

**Village of Waynesville
Council Meeting Minutes
June 3, 2024 at 7:00 pm**

Present: Mayor Earl Isaacs
Mr. Brian Blankenship
Mr. Zack Gallagher
Mr. Troy Lauffer
Mrs. Connie Miller

Absent: Mr. Chris Colvin
Ms. Joette Dedden

Village Staff Present: Jeff Forbes, Law Director; Gary Copeland, Village Manager and Director of Public Safety; Jamie Morley, Finance Director and Clerk of Council

***CLERK’S NOTE-** This is a summary of the Village Council Meeting held on Monday, June 3, 2024.*

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

Roll Call – 5 present

Mr. Blankenship motioned to excuse Ms. Dedden and Mr. Colvin from tonight’s meeting and Mr. Gallagher seconded the motion.

Motion – Blankenship
Second – Gallagher

Roll Call – 5 yeas

Mayor Acknowledgements

Mayor Isaacs commented that the town is still under construction, but all the projects are coming along and looking good.

Disposition of Previous Minutes

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to approve the minutes of May 20th, 2024 and Mr. Blankenship seconded the motion.

Motion – Gallagher
Second – Blankenship

Roll Call – 5 yeas

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Public Recognition/visitor’s comments

None

Old Business

None

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Reports

Finance

The next Finance Committee meeting will be June 17th, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Public Works Report

Public Works met this evening to discuss projects throughout the Village. The next meeting will be July 1, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

Special Committee Report

None

Village Manager Report

- Chief Copeland stated that on May 20th, the Water Department had a positive sample for E. coli. They pulled a second sample to ensure it was not a false positive. This sample also came back positive. The Water Department immediately declared a boil advisory, which was posted on Facebook and the Village website. Flyers were also handed out to customers who were affected by the advisory. The EPA came in and did an inspection. It was determined that there was only one isolated location where the sample came back positive, which was at the Fourth and High location. It was discovered that there was a hole in the spigot cover that could have allowed contaminants to get in and cause the positive sample. The Water Department has since changed out the entire valve and spigot. The EPA inspected the system as a whole and was overall impressed with all the upgrades and improvements to the water system. They

made five recommendations for improvements, which the Water Department has already implemented.

- The Maintenance Department replaced the fencing around the Government Center retention wall. The original fence was rotted and needed to be replaced. They did a great job.
- All the AEDs have been replaced. A huge thank you to Ashley Richardson for raising the funds for a donation to purchase these new AEDs. Kettering Health Network presented the donation and will issue a press release.
- The Village received \$531 from the opioid settlement.
- June 29th is the Fourth of July Parade.

Police Report

- Chief Copeland provided copies of dispatched calls for service, Mayor's Court Month End Reports, and the code enforcement report for May 2024.
- There is an ordinance on tonight's agenda to declare the officer's guns as surplus. New LE guns have been ordered with holsters and flashlight attachments. This ordinance will allow the officers to buy back their service weapons.
- Chief Copeland attended and spoke at the DARE graduation on May 22. Sheriff Simms and a canine demonstration were also present at the event.
- Now that school is over, Officer Mermann is back on the road to help cover officer vacations. The first week back, he performed maintenance on the police vehicles, doing oil changes and brake replacements.
- Judge Loxly and Judge Fischer will attend the Council meeting on June 17.
- This weekend, Chief Copeland found a 2017 Interceptor Ford Taurus for sale for \$12K. It only had 35K miles and served as a supervisor car for a security company. After ensuring the funding was there, Chief Copeland agreed to purchase the vehicle. The officers picked it up this afternoon and said it drove fantastic.

Mr. Lauffer asked what would happen to the guns if an officer decided not to buy back the service weapon. Chief Copeland responded that there were five guns and seven officers so that they would be offered to the other officers. Mr. Lauffer asked what type of gun was selected for the new weapons. Chief Copeland stated that Sig 9s were purchased. These are the same guns carried by the State Highway Patrol. The officers looked at the LE guns and liked them.

Mr. Lauffer commented that Chief Copeland found a fantastic deal on the car and appreciated how he handles taxpayer money.

Financial Director Report

- Ms. Morley stated that there is an ordinance tonight on the agenda to adopt the budget for 2025. There will be a public hearing before the next Council meeting. She asked Council to adopt the budget as an emergency at the next meeting in order to have the budget to the County Auditor before July 15th. Ms. Morley stated that the budget will be discussed at the Finance Meeting on June 17th to answer any questions.

Law Report

None

Mr. Forbes wanted to remind Council that since the Charter amendments were adopted, Council has the option to have only one meeting per month, especially as we head into the summer months.

New Business

None

Legislation

First Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance No. 2024-019

An Ordinance Authorizing the Trade-In of Certain Firearms Declared to be Surplus Property

Mrs. Miller moved to have the first reading of Ordinance No. 2024-019, and Mr. Blankenship seconded the motion.

Motion – Miller
Second – Blankenship

Roll Call – 5 yeas

Ordinance 2024-020

Adopting Chapter 114 of the Village of Waynesville Codified Ordinances Regarding Mobile Food Service Operations and Amending the Village Fee Schedule to Adopt the Related Permit Fee

Mr. Forbes stated this ordinance is in response to the discussion at the last Council meeting. He added that amendments can always be made to the code, and the fee amount will need to be filled in in section 2 of the legislation.

Mr. Lauffer moved to have the first reading of Ordinance No. 2024-020, and Mr. Gallagher seconded the motion.

Motion – Lauffer
Second – Gallagher

Roll Call – 5 yeas

Resolution No. 2024-021

A Resolution Approving the 2025 Annual Tax Budget for the Village of Waynesville and Declaring an Emergency

Mr. Gallagher moved to have the first reading of Resolution No. 2024-021, and Mrs. Miller seconded the motion.

Motion – Gallagher
Second – Miller

Roll Call – 5 yeas

Second Reading of Ordinances and Resolution

None

Executive Session

None

All were in favor of adjourning at 7:30 p.m.

Date: _____

Jamie Morley, Clerk of Council