance 2022-002 and Mr. Lauffer seconded the motion.

Motion – Miller  
Second – Lauffer

#### **Roll Call – 7 yeas**

Ms. Dedden made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-002 as an emergency and Mrs. Miller seconded the motion.

Motion – Dedden  
Second – Miller

#### **Roll Call – 7 yeas**

#### **Ordinance No. 2022-003**

An Ordinance Authorizing Village Manager to Enter into a Contract with Mark D. Webb for Prosecuting Services for the Village of Waynesville and Declaring an Emergency

Mr. Colvin made a motion to waive two-reading rule for Ordinance 2022-003 and Mr. Blankenship seconded the motion.

Motion – Colvin  
Second – Blankenship

#### **Roll Call – 7 yeas**

Mr. Blankenship made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-003 as an emergency and Mr. Colvin seconded the motion.

Motion – Blankenship  
Second – Colvin

#### **Roll Call – 7 yeas**

#### **Ordinance No. 2022-004**

Authorizing the Village Manager to Enter into a Contract with Choice One Engineering in an Amount not to Exceed \$37,500.00 for Construction Plans for the Third Street Water Main Replacement and Street Resurfacing and Declaring an Emergency

Ms. Dedden made a motion to waive two-reading rule for Ordinance 2022-004 and Mr. Gallagher seconded the motion.

Motion – Dedden  
Second – Gallagher

**Roll Call – 7 yeas**

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-004 as an emergency and Mr. Colvin seconded the motion.

Motion – Gallagher  
Second – Colvin

**Roll Call – 7 yeas**

**Ordinance No. 2022-005**

Authorizing the Village Manager to Enter into a Contract with Choice One Engineering in an Amount not to Exceed \$43,150 for Construction Plans for the Franklin Road Water Main Replacement and Street Improvements and Declaring an Emergency

Mrs. Miller made a motion to waive two-reading rule for Ordinance 2022-005 and Mr. Gallagher seconded the motion.

Motion – Miller  
Second – Gallagher

**Roll Call – 7 yeas**

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-005 as an emergency and Mrs. Miller seconded the motion.

Motion – Gallagher  
Second – Miller

**Roll Call – 7 yeas**

**Second Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions**

None

**Tabled Ordinances and Resolutions**

None

**Executive Session**

None

All were in favor to adjourn at 8:04 pm.

Date: 2/7/2022

Jamie Morley  
Jamie Morley, Clerk of Council