

**Village of Waynesville
Council Meeting Minutes
November 7, 2022 at 7:00 pm**

Present: Mayor Earl Isaacs
Mr. Chris Colvin
Ms. Joette Dedden
Mr. Zack Gallagher
Mr. Troy Lauffer
Mrs. Connie Miller

Absent: Mr. Brian Blankenship

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 7, 2022.*

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

Roll Call – 6 present

Mrs. Miller made a motion to excuse Mr. Blankenship from tonight’s meeting and Mr. Gallagher seconded the motion.

Motion – Miller
Second – Gallagher

Roll Call – 6 yeas

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Mayor Acknowledgements

Received a few calls and questions about where voting will be this Tuesday. Depending on your district, residents will be voting at the library or Waynesville Community Church (formerly Waynesville Baptist Church).

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Disposition of Previous Minutes

Mrs. Miller made a motion to approve the minutes as written for the Council meeting on October 17, 2022 and Mr. Gallagher seconded the motion.

Motion – Miller
Second – Gallagher

Roll Call – 6 years

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Public Recognition/Visitor’s Comments

None

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Old Business

None

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Reports

Finance

The next regularly scheduled Finance Committee meeting falls on Thanksgiving, so it most likely will be canceled.

Public Works Report

Public Works met this evening and went over the Village’s infrastructure. The next meeting will be on December 5, 2022 and the public is encouraged to attend.

Special Committee Reports

The Parks and Rec Board will meet on November 21st at 6:00 p.m. The Board will continue to research and discuss possible new park locations.

Ms. Dedden asked if the MOMS Committee could do something about the leaning tree in front of the Century Link office on S. Main Street.

Mr. Colvin thanked Ms. Dedden, Mr. Miller, and Mrs. Miller for hanging the wreaths and lights on the lampposts along Main Street. Ms. Dedden thanked Mr. Colvin and his family for their help with this project.

Village Manager Report

- Thank you to Council members and their families for decorating the lampposts along Main Street in time for Hearth Warming.
- Would like to ask residents for their support and votes for the Street and Police Levies.
- Moody's has begun drilling three sample sites on the Bowman property for Well 10. The first site was very good, which was right next to the Mill Race. Moody's suggested drilling a fourth site, 500 feet from the first sample site to utilize the electrical lines already there. This site is looking hopeful and is pulling 400 GPM. All test site samples came back clean of impurities.
- Three surplus vehicles will be placed on Gov Deals. Would like to use the revenue from these sales to purchase a plow to be placed on the F550 for a third functioning plow truck.
- Leaf pickup is underway. Asking residents to rake leaves to the curb but not into the street as the leaves can go down the storm drain and clog the system.
- Trebel held an informational meeting at the Government Center to explain and answer any questions residents may have on the aggregation ballot initiative.
- The new water truck has been decaled and is being used. The Village is now fully staffed.
- There is an ordinance on tonight's agenda to approve the rates and ranges for employee pay rates.
- Provided a quote from Moody's to rehab the wells for 17K and would like to move forward with this. Also, would like to investigate replacing one of the motors in Well 6 or 7 with a larger one and setting the smaller one aside as a backup.
- Ordered 100 tons of salt. That will give the Village 150 tons for the winter season.
- Still in the process of switching over the card readers at the water hauling station.
- The Village office now has a comfort cat named Jet.

Police Report

- October Calls for Service, Mayor's Court Month-end Report, and the Code Enforcer Report for October have been provided for review.
- Met with Drew Barnett of Ohio Living along with Officer Mermann to provide a threat assessment and emergency plan for the facility as required by the State of Ohio.
- Officers handed out candy for Trick-or-Treat. It was a successful event.

- The Recycle Rally and Drug Take Back have been scheduled for April 29, 2023.
- Firearms training was on October 22nd. All officers qualified for handguns, rifles, tasers, and ARs. Thank you to Mr. Blankenship and Mrs. Miller for providing lunch for the officers. They were very appreciative.
- Please mark calendars for December 16 at 6:00 p.m. for the Office Christmas Party.

Mr. Gallagher stated the quote provided by Moody’s for the well maintenance says it is 17K per well. He asked Chief Copeland to look further into this and see if it is 17K for all three wells or 17K per well. Chief Copeland stated he will investigate this as he thought the 17K was for all three wells.

Mr. Colvin asked for clarification on the code enforcement report and if a legend could be provided to explain the different colors.

Mr. Gallagher stated that he received a thank you from Mr. Linville for help in resolving the issue of the neighbor’s loud furnace.

Financial Director Report

None

Law Report

Nothing to report but following the meeting the closing to donate the Lockup to the Friend’s Museum will happen.

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New Business

Mayor Isaacs appointed Mr. Lauffer and Mr. Colvin for the nomination of Council members to committees and boards.

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Legislation

First Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance No. 2022-048

Authorizing Additional Bonus Compensation for Brian Corn

Ms. Dedden made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-048 and Mr. Gallagher seconded the motion.

Motion – Dedden
Second – Gallagher

Mr. Colvin stated that Mr. Corn, a Street Department employee, put in extra effort by being on call and completing water rounds every weekend while waiting for the Water Department to be staffed.

Roll Call – 6 yeas

Ordinance No. 2022-049

Authorizing the Village Manager to Execute an Amendment to the Employment Agreement with Kitty Crockett

Mr. Colvin made a motion to amend Ordinance 2022-049 to fill in the blank in Section 2 to read \$42,700 and fill in the blank in Section 3 to read \$6,000 and Ms. Dedden seconded the motion.

Motion – Colvin
Second – Dedden

Roll Call – 6 yeas

Mr. Colvin stated Council did a yearly review of the Finance Director. Council found Ms. Crockett has done an excellent job handling the Village’s finances and operates at a high level of experience.

Mr. Colvin made a motion to have the first reading for Ordinance 2022-049 and Mrs. Miller seconded the motion.

Motion – Colvin
Second – Miller

Roll Call – 6 yeas

Ordinance No. 2022-050

Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Amendment to the Employment Agreement with Gary L. Copeland

Mr. Colvin made a motion to amend Ordinance 2022-050 to fill in the blank in section 2 to read \$145,000 and fill in the blank in section 3 to read \$9,000 and Ms. Dedden seconded the motion.

Motion – Colvin
Second – Dedden

Roll Call – 6 yeas

Mr. Colvin stated Council did a yearly review of the Village Manager’s performance and found Chief Copeland’s performance to be exemplary. Council is thankful for his leadership in the position of Village Manager and Police Chief.

Ms. Dedden made a motion to have the first reading for Ordinance 2022-050 and Mr. Lauffer seconded the motion.

Motion – Dedden
Second – Lauffer

Roll Call – 6 yeas

Ordinance No. 2022-051

An Ordinance Establishing Certain Positions and Amending the Base Pay Rates and Ranges of Village of Waynesville Employees

Mrs. Miller made a motion to have the first reading for Ordinance 2022-051 and Ms. Dedden seconded the motion.

Motion – Miller
Second – Dedden

Roll Call – 6 yeas

Mr. Colvin stated that these are based on the recommendations from Chief Copeland to help with employee retention. Chief Copeland agreed with Mr. Colvin and added that the rates and ranges are set to help with employee retention, cost of living increases, and reward for good performance.

Second Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance No. 2022-047

Ratifying and Accepting a Village Life Insurance Policy Plan

Ms. Dedden made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-047 and Mrs. Miller seconded the motion.

Motion – Dedden
Second – Miller

Roll Call – 6 yeas

Tabled Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance No. 2022-041

Authorizing the Village Manager to Enter into a Contract with the Henry P. Thompson Company for Scada System Upgrade Services

No action was taken.

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Executive Session

None

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All were in favor to adjourn at 7:37 pm.

Date: _____

Jamie Morley, Clerk of Council