

Village of Waynesville Council Meeting Minutes July 6, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mr. Brian Blankenship
Mr. Chris Colvin
Ms. Joette Dedden
Mr. Zack Gallagher
Mr. Troy Lauffer
Mrs. Connie Miller

Absent: Mayor Earl Isaacs

Village Staff Present: Jeff Forbes, Law Director; Gary Copeland, Village Manager and Public Safety Director; and Susan Johnson, Acting Clerk of Council

CLERK'S NOTE- This is a summary of the Village Council Meeting held on Monday, July 6, 2020.

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

Ms. Dedden made a motion to excuse Mayor Isaacs from the meeting and was seconded by Mr. Gallagher.

Motion – Dedden
Second – Gallagher

Roll Call – 6 yeas

Mr. Blankenship led Council in a moment of prayer at Ms. Dedden's request.

Public Hearing

Ms. Dedden opened the Public Hearing of Council for the 2021 Tax Budget at 7:03 p.m. Mr. Colvin asked if the Finance Committee had any concerns with the budget, which Ms. Dedden responded that the Committee reviewed the budget at the last Finance Committee meeting and there were no issues. The budget hearing closed at 7:04 p.m.

Mayor Acknowledgements

None

Disposition of Previous Minutes

Mrs. Miller made a motion to accept the June 15, 2020 minutes as written and Mr. Blankenship seconded the motion.

Motion – Miller
Second – Blankenship

Roll Call – 6 yeas

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Public Recognition

Claudette Reedy, 1064 Brookfield, asked if there was something that could be done with the parking situation along Brookfield Road. She stated that individuals are parking too close to her and her neighbor’s mailboxes. Because of this she is not receiving her mail. Ms. Reedy also complained that neighbors are burning mattresses and furniture in their yards. She stated that Officer Mermann spoke to her and provided her with a nonemergency number to call but is hoping that the police would help enforce the codes without her having to call all the time. She is concerned that she will be targeted. Chief Copeland stated the police will start to do saturated patrols of the area.

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Old Business

None

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Reports

Finance

Finance Committee will meet on July 23 at 5:00 p.m. at the government center and the public is welcome to attend.

Public Works Report

Public Works met tonight at 6:00 p.m. and discussed ongoing projects.

Special Committee Report

Mr. Colvin asked that Parks and Rec schedule a meeting sometime soon. He also indicated that there is nothing new for Community Events Committee to discuss.

Mr. Lauffer informed Council the next MOMS meeting is scheduled for September 17 at 10:00 a.m. at the Chamber of Commerce.

Ms. Dedden asked if anyone was opposed to removing the flags along Main Street this weekend since the 4th of July is over and this will limit the flags exposure to the elements. Chief Copeland will have the Streets Department take care of this.

Village Manager Report

- Walt Biggs is requesting a change order to the PRV vault project at the Warren County Emergency Connection due to restrictions placed by ODOT to work in the right of way. This has increased the number of days the project will take, which has driven his costs up. Will need an ordinance to authorize the approval of the Change Order.
- Streets Department trenched out the retention pond by Dr. Cronley's office where staff noticed standing water.
- Still waiting on a response from the EPA concerning Well 9.
- OPWC PY34 Grant for High and Edward Streets still on hold, waiting for the State to approve the budget. Hoping to get bids out this week.
- Emergency siren should be here on Wednesday.
- B&J Electric will be adding a streetlight to the top of the new parking lot in the government center and change the existing lights to LED.
- Dylan will be hydrant flushing over the next coming months. A schedule should be posted online to inform customers.
- The school has completed the new water main including the line going to Miami. This will be connected as part of the High and Edwards project.
- Drawings for the electric upgrade for the wellfield have been completed and a permit has been issued by Warren County. The concrete pad has been poured and the new larger generator should be in about mid to late July. Staff is looking into moving the older generator to the Covey Station.
- Looking at getting quotes for building up Well 6 so the wellhead is out of the floodplain.
- Dave Stout from InControl is upgrading SCADA to provide more flow charts and cell phone options.
- Water Operators want to thank those that helped the water department by providing samples for the copper and lead testing.

- Temporary water distribution center is currently being installed. Once this is operational, the demolition of the Sawyer building will begin.
- The CCR Water Quality Report has been completed and submitted to the EPA. This is available for review online.
- Applied for the Coronavirus Relief Fund - Local Government Assistance Grant to help municipalities with Coronavirus related expenses.
- Community Garage Sale is July 23-26 and recommend that residents follow precautions.

Police Report

- June report will be provided at next Council meeting.
- The Police Department has received lots of donations from the public of cookies, candies, gift cards, and snacks showing community wide support for the department. This is very appreciated by the officers.
- Provided photo of Malinda McClain being sworn in as a new reserve officer.
- Provided a copy of the Hometown Hero Appreciation Night being held at the American Legion on July 4.

Mrs. Miller asked if something could be posted for the public to let them know to call Warren County Dispatch at 513-695-2525 to file non-emergency complaints. Chief Copeland will ensure the number is on the Village's Website.

Mr. Colvin asked when the decision to cancel the Sauerkraut Festival was made. Chief Copeland stated he was not involved in the decision. He did speak with Mr. Edwards last week that the Chamber wanted to ensure they had a press release in place before making the announcement to the public. Mr. Colvin asked if any events will be held in the fall/winter like Christmas in the Village. This is still being discussed. There have been several discussions about food booths being set up around town and it was asked if a permit would be needed. It was decided if the booth is set up and sold on private property, then it is up to the individuals to have liability and be responsible for traffic flow. Chief Copeland suggested Council wait and see if there is follow through with this idea, as of right now this has only been a discussion on Facebook.

Financial Director Report

- Would like the approval of the acceptance of the CARES Act Grant and approve a new fund for the CARES Act Funds.

Law Report

- Will not be at the next meeting and most likely there will not be a sub as the normal sub will be retiring.

Mr. Colvin asked how often the Village needs to follow through with codification updates. Mr. Forbes responded that it depended upon the contract with American Legal. It was discussed that Jamie was the point of contact with American Legal and the codification process. Chief Copeland was asked to follow up with her on the status of yearly updates.

New Business

Mr. Colvin made a motion to accept donations of gift cards from the public and was seconded by Mrs. Miller.

Motion – Colvin
Second – Miller

Roll Call – 6 years

Mr. Colvin made a motion to approve the change order with Walt Biggs because of ODOT regulations adding an extra three days of work for an additional charge of \$15,250 and was seconded by Mr. Gallagher.

Motion – Colvin
Second – Gallagher

Roll Call – 6 years

Mr. Colvin wanted to add that Mr. Biggs has done quality work for the Village in the past and is in good standing with the Village.

Legislation

First Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance 2020-028

Amending the Schedule of Fees and Charges for the Village of Waynesville Regarding the Street Light Utility Fee

Mrs. Miller made a motion to have the first reading of Ordinance 2020-028 and was seconded by Mr. Blankenship.

Motion – Miller
Second – Blankenship

Roll Call – 6 yeas

Resolution 2020-029

A Resolution Affirming the Spending of Cares Act Funding, Authorizing the Finance Director to Take All Required Action, and Declaring an Emergency

Mr. Colvin made a motion to waive the two-reading rule for Resolution 2020-029 and was seconded by Mr. Gallagher.

Motion – Colvin
Second – Gallagher

Roll Call – 6 yeas

Mrs. Miller made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-029 and declaring an emergency and was seconded by Mr. Gallagher.

Motion – Miller
Second – Gallagher

Roll Call – 6 yeas

Ordinance No. 2020-030

Authorizing the Village Manager to Prepare and Submit an Application to Participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and / or Local Transportation Improvement Program(s) and to Execute Contracts as Required and Declaring an Emergency (Third Street)

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to waive the two-reading rule for Ordinance 2020-030 and was seconded by Mr. Colvin.

Motion – Gallagher
Second – Colvin

Roll Call – 6 yeas

Mr. Colvin made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-030 as an emergency and was seconded by Mr. Gallagher.

Motion – Colvin
Second – Gallagher

Roll Call – 6 yeas

Ordinance No. 2020-031

Establishing the Coronavirus Relief Fund (Fund 2052) and Declaring an Emergency

Mr. Colvin asked how long this fund would be needed. Chief Copeland explained that the funds were dispersed to local municipalities from the State. These funds were received by the State from the Federal CARES Act. All funds will need to be spent by December 31, 2020 on Coronavirus related expenses that local municipalities did not budget or be sent back to the State.

Mrs. Miller made a motion to waive the two-reading rule for Ordinance 2020-031 and was seconded by Mr. Blankenship.

Motion – Miller
Second – Blankenship

Roll Call – 6 yeas

Mr. Blankenship made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-031 as an emergency and was seconded by Mr. Colvin.

Motion –Blankenship
Second – Colvin

Roll Call – 6 yeas

Ordinance No. 2020-032

An Ordinance Establishing Hazard Pay Compensation for Certain Village of Waynesville Employees Related to the Covid-19 Pandemic and Declaring an Emergency

Mr. Blankenship made a motion to waive the two-reading rule for Ordinance 2020-032 and was seconded by Mrs. Miller.

Motion – Blankenship
Second – Miller

Roll Call – 6 yeas

Mr. Blankenship made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-032 as an emergency and was seconded by Mrs. Miller.

Motion –Blankenship
Second – Miller

Second 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

Mr. Colvin made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-027 as an emergency and was seconded by Mrs. Miller.

Motion – Colvin
Second – Miller

Roll Call – 6 yeas

Executive Session

None

Mr. Blankenship made a motion to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. and was seconded by Mr. Colvin, all were in favor.

Date: _____

Jamie Morley, Clerk of Council