

**Village of Waynesville
Council Meeting Minutes
June 21, 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, June 21, 2021.*

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

Roll Call – 7 present

Mayor Acknowledgements

Thank you to Coffman Electric for making repairs and lighting up Veteran’s Park.

Disposition of Previous Minutes

Mrs. Miller made a motion to approve the minutes for the Council meeting on June 7, 2021 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

None

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Old Business

None

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Reports

Finance

The Finance Committee will meet on Thursday June 24, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. at the Government Center. The public is encouraged to attend. Ordinance 2021-024 approving the budget is an emergency because it has to be at the auditor before July 15, 2021.

Public Works Report

Public Works next meeting is scheduled for July 6, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. and the public is welcome to attend.

Special Committee Report

MOMS Committee planted flowers and hanging baskets along Main Street. Thank you to Mollie Wentworth and Theresa Peth for their time.

Village Manager Report

- Provided Wessler report on electrical voltage drops on distances and the recommendation of a 3” conduit. Shared the report with Nathan from PCI and asked him to provide a quote. The plan is to put in 3 conduits, two for existing wells and one for a future well. Asking Council to continue to table Ordinance 2015-015 until an updated quote is received.
- Storage barns behind Water Distribution Station are looking good. The building has been painted and roof installed. Garage doors should be installed next week.
- L&T Painting is moving along on the cleaning and painting of the Ferry water tower. They are finishing up sandblasting the inside and making welding repairs. Once this is done, they will move onto painting the outside which should take no more than a week and half. This project should be done no later than 4th of July.
- Provided a letter from Pat Dubbs, Superintendent of Wayne Local Schools, asking Council to waive the tap-in fees for the new Performing Arts Building.

- Provided a copy of the latest GIS inputs. This project is underway.
- Maintenance Department performed barricade restoration, saving the Village money.
- Letter from WMA asking Council to waive the Special Events Fee for a car show to be held in August. This is an event to help bring more business to downtown.
- Waiting to receive one more quote for the Franklin Sidewalk Project.
- Will be on vacation from June 28- July 9 and ask Council to appoint Lt. Bledsoe as Acting Manager.
- Ordered magnetic signs for Mayor and Council to use during parades and special events to go on the side of vehicles. These can be checked out at front office.
- Street Department asphalted potholes around town including two created from water main breaks.

Police Report

- Dispatched calls for service and Mayor's Court end of month for May have been provided.
- The Independence Day Parade is back on and encourage Council Members to participate in the parade. Lt. Bledsoe will lead the parade.
- Currently reviewing the police agreement for the Sauerkraut Festival.

Mr. Blankenship asked if there had been any issues of flooding at the wellfield with the flooding of Bowman Park this weekend. Chief Copeland stated that there have been no problems.

Mr. Colvin asked if there had been any leads on the theft at the wellfield a couple months ago. Chief Copeland stated that they have followed a couple leads, but nothing has come about. The gates and trail cameras have been offering good security.

Mr. Lauffer stated that he has heard a lot of good feedback on the tornado sirens. Ms. Dedden asked why there was no all-clear after the storm had passed. Chief Copeland stated that the sirens are controlled by EMA and not sure why. The Village of Waynesville has no control over the sirens.

Financial Director Report

- Ordinance 2021-024 approving the 2022 budget should have two-readings and passed as an emergency when adopted. A Public Hearing will need to be held before the next regularly scheduled Council meeting.

Law Report

- Made appropriate changes to the Short-Term Rental Ordinance as directed by Council at the last meeting. Will go over these when the Ordinance is discussed.

New Business

At this time, there was discussion to waive the tap-fees for the Wayne Local Schools Performing Arts Building. Mr. Forbes was asked to prepare legislation to waive these fees for the next Council meeting.

Ms. Dedden made a motion to waive the WMA Special Events fee for a car show in August and was seconded by Mr. Blankenship.

Motion – Dedden

Second – Blankenship

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Ms. Dedden made a motion to appoint Lt. Bledsoe as Acting Village Manager from 6/28/2021 to 7/9/2021 and was seconded by Mr. Gallagher.

Motion – Dedden

Second – Gallagher

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Mr. Lauffer asked if Mr. Forbes is obligated to respond and listen to phone calls that are unsolicited. Mr. Forbes stated that he listens to them to ensure there is nothing that needs to be brought to Council's attention. Council has instructed the Law Director in the past to not respond. Mr. Lauffer stated he feels the Law Director should be paid for his time if he must listen to voicemails, but at what point is the cutoff. Chief Copeland stated that the issue being spoken about is a civil issue about a bank foreclosure of a house within the Village. This has been reviewed by a fair and impartial source that found no wrongdoings on the part of the Village and Waynesville Police Department.

Mr. Colvin stated he believes that this is a public record and if an individual wants to take Village Law Director's time and create a hassle, then the record should be clear and say what it is. Chief Copeland stated that the issue being spoken about has a bank foreclosure on a house and has been reviewed by Warren County Courts. An eviction notice was served and when the family refused to leave that is when Waynesville Police Department got involved. The house has since been auctioned off. Mr. Lauffer stated that this is costing the taxpayer's money for the Law Director to interact with the individual. Mr. Colvin stated part of the consequence of engaging with a municipality in a public forum is that it is open to the public for transparency purposes. Darla Buckland has continued to engage the Law Director and use taxpayer's money for over a year. Mr. Forbes stated that the bottom line is that it is the public's right to address their grievances with the government. He further said that the Village has listened and done everything that the Village can do. This is not a Village matter, therefore there is no reason to respond or exasperate the matter any further.

Legislation

First Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions

Resolution No. 2021-024

A Resolution Approving the 2022 Annual Tax Budget for the Village of Waynesville and Declaring an Emergency

Ms. Dedden made a motion to have the first reading of Resolution 2021-024 and was seconded by Mr. Lauffer.

Motion – Dedden

Second – Lauffer

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Ordinance 2021-025

Approval and Granting Consent to the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation Authority to, Apply, Maintain and Repair Standard Longitudinal Pavement Markings and Erect Regulatory and Warning Signs on State Highways inside Village Corporate Limits, and Giving Consent of the Village for the Ohio Department of Transportation to Remove Snow and Ice and Use Snow and Ice Control Material on State Highways inside the Village Corporate Limits and Giving Consent of the Village for the Ohio Department of Transportation to Perform Maintenance and/or Repair on State Highways inside the Village Corporation.

Mr. Blankenship made a motion to have the first reading of Ordinance 2021-025 and was seconded by Mr. Colvin.

Motion – Blankenship

Second – Colvin

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Second Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance No. 2021 - 020

Adopting Chapter 114 of the Waynesville Codified Ordinances Regulating “Short-Term Rental Operations” in the Village of Waynesville

Ms. Dedden made a motion to amend Exhibit A of Ordinance 2021-020 and was seconded by Mr. Lauffer.

Motion – Dedden

Second – Lauffer

Roll Call – 7 yeas

At this time, Council discussed the proposed changes. See attached for the proposed amendments. The only change to the proposed amendments is to keep the word “sex” in (1), (2), and (3) of section 114.10 to reflect the same wording in the Fair Housing Act.

Ms. Dedden made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-020 as amended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lauffer.

Motion – Dedden

Second – Lauffer

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Ordinance No. 2021-021

Authorizing the Village Manager to Accept U.S. Department of the Treasury Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

Ms. Dedden made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-021 and Mrs. Miller seconded the motion.

Motion – Dedden

Second – Miller

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Tabled Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance No. 2021-015

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

There was no action taken on tabled Ordinance No. 2021-015.

Executive Session

None

Mr. Blankenship asked which Council Members were up for reelection. Ms. Morley stated that Mr. Lauffer, Mr. Colvin, Mr. Blankenship, and Ms. Dedden’s terms will all expire at the end of this year. Ms. Dedden stated applications must be filed with the Board of Elections by August if members plan to run again.

Sharon Jewell of 722 Joycie Lane thanked the Committee on Short-Term Rentals for all their hard work. She also thanked Council for trusting and listening to the Committee. She believes Waynesville will be a better community because the time was taken to address this topic correctly.

All were in favor to adjourn at 8:18 pm.

Date: _____

Jamie Morley, Clerk of Council