

Village of Waynesville Council Meeting Minutes March 1, 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: Jeff Forbes, Law Director; 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, March 1, 2021. Due to Covid-19, this meeting was a teleconference using Zoom which is allowable by Ohio SB 365.*

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

Roll Call – 7 present

Chief Copeland led the Pledge of Allegiance and Mr. Blankenship led Council in a moment of prayer.

Ms. Dedden asked for a moment of silence for Ms. Crockett, who recently suffered a loss of a family member.

Mayor Acknowledgements

Mayor Isaacs stated that it appears the worst of winter is behind us and thanked the staff for all their hard work.

Disposition of Previous Minutes

Mrs. Miller made a motion to approve the minutes of February 16, 2021 and Ms. Dedden seconded the motion.

Motion – Miller

Roll Call – 7 yeas

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Public Recognition/visitor’s comments

None

Old Business

None

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Reports

Finance

The Finance Committee will meet on March 18 at 5:00 p.m. through Zoom. The Village has qualified for another short audit or Agreed upon Procedure. This will save the Village thousands of dollars. Would like to thank Ms. Crockett and staff for all their hard work.

Public Works Report

Met this evening and reviewed ongoing projects. Would like to thank Linda Keifer and David Nation for attending the meeting tonight and providing feedback. Next meeting will be April 5, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Special Committee Report

None

Village Manager Report

- The Warren County Commissions approved the Village’s Block Grant application for the full amount of 35K. This will be to put sidewalks in along Franklin Street from Fifth Street to Lytle/Dayton. This will be great for children walking to school and resident walkers.
- The old leaf truck has been listed on govdeals.com and the bids are over 2K. The auction ends March 4.
- The Village of Waynesville has been recommended for a short audit. Just waiting on the State Auditor to approve this. This will save the Village thousands of dollars.

- The County Commissioners approved and signed the Emergency Water Agreement.
- The Village is currently experiencing a salt shortage due to the ice storms that hit the West. The Street Department did the best they could, by salting the hills, during the last snow falls. Currently have a 100-ton order pending.
- Joe Anderson reviewed the Village's current quote to continue coverage with Hylant Insurance and stated that he could not compete.
- Water distribution station should be open by the end of March.
- The Village barely missed being approved for the OPWC Grant for phase IV, being just below the cutoff line. The Village has applied for a Small Business Grant which is only offered to smaller municipalities. Still waiting to hear if the Village has been approved for funding for the Phase IV to commence in 2022.
- Phase III is almost complete. SmithCorp finished tying in last lateral and will return in spring for restoration and repaving.
- Bids for the repainting and rehabbing of Lytle Ferry tower were opened last week. The bids ranged from 165K to 271K. Choice One is analyzing the bids to ensure all specifications are covered. Hope to have an ordinance to accept a bid for the next Council meeting.
- Discovered an access easement along the back part of the Harvest Baptist Church to access Village owned property between the Mill Race and Little Miami River. This could serve as the next placement of a new well.
- All the paperwork concerning the flood plains for the Route 73 and Route 42 property has been turned over to Choice One for review. Mr. Forbes can also look over the paperwork to see Village's legal options.
- Maintenance Department has been conditioning vehicles. All vehicles have a maintenance log and are kept up to date.

Police Report

- Calls for service and Mayor's Court Report will be provided for the next meeting.
- Provided a copy of the annual Warren County Sheriff's report. If Council would like, can see if Sherriff Simms can Zoom into a meeting.
- SRO Mermann obtained a grant through the AG and received \$300 per school inspected. He also attended an online OPOTA training. A total of \$1700 was received for his efforts.
- Received a care package from Girl Scout Troop 4051 for all the officers.

- Annual Recycle Rally is scheduled for April 24. This will also include a Drug Take Back program.

Mr. Colvin asked about the status of continuing the updates to the codification of codes. Chief Copeland responded that he was going to cover that in the next Council report as Ms. Morley just received a quote from American Legal. Ms. Morley stated the quote was between \$3,500 to \$5,000 and would cover all legislation passed in 2020 and all ORC updates up to November 2020.

Ms. Dedden asked if Sherriff Simms would be available to attend the April 1st Council meeting. Chief Copeland stated that he would see if he was available.

Financial Director Report

- Current legislation to approve health insurance for Village employees with Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield. Still waiting to get a comparable quote from United Healthcare.
- Asking Council to consider passing legislation concerning Verizon contract as an emergency, so the GIS mapping can get underway.

Law Report

None

New Business

None

Legislation

First Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance No. 2021-008

Authorizing a Health Insurance Plan for Village Employees

Ms. Dedden made a motion to have the first reading of Ordinance 2021-008 and Mrs. Miller seconded the motion.

Motion – Dedden

Second – Miller

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Resolution No. 2021– 009

A Resolution Adopting the Permanent Appropriations for the Village of Waynesville for Calendar Year 2021 and Declaring an Emergency

Ms. Dedden made a motion to waive the two-reading for Resolution 2021-009 and Mr. Blankenship seconded the motion.

Motion – Dedden
Second – Blankenship

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Ms. Dedden made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-009 as an emergency and Mrs. Miller seconded the motion.

Motion – Dedden
Second – Miller

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Second Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance 2021-007

Authorizing the Village Manager to Execute an Agreement with Verizon Wireless for Cellular Service

Ms. Dedden made the motion to amend Ordinance 2021-007 to add as an emergency and was seconded Mr. Gallagher.

Motion – Dedden
Second – Gallagher

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Mr. Colvin made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-007 as an emergency and was seconded Mr. Lauffer.

Motion – Colvin
Second – Lauffer

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Tabled Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance 2021-006

Authorizing the Village Manager to Award Property and Liability Insurance Coverage for the Village of Waynesville and Declaring an Emergency

Mr. Colvin made a motion to take Ordinance 2021-006 off the table and was seconded Ms. Dedden.

Motion – Colvin
Second – Dedden

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Ms. Dedden made a motion to waive the two-reading for Ordinance 2021-006 and Mr. Blankenship seconded the motion.

Motion – Dedden
Second – Blankenship

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Mr. Blankenship made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-006 as an emergency and Mrs. Miller seconded the motion.

Motion – Blankenship
Second – Miller

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Executive Session

None

At this time, Council discussed whether to have in person meetings or continue using Zoom. It was decided to finish out the month of March on Zoom and then resume in person meetings starting in April.

Ms. Dedden made the motion to adjourn at 7:42 p.m. and all were in favor.

Date: _____

Jamie Morley, Clerk of Council