

Village of Waynesville Council Meeting Minutes June 15, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

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; Gary Copeland, Village Manager and Public Safety Director; and Jamie Morley, Clerk of Council

CLERK'S NOTE- This is a summary of the Village Council Meeting held on Monday, June 15, 2020.

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

Mayor Acknowledgements

Mr. Blankenship led Council in a moment of prayer at Mayor Isaacs's request.

Mayor Isaacs thanked everyone for their patience through the shutdown and said it was good to see everyone back in the building, restaurants opening, and people getting out and about.

Disposition of Previous Minutes

Ms. Dedden made a motion to accept the June 1, 2020 minutes as written and Mrs. Miller seconded the motion.

Motion – Dedden
Second – Miller

Roll Call – 7 yeas

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Public Recognition

At this time, Chief Copeland and Mayor Isaacs swore in new reserve officer, Melinda McClain.

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Old Business

None

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Reports

Finance

Finance Committee will meet on June 18 at 5:00 p.m. at the government center. There is a resolution tonight for the first reading for the 2021 budget.

Public Works Report

The next Public Works meeting will be July 5, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Special Committee Report

Mr. Colvin suggested that the Parks and Rec set up a meeting sometime soon. He also asked if the Village Manager had heard back from the Chamber of Commerce concerning the insurance documents and if the Community Events Committee need to take action on anything. Chief Copeland responded that he has not heard anything, and it is still undecided if the Sauerkraut will even happen this year due to the pandemic. Mr. Colvin stated that he felt the Community Events Committee should still follow through with analyzing the insurance requirements.

Ms. Dedden stated that the Historic Preservation Board is looking at a certificate of appropriateness for 98 S Main Street to change the paint color and replace the windows. The windows will not have grids in the front but will have them in the windows on the side and back of the building. She asked the Village Manager to approve the application as 3 of the 5 board members approved.

Mr. Lauffer stated that there is a MOMS meeting scheduled for this Friday at 9:00 a.m. at the Junior High School.

Village Manager Report

- Provided updates for the PY36 OPWC grant for the 4th Street 2022-year project. Hoping to apply for the year of 2023 for the

OPWC grant to redo Franklin. The plan is that in 2021, Third Street will be redone. Still waiting for the budget to be approved by State legislatures to get the funding for the OPWC 2020 grant to redo High and Edwards. Once that is approved will start getting bids out.

- Jerry Clark volunteered his time and was able to open the safe in the Sawyer Building. The safe was full of records and are now stored at the government building.
- The Sawyer building demolition project is ongoing. Had a silent auction for a few of the architectural historical features. A purchase order has been made out and Charlie from Epanel is currently working on getting building permits, temporary fencing, and building the temporary bulk water station. Water haulers have been notified of the upcoming changes.
- Sent thank you letters to Mr. & Ms. Dedden for replacing the flags along Main Street and helping to beautify downtown. The Deddens received a \$100 donation from Home Depot in Lebanon for the flags and am asking Council to accept the donation.
- July 6, Mobilcomm should begin installation of the Emergency siren at the tennis courts by the school.
- Received a request for a public gathering/protest for June 3. The applicant was given a permit to fill out, however did not follow through. A public gathering department plan has been developed for possible future gatherings and available for Council review.
- Public Works did a great job cleaning up the landscaping of the government center.

Police Report

- May dispatch calls for service and Mayor's Court report has been included for review.
- Thank you letters have been sent out to Jessica Clark, Deanna Hatfield, Bio-One of Dayton, and Thomas Sentra for donations in support of the Police Department. These donations of appreciation are welcomed by the officers. Asking Council to accept the donation of \$100 in Subway gift cards to be accepted and will be used to feed police officers during the August firearms training.
- Malinda McClain was sworn in tonight as a new reserve officer. She was highly recommended by the Lebanon Police Chief.
- Request an executive session at the end of the meeting for the discussion of the employment of a public employee.

Mr. Lauffer asked if the police has its own range instructor. Chief Copeland responded that Sgt Denlinger is the range instructor certified in AR and handguns.

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to accept the \$100 donation from the Lebanon Home Depot and the 10 \$10 gift cards for Subway from Thomas Senetra and was seconded by Mr. Blankenship.

Motion – Gallagher

Second – Blankenship

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Mr. Colvin asked how the morale of the police is due to all the protests and pandemic. Chief Copeland responded that overall, the department is doing well. He is making sure everyone is informed, updated, and educated on how to handle certain situations. This is a community-oriented police station and so far, community support and morale are good.

Financial Director Report

- 2021 tax budget will be presented to Council for the first reading and at the next meeting there will be a public hearing.
- Flexbank who is responsible for handling the HRA has been bought out by Navia.

Mr. Colvin asked if Council has to do anything legislatively about the change from Flexbank to Navia. Mr. Forbes stated that he looked at it and there is no action needed.

Law Report

None

New Business

None

Legislation

First Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions

Resolution No. 2020-027

A Resolution Approving the 2021 Annual Tax Budget for the Village of Waynesville and Declaring an Emergency

Mrs. Miller made a motion to have the first reading for 020-027 and was seconded by Mr. Gallagher.

Motion – Miller
Second – Gallagher

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Second Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions

None

Executive Session

Mr. Colvin made a motion to go into an executive session at 7:34 p.m. to discuss the employment of a public employment to include Village Manager and Law Director and was seconded by Ms. Dedden.

Motion – Colvin
Second – Dedden

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Council returned from executive session at 7:47 p.m. with a roll call and all were present.

Mr. Blankenship expressed how proud he is of the community pulling together during these trying times with the school helping feed the community, the food bank doing well with donations, and every Thursday there is a community dinner hosted by local ministries.

Mr. Colvin made a motion to adjourn at 7:48 p.m. and was seconded by Mr. Blankenship, all were in favor.

Date: _____

Jamie Morley, Clerk of Council