

**Village of Waynesville
Council Meeting Minutes
April 5, 2021 at 7:00 pm**

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

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, April 5, 2021.

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

Roll Call – 6 present

Ms. Dedden made a motion to excuse Mr. Lauffer from tonight’s meeting and Mr. Gallagher seconded the motion.

Motion – Dedden
Second – Gallagher

Roll Call – 6 years

At Mayor Isaacs’s request, Chief Copeland led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance and Mr. Blankenship led Council in a moment of prayer.

Mayor Acknowledgements

None

Disposition of Previous Minutes

Mr. Colvin made a motion to approve the minutes of March 15, 2021 as written and Mrs. Miller seconded the motion.

Motion – Colvin
Second – Miller

Roll Call – 6 yeas

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Public Recognition/visitor’s comments

Zack McDaniel, 1030 Hunter Run, from Talbert House Prevention Services spoke about the rise of binge drinking in Warren and Clinton County. He wanted to inform Council about their new “Be One of Us” initiative that aims to increase awareness regarding binge drinking. The purpose is to spread awareness and ultimately break the misconceptions about binge drinking that are so prevalent in communities.

Sharon Jewell, 661 Robindale, presented to Council a petition of concerned residents about a supposed possible Airbnb on Robindale Dr. Ms. Jewell asked Council to consider passing an ordinance that would not allow Airbnbs within residential zoned areas.

Old Business

None

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Reports

Finance

The Finance Committee will meet this Thursday on March 18th at 5:00 p.m. through Zoom.

Public Works Report

Next meeting will be April 5, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. and the public is encouraged to attend.

Special Committee Report

None

Village Manager Report

- Planning the April 5th, Council meeting to be in person at the government center.
- Asking Council to make an amendment to Ordinance 2021-012 tonight to double the quoted amount to include new fencing

around the well field. There was an incident Friday, where a contractor had left the wellfield gates open for about 15 minutes. An individual was within the wellfield and fled when the contractor returned. They took over \$2,000 of the contractor's tools and his jacket which included keys to the wellfield. The locks had to be rekeyed. For this reason, would like to include extra fencing around this area along with cameras. Trail cameras have been installed and extra patrols have been issued. Currently researching cameras to be placed around Village property.

- Old leaf truck sold on Govdeals.com. The Village will receive \$6,050.
- The new leaf truck has been logoed.
- Well 7 is currently down. Provided quotes from two vendors in Council packets. There is an ordinance tonight on the agenda as an emergency to accept the quote from Boone to have the well cleaned and motor replaced. The motor is 40-horse powered as the current electrical wiring will not support anything larger. Would like to rewire the wells as part of the future wellfield upgrades.
- The water distribution station should be completed by the end of March.
- Moving forward with updating the codified ordinances with American Legal. This will include ORC Codes through 11/20 and all passed ordinances from 2020.
- Spoke with Ms. Gallagher from Cook-Jones Road about the possibility of providing water to the area. Originally referred her to the County for help, but they stated they no longer offered this service. After researching the process, explained that she would need to get a petition signed by at least 50% of all households that the water line would go by with the understanding that they would be responsible for funding the waterline. This project most likely will be over \$500K, the project would be funded by a bond company and household property taxes would be assessed over the course of 20 years to pay for waterline. Ms. Gallagher stated she had surveyed households about 10 years ago but there was not enough interest. She will try again and if she gets over 50% to commit, the next step would be to have a meeting at the government center to go over costs and start getting an engineer involved and finding a bond company to fund the project.
- An ordinance on tonight's agenda to approve the rehabilitation and repainting of Ferry Tower. Choice One went over all the bids and provided a letter recommending L&T Painting. They had the lowest bid at 165K and met all the specifications. There will also be the cost of about 20K to 30K for a professional

inspector. Asking to approve this ordinance as an emergency to get the project underway.

- Choice One has reviewed the paperwork submitted by Mr. Hoffman on filling in the land at the corner of Route 73 and 42. Choice One stated the paperwork was from the study that FEMA does every 10 years on flood plains. Mr. Hoffman is going to provide the Stantech study stating this will not affect the wellfield.
- Street Department has started filling in potholes.
- Provided flyer for recycle rally occurring April 26.
- Ms. Morley and I will be attending a Zoom meeting on Thursday to begin the process to redo the Village's web site.
- The Village should be receiving money from the American Rescue Plan. There are directives on how to spend the money and one of the options is to use the funds on water infrastructure projects. Depending on the amount received, possibly look into the new water treatment plant at the wellfield.
- Will be on vacation from March 25 – April 1 and ask Council to appoint Lt. Bledsoe as acting Village Manager during that time.

Police Report

- February calls for service and Mayor's Court report have been provided.
- The Warren County Sheriff will attend the April 19th Council meeting.
- Received a check for \$336.75 from cost recovery.
- Three officers attended the funeral for ODNR Officer Jason Lagore, who died in line of duty.

Mr. Colvin asked Chief Copeland what would happen to the new pump being installed in Well 7 when the wiring to the wells get upgraded. Chief Copeland stated that the upgrade will not be soon, and it is imperative to get Well 7 up and running. The bigger pumps with more horsepower require larger voltage wires. If the wiring to the wells is upgraded and larger horse powered pumps are installed, it could be used as a backup pump. Mr. Colvin asked if the Village is in violation because Well 7 is not running. Chief Copeland stated that the Village is not in violation as Well 8 is running fulltime to compensate, but Well 8 is primarily there to serve as a backup well and not meant to run fulltime. Mr. Colvin asked what the time frame is to start the electrical upgrades to run new wiring to the wellheads. Chief Copeland stated he would like this started next summer.

Financial Director Report

None

Law Report

None

New Business

Ms. Dedden made a motion to appoint Lt. Bledsoe as Acting Village Manager from 3/25/2021 to 4/1/2021 and Mr. Gallagher seconded the motion.

Motion – Dedden
Second – Gallagher

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Legislation

First Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance No. 2021-010

Authorizing the Village Manager to Enter into a Contract with L&T Painting, Inc. in an Amount Not to Exceed \$165,780 for the Ferry Road Water Storage Tank Painting Project as an Emergency

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to waive two-reading rule for Ordinance 2021-010 and Mrs. Miller seconded the motion.

Motion – Gallagher
Second – Miller

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Mr. Colvin made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-010 as an emergency and Mr. Gallagher seconded the motion.

Motion – Colvin
Second – Gallagher

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Mr. Colvin asked about the timeframe for the completion of the project. Chief Copeland stated there will be a preconstruction meeting to determine the timeframe of when the project will be started. The project should only take 3 to 4 weeks but should not occur during the hot months.

Ordinance No. 2021-011

Authorizing the Village Manager to Enter into a Contract with Boone Water Systems, Inc. and Declaring an Emergency

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to waive two-reading rule for Ordinance 2021-011 and Mr. Blankenship seconded the motion.

Motion – Gallagher
Second – Blankenship

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Mr. Blankenship made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-011 as an emergency and Mr. Gallagher seconded the motion.

Motion – Blankenship
Second – Gallagher

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Mr. Colvin wanted to ensure the public that it may appear that Council is rushing through ordinances, but the work and due diligence has been discussed and planned in subcommittees. Chief Copeland also stated that it was important to have Well 7 repaired as quick as possible.

Ordinance No. 2021-012

Authorizing the Village Manager to Enter into a Contract with Ashlee Fence Enterprises, Inc. and Declaring an Emergency

Mrs. Miller made a motion to amend Ordinance 2021-012 to the amount of \$17,550 and was seconded by Ms. Dedden.

Motion – Miller
Second – Dedden

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Mrs. Miller made a motion to waive two-reading rule for Ordinance 2021-012 and Mr. Colvin seconded the motion.

Motion – Miller
Second – Colvin

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-012 as an emergency and Mr. Colvin seconded the motion.

Motion – Gallagher
Second – Colvin

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Second Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance No. 2021-008

Authorizing a Health Insurance Plan for Village Employees

Ms. Dedden made a motion to table Ordinance 2021-008 in order to compare the quote from United Healthcare and Mr. Blankenship seconded the motion.

Motion – Dedden
Second – Blankenship

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Tabled Ordinances and Resolutions

Executive Session

None

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

Date: _____

Jamie Morley, Clerk of Council