

**Village of Waynesville
Council Meeting Minutes
February 1, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**

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

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

***CLERK’S NOTE-** This is a summary of the Village Council Meeting held on Monday, February 1 19, 2021. Due to Covid-19, this meeting was a teleconference using Zoom which is allowable by Ohio SB 365.*

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Mayor Isaacs called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and Chief Copeland led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Acknowledgements

None

Disposition of Previous Minutes

Mr. Colvin made a motion to accept the minutes from the Council Meeting held January 19, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. as written and Mr. Blankenship seconded the motion.

Motion – Colvin
Second – Blankenship

Roll Call – 6 years

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Public Recognition

None

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Old Business

None

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Reports

Finance

The Finance Committee will meet on February 18, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. through Zoom teleconferencing and the public is welcome.

Public Works Report

Public Works met tonight and discussed the Warren County Emergency Water Agreement and is on the agenda as legislation tonight. The next meeting is March 1 at 6:00 p.m. and the public is encouraged to attend.

Special Committee Report

Mr. Colvin stated that the Parks and Recreation Board had proposed looking into purchasing property off Old Stage Road for a possible park. There has been some talk that this land may come up for sale but most likely will be more than the Village is able to afford.

At this time, Mr. Lauffer joined the meeting.

Village Manager Report

- Delivered the Emergency Water Agreement to Warren County and Bruce McGary, assistant prosecutor of Warren County, and he signed off on the agreement. This will be presented to Council tonight in the form of legislation. Would like to thank Mr. Gallagher for all his time and effort.
- Street Department has been repainting and rehabilitating the Village of Waynesville signs.
- Application for the Community Block Grant has been completed and submitted to Warren County Commissioners. This is to put sidewalks along Franklin Street from Fifth Street to Lytle.
- Received the public water systems to operate license from the EPA to operate the water system for 2021.

- Ferry Tower rehabilitation and repainting project will be advertised tomorrow and published in the paper on Thursday. The project will cost between 180K-200K. Looking to hire an onsite supervisor to oversee this project. There will be a 30-day deadline for the project. The bid will be awarded in March.
- Provided photos of the Street Department taking down Christmas decorations along Main Street.
- Planning on posting the old leaf truck on Govdeals.com.
- Several water breaks have been repaired.
- Property has been put up for sale off Old Stage next to Victoria Place. This is where the Parks and Recreation Board suggested looking at a new park. The push line does go through this property and will start evaluating if this were to be developed.
- Chamber of Commerce will be having a ribbon cutting for the Bridge Community Hub at noon on February 13.

Police Report

- Received the final certificate from Ohio Collaborative.
- Provided the Warren County Drug Task Force Annual Report along with the request for the Village's yearly contribution of \$5658 to this organization.
- National Property Inspections provided greatly appreciated donuts to the department.
- Police vehicle outfitted with personalized plates to give a more professional look to the department.
- Photograph of Officer Fickert receiving 2020 Officer of the Year.

Ms. Dedden made a motion to contribute \$5668.00 to Warren County Drug Task Force and was seconded by Mr. Gallagher.

Motion – Dedden
Second – Gallagher

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Financial Director Report

Ms. Morley provided year end water sales for the past 5 years. This includes an analysis of how much water was pumped out of the wells to how much water was billed, giving an approximate idea of water loss. This was the first full year that the Village water system had no usage from Warren County. Sales to Waynesville customers were comparable to past years. Bulk water sales were up compared to previous years. Chief Copeland stated with the improvements to the water distribution center, there are less complaints from water haulers.

Law Report

None

New Business

Ms. Dedden stated that last year due to COVID the meeting to go over the Rules of Council was cancelled, and they were not updated or reviewed. She asked Council to review the Rules of Council and be ready to go over them when meetings resume in person.

Legislation

First Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance 2021- 004

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

Mr. Colvin made a motion to Waive two-reading rule for Ordinance 2021-004 and Mr. Gallagher seconded the motion.

Motion – Colvin
Second – Gallagher

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Ms. Dedden made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-004 as an emergency and Mr. Gallagher seconded the motion.

Motion – Dedden
Second – Gallagher

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Ordinance 2021-005

Authorizing the Village Manager to Execute an Emergency Water Service Agreement with the Warren County Board of Commissioners

Mrs. Miller made a motion to amend the title of Ordinance 2021-005 to add “and declaring an emergency” and Mr. Blankenship seconded the motion.

Motion – Miller
Second – Blankenship

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Mrs. Miller made a motion to waive the two-reading rule for Ordinance 2021-005 and Mr. Colvin seconded the motion.

Motion – Miller
Second – Colvin

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Mr. Colvin made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-005 as an emergency and Ms. Dedden seconded the motion.

Motion – Colvin
Second – Dedden

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Second Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance No. 2021-001

Authorizing the Village Manager to Enter into a Contract with Legend Web Works LLC for Professional Web Services

Mr. Colvin thanked Ms. Morley for answering all of Council’s questions and her research. He also wanted to ensure that staff would be adequately trained to update the web site once the site has been built by Legend Web Works. Ms. Morley responded that when she met with Ms. Miller from the Chamber of Commerce, Ms. Miller showed how to update the web site using Legend Web Works design and was very helpful. The program appeared user friendly.

Mr. Colvin made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-001 and Mrs. Miller seconded the motion.

Motion – Colvin
Second – Miller

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Ordinance No. 2021-002

Authorizing the Village Manager to Enter into a Contract with Lebanon Ford for the Purchase of One 2021 Ford Explorer Police Vehicle

Mr. Colvin made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-002 and Mrs. Miller seconded the motion.

Motion – Colvin
Second – Miller

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Executive Session

None

Mr. Colvin made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Mr. Lauffer. All were in favor to adjourn at 7:36 p.m.

Date: _____

Jamie Morley, Clerk of Council