

**Village of Waynesville  
Council Meeting Minutes  
February 18, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.**

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; 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 Tuesday, February 18, 2020.*

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Mayor Isaacs called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Ms. Dedden made a motion to excuse Mr. Blankenship and was seconded by Mr. Gallagher.

Motion – Dedden  
Second – Gallagher

**Roll Call – 6 yeas**

**Mayor Acknowledgements**

None

**Disposition of Previous Minutes**

Ms. Dedden made a motion to approve the February 3, 2020 minutes as written and Mrs. Miller seconded the motion.

Motion – Dedden  
Second – Miller

**Roll Call – 6 yeas**

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**Public Recognition**

Larry Simms, Warren County Sheriff, expressed his appreciation to Council and presented the end of year review for 2019. He stated that overdose deaths have declined as a direct result of administering Narcan. Sheriff Simms wanted to express his thanks to the many individuals that serve in the Sherriff’s office; they all do a professional and great job. He also stated that the jail is progressing well and currently is ahead of schedule.

Mr. Colvin asked if there is anything at a bureaucratic level that Sheriff Simms is concerned about. Sheriff Simms said that there was nothing as of now that he was concerned about, his office does pay close attention to any legislation that may have an impact on law enforcement.

Ms. Dedden asked if Sheriff Simms had been consulted by the Warren County Commissioners before they voted on legislation to allow refugees to be placed within Warren County. Sheriff Simms stated that he did not have any discussions with the commissioners on this topic.

Karie Novesl, from Hylant Insurance, introduced herself to Council. She was present to answer any questions on the Village’s insurance coverage as there is a second reading tonight of an ordinance to adopt the renewal policy. Ms. Novesl went over a new supplemental coverage, Malicious Act, which is included with the renewal. She suggested that Council consider increasing their cyber liability. She explained that Hylant will be doing a cyber assessment and Council can decide to upgrade their coverage at a prorated rate if they decide to increase the coverage after reviewing the results.

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**Old Business**

Ms. Dedden stated she had submitted the updated Village’s contribution for the Township Magazine.

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**Reports**

**Finance**

Finance Committee meeting date has changed and will be meeting February 27, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

## **Public Works Report**

Public Works will meet on March 2, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

## **Special Committee Report**

Parks and Recreation Board will meet on February 24, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the conference room.

Mr. Isaacs reported that the Warren County Municipal League will be meeting tomorrow at the Houston restaurant. The new director is Darlene Hicks.

Council decided to have a working session of Council to go over the Rules of Council on March 16, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

Personnel Committee met this evening and looked at sub sessions of the Rules of Council with the Clerk of Council role and Councils' dealings with staff.

## **Village Manager Report**

- There is an ordinance on tonight's agenda for a new generator at the wellfield. This is the best quote and the specifications are at the recommendation of the company and water operator.
- Would like to look at another option to use the CVT (County Vehicle Tax) tax to fund the traffic light at North and Route 42.
- Well 6 and 7 are up and running properly which allowed Well 8 leak to be repaired.
- Presented Emergency Water Agreement to Chris Brausch and waiting for the Warren County Commissions response.
- Unfortunately, the first test done on Well 9 only pulled 200 gallons per minute (GPM). The goal for a well is to pull at least 300 GPM. Council will need to look over the pros and cons and decide if they would like to find another location, continue with Well 9, or abandon Well 9 and just operate on the current 3 wells. Would like to do a little more research and get the opinion of Alan from Ground Water Science before making any final decisions.
- Brian Corn repaired flashing light at intersection of Route 42 and North.
- Followed up with Suzanne from the Chamber and the company is scheduled Thursday to get the electric boxes down off the electric poles.
- Ordinance on tonight's agenda to waive the new elementary school tap fees with the contingency of completing the connection to Miami Street.

- Karie was at tonight's Council meeting to provide clarity on the Village's insurance policy.

## **Police Report**

- Mayor's Court January report has been provided.
- All full-time staff will be attending CPR certification on February 25. The Government Center will be closed that morning.
- The Attorney General Collection Program is working well and closing out old cases.
- The new Magistrate for Mayor's Court is doing a great job.
- Want to thank Sheriff Simms for presenting at tonight's meeting.
- Phase III of Warren County's EMA will be on and Lt. Bledsoe will be attending on my behalf.
- Will be on vacation in March and will ask Council to assign Lt. Bledsoe as Acting Village Manager and Police Chief while gone and will attend any meetings.

Council discussed Well 9 and different options presented by the Village Manager. It was decided to discuss this further in Public Works.

Mr. Gallagher asked about the status of the school running the line to Miami. Chief Copeland stated he believed the school had begun the project and just need to install a vault.

At this time, Mr. Colvin stated that Mr. Elliott, a Waynesville citizen and former Council member, had expressed concerns on the size of the proposed generator. Mr. Elliott had written an email to Council members that he felt the generator did not have to be as large as proposed and believed DP&L could provide backup. Mr. Colvin wanted to know from what Mr. Elliott based his analysis. Mr. Gallagher expressed his belief that the proposed generator is the redundancy and the backup for DP&L. He also said he felt the larger unit provided for projected growth and worst-case scenario. Mr. Colvin thanked Mr. Elliott for his input, but he felt that the generator size recommended by the contractor was in the best interest for the Village.

Mr. Gallagher stated that Mr. Elliott also expressed concerns that he believed the emergency siren would not reach the lower hill below Third Street. Mr. Gallagher asked if the contractor said it would reach that location, and if it does not, will the contractor remedy the problem. Chief Copeland stated the vendor did an audible test analysis and said the siren would reach the entire town. Chief Copeland said he would follow up with the contractor.

## **Financial Director Report**

None

## **Law Report**

None

## **New Business**

Ms. Dedden stated that the District Advisory Council Meeting is having a meeting on Tuesday March 3, 2020 @ 5:30p.m. They are wanting to ensure that the Mayor will be attending.

## **Legislation**

### **First Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions**

#### **Ordinance No. 2020-011**

An Ordinance Authorizing the Waiver of the Water Connection Fee Related to the New Waynesville Elementary School Building Construction Project

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to have the first reading of Ordinance 2020-011 and the motion was seconded by Ms. Dedden.

Motion – Gallagher

Second – Dedden

#### **Roll Call – 6 yeas**

#### **Ordinance No. 2020-012**

Authorizing the Village Manager to Enter into a Contract with Buckeye Power Sales in an Amount Not to Exceed \$55,000 for a New Wellfield Generator

Ms. Dedden made a motion to have the first reading of Ordinance 2020-012 and the motion was seconded by Mr. Gallagher.

Motion – Dedden

Second – Gallagher

#### **Roll Call – 6 yeas**

### **Second Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions**

#### **Ordinance No. 2020-010**

Authorizing the Village Manager to Award Property and Liability Insurance Coverage for the Village of Waynesville and Declaring an Emergency

Ms. Dedden made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-010 as an emergency and was seconded by Mr. Colvin.

Motion – Dedden  
Second – Colvin

**Roll Call – 6 yeas**

**Executive Session**

None

Ms. Dedden made a motion to adjourn at 8:37 p.m. and all were in favor.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Jamie Morley, Clerk of Council