

**Village of Waynesville  
Council Meeting Minutes  
October 2, 2023 at 7:00 pm**

Present: Mr. Brian Blankenship  
Mr. Chris Colvin  
Ms. Joette Dedden  
Mr. Zack Gallagher  
Mayor Earl Isaacs  
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, October 2, 2023.*

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

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**Mayor Acknowledgements**

Nice to see things happening within the Village and projects getting underway to make the Village better for the future.

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**Disposition of Previous Minutes**

Mrs. Miller motioned to approve the September 18, 2023 minutes, and Ms. Dedden seconded the motion.

Motion – Miller  
Second – Dedden

**Roll Call – 7 yeas**

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**Public Recognition/Visitor’s Comments**

Kent Pelton, the pastor of the Waynesville Church of the Nazarene, introduced himself to Council. He stated his church is looking at establishing adult day services and parents' night out. Currently, they are working with the state to get licenses but wanted to inform Council of future programs his church is hoping to offer to the community.

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**Old Business**

None

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**Reports**

**Finance**

Finance will meet on October 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. and everyone is invited to attend.

**Public Works Report**

The Public Works Committee did not meet tonight because of the Special Council Meeting. The Committee will meet on November 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Anyone who has questions or interest in the infrastructure is invited to attend.

**Special Committee Reports**

The Parks and Rec Committee is scheduled to meet on October 16, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. Mary L. Cook representatives will be there to discuss the proposed new park. Chief Copeland will give updates on possible park locations and discuss the possibility of a public pool.

**Village Manager Report**

- CenterPoint Energy hired Waker Plumbing to move gas lines in preparation for OPWC Franklin Phase I project. It was discovered that a catch basin had collapsed. MK Welding constructed a metal plate to go over the drain until the OPWC project is started.
- Met with Choice One and KT Holden to discuss the Franklin Phase I project. The project should begin the week after the Sauerkraut Festival. The plan is to begin at Route 42 and work their way up. First, storm lines will be replaced, then new water lines will be run, and finally, the road will be milled and filled.
- Provided quotes for a private company to decorate Main Street. After reviewing the quotes, the Colvin family graciously volunteered to take this project on themselves.

- Provided photos of the newest air conditioning unit at the Government Center that was replaced. The units are on the ground, which promotes rust, and the vibrating allows stone to get into them. The new one is elevated.
- The Street Department has been out repairing potholes.
- Two houses at 127 North St and 43 Route 42 have been demolished. The owners of Groceryland are hoping to put a new business there.
- The Water Department is continuing to paint, flush, and exercise the hydrants around town.
- Received a complaint about there not being a handicap ramp at the corner of Anthony Trace and Camp Creek. The Street Department carried out this project in-house, saving the Village lots of money. They did a great job.
- Provided a photo of the nursing students providing health screenings at polling locations during the next election on November 7.
- Spoke with the president of the Chamber of Commerce about the Village possibly waiving the special events fee of \$125 for Christmas in the Village. The Chamber is looking for donations to help curb costs as everything is getting expensive.

## **Police Report**

- Police Calls for Service and Mayor Court Month End reports will be provided with the next report.
- Sgt. Denlinger's Code Enforcement report has been provided for review.
- Officers are busy completing the required 24 hours of CPT (Continuing Police Training) as required by HB 110. These hours are reimbursable once completed.

Mr. Colvin stated that after looking over the quotes and speaking with his family, they decided that they would like to decorate the lampposts on Main Street. They are planning on doing this on the afternoon of October 18th if anyone would like to join them. Mrs. Miller asked if a waiver would be needed to do the decorating. Mr. Colvin added that he believes the MOMS Committee needs to step up and help, but his family is willing to commit and save the Village 7K this year. Ms. Dedden added that in the past she has asked for volunteers from the community on social media to decorate the downtown for Christmas, but no one has shown up.

Mr. Gallagher stated he has heard positive comments from the community on the lots being cleared on North Street, fire hydrants being painted, and the new ramp on Camp Creek. He is glad for the positive feedback from the community.

Mr. Gallagher asked Mr. Pelton of the Waynesville Church of the Nazarene if he had contact information. Mr. Pelton responded that he was happy to share it. Unfortunately, the programs he spoke about are not currently offered as they are still looking into the process.

**Financial Director Report**

None

**Law Report**

- Will prepare a waiver for decorating Main Street.
- A Follow-up from the last Council meeting, I received an email from Cap 5 Development and have a phone call scheduled for Wednesday to go over the procedure for annexation.

Chief Copeland stated he has received several calls from developers. He added that when he has spoken with them, he lets them know that he does not think the Council will allow through traffic to preexisting neighborhoods except for emergency vehicles.

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**New Business**

None

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**Legislation**

**First Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions**

**Ordinance 2023-042**

Amending the Schedule of Fees and Charges for the Village of Waynesville Regarding Trash Rates, Sewer Deduct Meter Prices and Fees, and After Hour Call Out Prices for Staff

Ms. Dedden made a motion to have the first-reading rule for Ordinance 2023-042 and Mrs. Miller seconded the motion.

Motion – Dedden  
Second – Miller

**Roll Call – 7 yeas**

**Ordinance 2023- 043**

An Ordinance Authorizing the Finance Director to Transfer Investment Funds (2 Year Cd) and Declaring an Emergency (CD Rollover)

Ms. Dedden explained that this ordinance is an emergency so the Finance Director will be able to lock in the best rate for the new CD.

Mr. Lauffer made a motion to waive the two-reading rule for Ordinance 2023-043 and Mr. Blankenship seconded the motion.

Motion – Lauffer  
Second – Blankenship

**Roll Call – 7 yeas**

Ms. Dedden made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-043 as an emergency and Mr. Colvin seconded the motion.

Motion – Dedden  
Second – Colvin

**Roll Call – 7 yeas**

**Second Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions**

None

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**Tabled Ordinances and Resolutions**

None

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**Executive Session**

Ms. Dedden made a motion to go into executive session at 7:27 p.m. to discuss the employment of a public employee and Mrs. Miller seconded the motion.

Motion – Dedden  
Second – Miller

**Roll Call – 7 yeas**

Council returned from the executive session at 8:52 p.m. All seven were present.

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All were in favor of adjourning at 8:54 pm.

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

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Jamie Morley, Clerk of Council