

**Village of Waynesville
Council Meeting Minutes
November 20, 2023 at 7:00 pm**

Present: Mr. Brian Blankenship
Mr. Chris Colvin
Ms. Joette Dedden
Mr. Zack Gallagher
Mrs. Connie Miller
Absent: Mayor Earl Isaacs
Mr. 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, November 20, 2023.*

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President Pro Tempore, Joette Dedden, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Blankenship motioned to excuse Mayor Isaacs and Mr. Lauffer from tonight's meeting. Mr. Gallagher seconded the motion.

Motion – Blankenship
Second – Gallagher

Roll Call – 7 yeas

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Mayor Acknowledgments

Ms. Dedden wanted to commend Greg Craddock for his hard work. Greg has been doing a great job picking up leaves around the Village. He has been working solo while his coworker is out on paternity leave.

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Disposition of Previous Minutes

Mr. Colvin motioned to approve the Council minutes as written for the November 6, 2023 Council meeting, and Mr. Blankenship seconded the motion.

Motion – Colvin

Roll Call – 5 yeas

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Public Recognition/Visitor’s Comments

None

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Old Business

Ms. Morley responded that she is still waiting to receive a quote from another texting service company and will leave this item under old business for the next meeting.

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Reports

Finance

Finance will meet on December 21, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. and everyone is invited to attend.

Public Works Report

The next Public Works meeting is on December 4th at 6:00 p.m. Anyone who has any questions or interest in the infrastructure is invited to attend.

Special Committee Reports

The Parks and Rec Committee's next meeting will be on December 18, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

Village Manager Report

- KT Holden is doing an excellent job on the OPWC Franklin Phase I project. They are working block by block replacing water and storm sewer lines. They will return and repave the street from Route 42 to Old Stage in spring. Unfortunately, KT Holden hit an unmarked sewer line and Choice One had to adjust the plans for the storm sewer line. The company is working with businesses to keep entrances accessible to customers.
- Just received word that the Village did qualify for the PY38 OPWC grant for the second phase of Franklin for 2024. This will include Franklin Road from Old Stage to Lytle. The

Village will only have to pay 21% of the project, about \$200K. Plan to still apply for the small business grant but change the area to Fourth Street.

- Greg Craddock has been working hard picking up the leaves by himself. Ask residents not to rake the leaves into the streets as they get into the storm sewers and cause backups.
- A big thank you to Mr. Gallagher for donating first aid bags. Plan to supply each bag with first aid gear and put one in every cruiser.
- December 14th is the Center for Local Government 2023 Fall Administrative Professional Luncheon. If any Council member would like to attend let staff know. The topic is cybersecurity.
- Jamie and I replaced all the lightbulbs in front of the building.
- We hired a new part-time utility billing clerk, Christy Snook.
- The Village Government Center is a drop-off spot for the Marine's Toys for Tots program. If anyone wants to drop off a new toy for less fortunate children, the box is in the foyer.

Police Report

- Provided a press release outlining the timeline for the new traffic light at the corner of North and St Rt 42. Unfortunately, the project will not be completed until 2025.
- Wayne Local Schools had a Veteran's Day event and SRO Mermann led the parade.
- The Wright State Nursing students invited Council to hear their recap and results of the wellness day held during Election Day. This will be at the Township Building at noon on December 5th.
- Provided a public notice to residents after a car was stolen and recovered from Ellis Drive. These individuals are out of Dayton and stealing vehicles from municipalities all over the area. Ask the public to ensure they lock their vehicles and homes and not leave any valuables inside their cars. The photos provided are of the actual thieves posing with the stolen car from Ellis. They are armed and dangerous.
- Prosecutor Mark Webb has officially resigned to take a position with another municipality. He has recommended Chase Kirby as his replacement. Mr. Kirby is from his law firm and has filled in as the prosecutor for the Village several times.

Mr. Colvin asked when Mr. Webb's resignation was effective. Chief Copeland believes Mr. Webb will work until the first of the year. Ms. Dedden asked Mr. Forbes if he could put an ordinance together to hire Mr. Kirby as the new prosecutor.

Financial Director Report

- The 2021 and 2022 audit is still ongoing.

Law Report

None

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New Business

Ms. Dedden spoke with Mayor Isaacs, and he would like to appoint Mr. Gallagher and Mrs. Miller to the Mayor Nominating Committee.

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Legislation

First Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions

None

Second Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance No. 2023-048

Authorizing The Village Manager to Enter into A Contract with Buckeye Power Sales for Maintenance of Generators at The Wellfield

Mr. Gallagher motioned to adopt Ordinance 2023-048 and Mr. Colvin seconded the motion.

Motion – Gallagher

Second – Colvin

Roll Call – 5 yeas

Ordinance No. 2023-050

Authorizing Compensation In Lieu Of Healthcare Benefits for Village Employees for the 2024 Benefit Year

Mrs. Miller motioned to adopt Ordinance 2023-050 and Mr. Blankenship seconded the motion.

Motion – Miller

Second – Blankenship

Roll Call – 5 yeas

Ordinance No. 2023-051

Ratifying And Accepting Plans for Dental, Vision, And Life Insurance for Village Employees and Dependents

Mr. Colvin motioned to adopt Ordinance 2023-051 and Mr. Gallagher seconded the motion.

Motion – Colvin
Second – Gallagher

Roll Call – 5 yeas

Ordinance No. 2023-052

Establishing A Health Reimbursement Plan for Village Employees and Authorizing Related Payments

Mr. Colvin motioned to adopt Ordinance 2023-052 and Mrs. Miller seconded the motion.

Motion – Colvin
Second – Miller

Roll Call – 5 yeas

Resolution No. 2023 – 053

A Resolution Adopting Temporary Appropriations for The Village of Waynesville for Calendar Year 2024

Mr. Colvin motioned to adopt Resolution 2023-053 and Mr. Blankenship seconded the motion.

Motion – Colvin
Second – Blankenship

Roll Call – 5 yeas

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Tabled Ordinances and Resolutions

None

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Executive Session

Mr. Colvin motioned to go into executive session to discuss the employment of a public employee and Mrs. Miller seconded the motion.

Motion – Colvin
Second – Miller

Roll Call – 5 yeas

Council returned from executive session at 8:01 p.m. All five members were present.

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All were in favor of adjourning at 8:04 pm.

Date: _____

Jamie Morley, Clerk of Council