

**Village of Waynesville  
Council Meeting Minutes  
April 19, 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; Jamie Morley, Clerk of Council

***CLERK’S NOTE-** This is a summary of the Village Council Meeting held on Monday, April 19, 2021.*

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

Roll Call – 7 present

At Mayor Isaacs’s request Mr. Blankenship led Council in a moment of prayer.

**Mayor Acknowledgements**

Mayor Isaacs stated Chief Copeland would be on ESPN 2 Friday night refereeing MMA in Atlantic City. He was also unable to attend tonight’s meeting due to coaching his son’s baseball game.

**Disposition of Previous Minutes**

Ms. Dedden made a motion to approve the minutes of April 5, 2021 as written and Mr. Blankenship seconded the motion.

Motion – Dedden  
Second – Blankenship

**Roll Call – 7 years**

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**Public Recognition/visitor’s comments**

Warren County Sheriff Larry Simms reviewed with Council the 2020 yearend report. He wanted to let everyone know the report is on their website for review. Sheriff Simms addressed the impacts of the pandemic on the department and the jail system. He stated his office declined to participate in enforcement actions of mandate orders and operated the office on the guidelines fit for the office’s responsibilities. He further explained the calls of services were down due to the stay-at-home order and the jail had to release low-level offenders to adhere to social distancing protocols.

The department did add a canine unit in Deerfield Township post. Now have 4 canines. Also, added a drone which will help security in serving search warrants and SWAT teams. The drone has also been used for search and rescue. The jail is nearing completion. The administration side may be able to move in by mid-September. The beds will increase from 280 beds to 499 beds.

Mr. Colvin asked Sheriff Simms about recent legislation passed at the state level that may cause issues with police immunity. Sheriff Simms stated that recent legislation went into effect on April 12 and places restrictions on how to handcuff or isolate pregnant females.

Mr. Blankenship asked how the morale of his staff was. Sheriff Simms stated that it was good due to the great community support. This helps keep morale up.

Council thanked Sheriff Simms for attending tonight’s Council meeting and expressed their support for him and his department.

Nancy Walther of 242 Victoria Place addressed Council concerning a valve box within her brick walkway. She stated that there is a jagged pipe sticking up out of the walkway that is a tripping hazard and asked if there is anything the Village can do about it. It was discussed that that this was on the Village side of the meter. The Village Manager would be contacted and have staff come out and see about making it flush with the ground.

**Old Business**

Ms. Dedden Stated that Council met this evening at 6:00 PM to go over the Rules of Council. Council went over the rules and had a couple questions for the Law Director. Ms. Dedden asked about Rule XIII, Dispensation of Rules. Mr. Forbes explained that the rules outline how Council is to operate and function and under Rule 13 any part of these rules can be temporarily suspended at a meeting by a majority vote. However, many of the rules are directly from the Charter and ORC and these cannot not be suspended. For example, the rules dictating how and why Council can go into executive session cannot be suspended as this is established in the Charter and state law. An example of suspending the rules is Rule XI where it calls out how the agenda is laid out. Council could vote to temporarily suspend the rules to

Mr. Colvin asked how long this  
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**Reports**

## **Finance**

The Finance Committee will meet Thursday on April 22, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. at the Government Center.

## **Public Works Report**

Public Works Committee will meet on May 3, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. and the public is encouraged to attend.

## **Special Committee Report**

## **Village Manager Report**

- Did not
- or so.

## **Police Report**

- smooth.

## **Financial Director Report**

None

## **Law Report**

- Senate

## **New Business**

## **Legislation**

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

#### **Ordinance No. 2021 - 014**

Imposing a Moratorium for a Period of 180 Days on the Granting of any Permit or any Other Action Allowing Short-Term Rentals such as Airbnb within the Village of Waynesville, Ohio and Declaring an Emergency

Mr. Colvin made a motion to waive the two-reading rule for Ordinance 2021-014 and Mrs. Miller seconded the motion.

Motion – Colvin  
Second – Miller

**Roll Call – 7 yeas**

Mr. Colvin made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-014 as an emergency and Mrs. Miller seconded the motion.

Motion – Colvin  
Second – Miller

**Roll Call – 7 yeas**

**Ordinance No. 2021-015**

Authorizing the Village Manager to Enter into a Contract with PCI Services and Declaring an Emergency

Ms. Dedden made a motion to table Ordinance 2021-015 and Mr. Gallagher seconded the motion.

Motion – Dedden  
Second – Gallagher

**Roll Call – 7 yeas**

**Ordinance No. 2021-016**

Authorizing the Village Manager to Enter into a Contract with Nelson Tank Engineering & Consulting, Inc., and Declaring an Emergency

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to waive the two-reading rule for Ordinance 2021-016 and Mr. Lauffer seconded the motion.

Motion – Gallagher  
Second – Lauffer

**Roll Call – 7 yeas**

Ms. Dedden made a motion to amend Exhibit A of Ordinance 2021-016 to remove letter A of Section II, Miscellaneous Provisions and Mr. Blankenship seconded the motion.

Motion – Dedden  
Second – Blankenship

**Roll Call – 7 yeas**

Mr. Colvin made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-016 as amended and as an emergency and Mr. Blankenship seconded the motion.

Motion – Colvin  
Second – Blankenship

**Roll Call – 7 yeas**

**Second Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions**

**Ordinance 2021-013**

Adopting Section 50.107 of the Waynesville Codified Ordinances Related to Closed/Inactive Water Accounts

Mr. Blankenship made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-013 and Mrs. Miller seconded the motion.

Motion – Blankenship  
Second – Miller

**Roll Call – 7 yeas**

**Tabled Ordinances and Resolutions**

**Executive Session**

None

Ms. Dedden made the motion to adjourn at 9:07 p.m. and was seconded by Mr. Blankenship. All were in favor.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Jamie Morley, Clerk of Council