

**Village of Waynesville
Council Meeting Minutes
December 6, 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, December 6, 2021.

Mayor Isaacs called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Roll Call – 7 present

Mayor Acknowledgements

Waynesville is officially open for Christmas as of December 3rd. Christmas in the Village went well. Also, checked on the new storm basin installed behind Pat's Gas after the big rain and it did well with no flooding.

Disposition of Previous Minutes

Ms. Dedden made a motion to approve the minutes for the Council meeting on November 15, 2021 as corrected and Mr. Blankenship seconded the motion.

Motion – Dedden
Second – Blankenship

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Public Recognition/Visitor's Comments

Ms. Dedden acknowledged Mr. Blankenship and Mrs. Miller for participating in the Friend's Tour of Homes by opening their homes to the public. All proceeds go to help fund the Friend's Museum.

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Old Business

None

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Reports

Finance

The Finance Committee will meet a week earlier on Thursday, December 16, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. in the small conference room at the Government Center. The Committee plans to discuss Open Checkbook and temporary appropriations. The public is welcome to join.

Public Works Report

Public Works met this evening and went over the many ongoing projects throughout the Village. The next meeting will be January 3, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. and the public is encouraged to attend.

Special Committee Reports

None

Village Manager Report

- Congratulations to Chris Colvin, Connie Miller, Troy Lauffer and Brian Blankenship for being reelected to Council. Certification for the elections have been distributed.
- Update on Andy Ray, who was bit by a brown recluse, hoping he will return to work in a couple weeks.
- The sidewalk on Franklin is progressing and hoping to have it done in a couple weeks. Residents that will be affected were notified with a letter about the project beginning. This project is funded by a grant from Warren County at no cost to the residents.
- Council has asked to find better ways to communicate with the public. The new web site is underway and should be going live soon. Have a meeting on January 6 to finalize details.
- Another effective way to communicate with the public is an electronic message board in front of the Government Center.

Collected four quotes from different vendors and all were within about the same price range. There is an ordinance on tonight's agenda for this project. The remaining 14K from the CARES Act money can be used to help fund this project. In addition to the 14K, 1/3 would come from water and 1/3 from the general fund.

- Walt Biggs has completed replacing the catch basins. Restoration still needs to be done. In addition to the catch basin repairs, he had to replace a collapsed pipe going across Miami Street by the Post Office. This should help the flow of water during heavy storms and stop pooling of water in the area.
- Maintenance Department performed an in-house repair on a catch basin on Marvin's Lane.
- Flagpole lights have been repaired and are operational.
- Old leaf vacuum sold on Gov Deals for \$1750.
- Choice One is finishing updating the traffic study at North and Route 42. Should be getting the full report with corrections to consult with Representative Scott Lipps and meet with ODOT.
- Presented the Waynesville Lady Spartan soccer team along with the Mayor the key to the Village for being State Champs. The County Commissioners did a proclamation declaring that day to be Spartan Women's Soccer Day.
- Asking Council to accept the donations of gift cards to be used as prizes at staff Christmas party from local restaurants, Village Restaurant, Acapulco, and McDonalds.

Police Report

- November Mayor's Court month end and calls for service have been provided.
- Code Enforcer's report has also been provided.
- Provided photos from the Chief's Conference.
- Two cars representing the Village attended the funeral for Greene County Sheriff Fischer.
- Thank you to Beckett Springs, Help for Heroes, which provides treatment and therapy to military and first responders. Representatives stopped by and provided information of services and snacks for the officers.

Mr. Colvin stated that the Street Department did a great job doing leaf pick up this year and would like to thank the crew for the extra effort. Ms. Dedden agreed with Mr. Colvin. Chief Copeland stated that leaf pick up usually ends about December 1, but knows some trees still have not dropped their leaves. He recommended if there is anyone else that still needs their leaves picked up to call the office.

Mr. Colvin made the motion to accept donations from the Village Restaurant, Acapulco, and McDonalds and was seconded Ms. Dedden.

Motion – Colvin
Second – Dedden

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Financial Director Report

- Open Checkbook has been updated and 2020 financials have been loaded.
- Uploading data onto the new website and would like to know how many years of minutes Council would like to be loaded onto the new website.

Council agreed that placing minutes from 2020 and 2021 onto the new website should be sufficient. Any other minutes can be made available through a request. Ms. Dedden suggested Council members submit a bio to Ms. Morley to be placed on the new website.

Law Report

None

New Business

Mayor Isaacs nominated Ms. Dedden and Mr. Blankenship to the Mayor Nominating Committee to nominate Council members to committee positions. The Committee will meet on December 16, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.

Mr. Lauffer stated he wanted to set up a MOMS Committee meeting to discuss purchasing the new lampposts on Main St and how can he go about doing that without violating Sunshine Laws. Mr. Forbes stated that MOMS is a private committee and Mr. Lauffer is just a Council representative on the committee. The Village does not control the committee. It is MOMS's responsibility to keep their own minutes and financials of that committee. Mr. Colvin added that he feels MOMS does serve as a connection point for the Village, merchants, Chamber, and public to discuss topics that impact Main Street. It was further discussed that the Village is seeking recommendations from MOMS on the new lampposts but ultimately it is Council's decision to choose the lights. Ms. Dedden stated that there is not a current chair for the MOMS Committee, and they have not met for awhile. Mr. Colvin suggested Council attempt to engage MOMS and if there is no response, then in his opinion, Council forms a special committee and moves on with the project.

Legislation

First Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions

Resolution No. 2021-050

Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Auditor and Declaring an Emergency

Ms. Dedden made the motion to waive the two-reading rule and declare an emergency for Ordinance 2021-050 and was seconded Mr. Colvin.

Motion – Dedden
Second – Colvin

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Mr. Colvin made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-046 and was seconded Mr. Gallagher.

Motion – Colvin
Second – Gallagher

Roll Call – 6 yeas

Ordinance No. 2021-051

Authorizing the Village Manager to Enter into a Contract with One Stop Signs in an Amount not to Exceed \$44,000 for the Production and Installation of an Electronic Message Board Monument Sign and Declaring an Emergency

Mr. Gallagher made the motion to waive the two-reading rule and declare an emergency for Ordinance 2021-051 and was seconded Mr. Colvin.

Motion – Gallagher
Second – Colvin

Mr. Colvin wanted to clarify that the ordinance is to approve Option B. Chief Copeland stated that yes, it was for option B. Mr. Lauffer asked if Chief Copeland could negotiate a lower price. Chief Copeland said he would try. Mr. Gallagher explained that the ordinance is an emergency to use the remaining CARES Act funds before December 31, 2021. He further explained that 1/3 of the price is from CARES Act, 1/3 funded by the water fund, and 1/3 from the general fund. The ordinance states the Village Manager cannot exceed 44K, however he does not have to spend all that. Chief Copeland said he will try to get a better deal if the ordinance is adopted.

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Mr. Gallagher made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-051 and was seconded Mr. Colvin.

Motion – Gallagher
Second – Colvin

Mrs. Miller stated she is in opposition to the sign. She does not feel it is an effective means of communication with the public. She further stated that the general fund is being utilized to increase employee wages for employee retention and feels there are other needs in the Village for these funds.

Mr. Gallagher agreed with Mrs. Miller that the sign is higher than anticipated, but after several conversations with residents, feels this is a good avenue of communication. He especially believes senior citizens that do not use social media and technology will benefit from this form of communication. He also stated that he feels strongly to use up all the CARES Act money and not leave any money on the table.

Mr. Blankenship stated he sees tremendous use for the sign and believes it will be an effective means of communication. His big hesitation is the cost of the sign. He also agrees with Mr. Gallagher that using all the CARES Act money is important.

Mr. Colvin stated that there are limited ways to communicate with the public and feels the sign offers another avenue of effective communication. He also likes the fact that it will reach those individuals that do not use technology. He is sympathetic to the expense but feels the sign is a good investment since the CARES Act money and water funds can be used to offset the cost to the taxpayers.

Mayor Isaacs stated that he has served the Village for many years and has seen tremendous progress on projects within just the past several years. He sees the sign as a useful way to communicate and use the CARES Act money. This way the taxpayers are only paying for 15K of the sign.

Ms. Morley pointed out that the Government Center is not identifiable. It does not currently have a real sign. Newer residents do not know where the Government Center is, as there is only the small sign at the drive.

Mr. Lauffer agreed that some residents will benefit from the sign and feels that it is worth the investment especially since the CARES Act money will be used.

Ms. Dedden stated that she may not personally want to spend this amount on a sign but after listening to staff and other Council members, she is willing to change her vote.

**Roll Call – 6 yeas, Lauffer, Blankenship, Colvin, Dedden, Gallagher
1 nay, Miller**

Resolution No. 2021 – 052

A Resolution Adopting Temporary Appropriations for the Village of Waynesville for Calendar Year 2022 and Declaring an Emergency

Mrs. Miller made the motion to waive the two-reading rule and declare an emergency for Ordinance 2021-052 and was seconded Mr. Colvin.

Motion – Miller
Second – Colvin

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Mr. Colvin made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-052 and was seconded Mr. Gallagher.

Motion – Colvin
Second – Gallagher

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Ordinance No. 2021-053

Authorizing the Village Manager to Enter into a Contract with Millennium Business Systems for Copier and Wide Format Printer/Scanner Devices

Ms. Dedden made the motion to have the first reading for Ordinance 2021-053 and was seconded Mr. Blankenship.

Motion – Dedden
Second – Blankenship

Ms. Morley explained that the current lease is up on the copier. This is for a newer model with a stapler. The cost of copies also will go down considerably. The lease agreement is also for a large format scanner/printer. This will help with projects such as the water model to send and receive blueprints. This would also make it possible for the Village to create an electronic database for all the blueprints.

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Second Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions

None

Tabled Ordinances and Resolutions

None

Executive Session

None

Mayor Isaacs wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

All were in favor to adjourn at 8:09 pm.

Date: _____

Jamie Morley, Clerk of Council