

**Village of Waynesville
Council Meeting Minutes
September 3, 2024 at 7:00 pm**

Present: Mayor Earl Isaacs
Mr. Lyle Anthony
Mr. Brian Blankenship
Mr. Zack Gallagher
Mr. Troy Lauffer
Mrs. Connie Miller
Absent: Mr. Chris Colvin

Village Staff Present: Chief Copeland, Village Manager and Director of Public Safety; Jamie Morley, Finance Director and Clerk of Council

CLERK'S NOTE- This is a summary of the Village Council Meeting held on Tuesday, September 3, 2024.

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Mayor Isaacs called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Roll Call – 6 present

Mr. Gallagher motioned to excuse Mr. Colvin from tonight’s meeting, and Mr. Lauffer seconded the motion.

Motion – Gallagher
Second – Lauffer

Roll Call – 6 yeas

Mayor Acknowledgements

Mayor Isaacs said Franklin Road and Third Street are looking good. The Public Works projects are well in hand.

Disposition of Previous Minutes

Mrs. Miller motioned to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2024 meeting and Mr. Blankenship seconded the motion.

Motion – Miller
Second – Blankenship

Roll Call – 6 yeas

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Public Recognition/Visitor’s Comments

Christopher Wade Pulsar of 771 Royston Drive approached Council and wanted to follow up on his confusion about what position he was applying for. He stated he appreciated their consideration. He said he just wanted to help and serve the Village as needed and thanked the Council for considering his application.

Old Business

Council decided to set the public hearing to consider the solar panel codes as presented from the Planning Commission for October 7, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. The regularly scheduled meeting will follow the hearing.

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Reports

Finance

The Finance Committee's next meeting will be October 21st.

Public Works Report

Public Works met this evening and discussed the many projects underway within the Village. The next meeting will be October 7 at 6 p.m.

Special Committee Report

MOMS will meet on September 16th at 5:00 p.m.

Parks and Rec will meet on October 21, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

Village Manager Report

- Chief Copeland stated that Third Street has been paved and striped. The Village has received the final report from OPWC and will now need to submit it for reimbursement for the ODR grant. This project was done at no cost to the Village taxpayers.
- Parks and Recreation Bard is collaborating with Mary L Cook Library on the proposed park on Old Stage. The Charter allows the Village to provide water to parks at ½ the current rate. It

would need to be passed as an ordinance, and 6 out of 7 Council members must vote affirmatively for it to be passed. This has been done for Bicentennial Park.

- At the Public Works meeting, it was discussed possibly extending the water line on Bellbrook Road from Thomas Drive. This will need to be researched further.
- There was a service waterline break on Ferry Road, and it was repaired in-house.
- Provided quotes for replacing the pavers on Main Street with concrete as requested by the MOMS Committee.
- Mr. Hoffman is tearing trees down at the corner of Route 42 and Corwin Road. He plans to turn this into a parking lot. Chief Copeland stated he was working with Molly Conley from Warren County Soil and Water to ensure this was done correctly.
- Chief Copeland asked for the ordinance to replace catch basins to be amended to pass as an emergency to have them replaced before Sauerkraut.
- The Street Department received 100 tons of salt; the Village now has 200 tons for this winter.
- Collected quotes for iPads for Council to go paperless.

Police Report

- The August dispatched calls for service and Month-End Mayor's Court will be included in the next Council report. The Code Enforcement report has been provided for review.
- Strategic Plan for the Sauerkraut Festival is in place. Sgt. Denlinger is meeting with the Sauerkraut Committee to go over sign placement.

Chief Copeland added that he has scheduled a preconstruction meeting with SmithCorp for Franklin Phase II and that the application for the OPWC Fourth Street grant has been submitted.

Financial Director Report

- Warren County Budget Commission has reviewed the Village's 2025 budget and has issued an official certificate for the fiscal year 2025.
- Ms. Morley informed Council that there is an ordinance tonight to roll over 250K into another 2-year CD. The current rates are about 3.8% to 3.9% but change weekly. She will have the interest received on the CD that matured at the next meeting.

Law Report

Mr. Gallagher stated that he asked Mr. Forbes to prepare an official statement for the Village concerning Mr. Anthony's recent appointment to the vacant Council position.

Mr. Gallagher motioned to authorize the release of the statement drafted by Mr. Forbes, and Mr. Lauffer seconded the motion.

Motion – Gallagher

Second – Lauffer

Roll Call – 4 yeas (Gallagher, Isaacs, Lauffer, Anthony)

2 nays (Miller, Blankenship)

New Business

Mr. Gallagher moved to table the nomination to the Planning Commission until Council can consult with Mr. Forbes, and Mrs. Miller seconded the motion.

Motion – Gallagher

Second – Miller

Roll Call – 6 yeas

Mr. Gallagher asked Council their thoughts on going paperless and being assigned iPads to receive Council reports. The majority of Council agreed this would be advantageous. There would be a few things to work out, but they were receptive to the idea and asked Chief Copeland to proceed with the purchase.

Legislation

First Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance No. 2024-029

Adopting Various Sections of the Zoning Code for the Village of Waynesville Regarding Solar Energy Systems

Mr. Gallagher moved to have the first reading of Ordinance No. 2024-029, and Mr. Anthony seconded the motion.

Motion – Gallagher

Second – Anthony

Roll Call – 6 yeas

Mr. Gallagher explained that the proposed codes came from numerous meetings of the Planning Commission.

Ordinance 2024- 030

An Ordinance Authorizing the Finance Director to Transfer Investment Funds (2 Year CD) And Declaring an Emergency (CD Rollover)

Mrs. Miller moved to waive the two-reading rule for Ordinance No. 2024-030, and Mr. Blankenship seconded the motion.

Motion – Miller
Second – Blankenship

Roll Call – 6 years

Mrs. Miller moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2024-030 as an emergency, and Mr. Blankenship seconded the motion.

Motion – Miller
Second – Blankenship

Roll Call – 6 years

Second Reading of Ordinances and Resolution

Ordinance No. 2024-028

Authorizing the Village Manager to Enter into a Contract with Fed Excavating, Inc. in an Amount not to Exceed \$17,000 for the Repair of Existing Catch Basins within the Village Stormwater System

Mr. Gallagher moved to amend Ordinance No. 2024-028 and add as an emergency, and Mr. Blankenship seconded the motion.

Motion – Gallagher
Second – Blankenship

Roll Call – 6 years

Mr. Lauffer moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2024-028 as an emergency, and Mr. Gallagher seconded the motion.

Motion – Lauffer
Second – Gallagher

Roll Call – 6 years

Executive Session

None

Chief Copeland and Mr. Lauffer asked to be excused from the meeting on September 16th.

All were in favor of adjourning at 7:34 p.m.

Date: _____

Jamie Morley, Clerk of Council