

**Village of Waynesville
Council Meeting Minutes
May 6, 2024 at 7:00 pm**

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

Village Staff Present: Jeff Forbes, Law Director; Chief Gary Copeland, Village Manager and Safety Director; Jamie Morley, Finance Director and Clerk of Council

CLERK’S NOTE- This is a summary of the Village Council Meeting held on Monday, May 6, 2024.

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

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Mayor Acknowledgments

Mayor Isaacs said that the Village is looking good. It may have taken a while, but it is paying off. He added that there are still a few things to fix and complete, but the projects are starting to finish up.

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Disposition of Previous Minutes

Mr. Colvin motioned to approve the Council minutes as written for the April 15, 2024, Council meeting, and Mrs. Miller seconded the motion.

Motion – Colvin
Second – Miller

Roll Call – 7 yeas

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Public Recognition/Visitor’s Comments

None

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Old Business

None

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Reports

Finance

The Finance Committee will meet on Monday, May 20th, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Public Works Report

Public Works met this evening to discuss ongoing projects throughout the Village. The next meeting will be on June 3, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

Special Committee Reports

The MOMS Committee meeting scheduled for April 29, 2024, was canceled and will be rescheduled.

The Historic Preservation Board will be meeting tomorrow at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the proposed solar panel codes and how they may affect the Historic District.

Village Manager Report

- The OPWC Franklin Phase I project is almost complete. Chief Copeland will be meeting with Choice One and KT Holden to go over a punch-out list.
- Ordinance 2024-014 is an addendum to the current contract the Village has with Schindler Elevator for the maintenance and inspection of the Government Center’s elevator. This will lower the price and change the renewal process. Instead of renewing every five years for an additional five years, it will be for three years and then go month to month.
- The electric aggregate for Village-owned properties ends soon. Chief Copeland is receiving three quotes and will have an ordinance for the next Council meeting.

- Provided photos of Kitty Crockett receiving her proclamation declaring it Kitty Crockett Day.
- The Street Department has been cleaning up the landscaping around the Government Building.
- Provided information for the Annual Corwin Tractor Show.

Police Report

- March dispatched calls for service, the Mayor's Court month-end report, and the code enforcement report have been provided for review.
- Chief Copeland attended Warren County Veteran's Court Peer Mentor Awards Ceremony.
- There is an ordinance for the renewal of the School Resource Officer with Wayne Local Schools. This is a three-year contract, and once approved by Council, Chief Copeland will submit it to the School Board.
- April 27 was National Drug Take-Back Day. The Waynesville Police Department collected 48.5 lbs. of prescription drugs.

Mrs. Miller asked why the Mayor's Court has collected less than last year. Chief Copeland responded that it had been due to a lack of activity. He has said something to the officers and has noticed an uptick in activity. He also added that with the construction on Route 73, there is less speeding. Furthermore, it has been a very rainy spring, and officers do not like to get out in the rain. Mrs. Miller asked if the new judge was still doing a good job and wanted to ensure this did not have anything to do with him. Chief Copeland assured her that Magistrate Kauffman was doing a great job.

Financial Director Report

- The funds received from the American Rescue Plan have been spent accordingly. All reports have been filed.
- Open Checkbook has been updated through 2023.
- The switchover from Anthem to Aetna for employee healthcare has been seamless.
- Provided a quote from American Legal to codify ordinances for the Village and would like the Council's input on how to proceed.

Ms. Morley explained that the current codes are through 2020. This update would be for 2021, 2022, and 2023. Ms. Dedden asked if it would be less expensive to do this yearly rather than wait. Ms. Morley responded she would inquire. Mr. Lauffer asked if there were other options than American Legal. Mr. Forbes responded that American Legal is the standard and one of the few companies that offer this service. He added that the Village's codes are already in American Legal's database. Mr. Forbes reminded Council that the Charter requires the Village to codify their ordinances every five years. It was agreed for Ms. Morley to proceed with American Legal.

Law Report

None

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New Business

None

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Legislation

First Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance No. 2024-016

Authorizing the Village Manager to Enter into School Resource Officer Agreements with the Board of Education of the Wayne Local School District and Declaring an Emergency

Ms. Dedden motioned to waive the two-reading for Ordinance No. 2024-016, and Mr. Blankenship seconded the motion.

Motion – Dedden
Second – Blankenship

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Mr. Lauffer motioned to adopt Ordinance No. 2024-016 as an emergency, and Mrs. Miller seconded the motion.

Motion – Lauffer
Second – Miller

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Ordinance No. 2024-017

Authorizing the Village Manager to Execute an Addendum to the Contract with Schindler Elevator Corporation

Mr. Gallagher motioned for the first reading for Ordinance No. 2024-017, and Mr. Colvin seconded the motion.

Motion – Gallagher
Second – Colvin

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Second Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance No. 2024-015

An Ordinance Authorizing the Waiver of the Partial Water of Certain Water Fees

Ms. Dedden motioned to amend Ordinance No. 2024-015 and declare an emergency, and Mr. Gallagher seconded the motion.

Motion – Dedden
Second – Gallagher

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Mr. Gallagher added that this discounted rate would apply to usage from September 2023 to February 2024.

Mr. Gallagher motioned to adopt Ordinance No. 2024-015 as an emergency, and Mr. Blankenship seconded the motion.

Motion – Gallagher
Second – Blankenship

Roll Call – 7 yeas

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Tabled Ordinances and Resolutions

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Executive Session

None

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All were in favor of adjourning at 7:27 pm.

Date: _____

Jamie Morley, Clerk of Council