

**WAYNESVILLE CITY COUNCIL**  
**AUGUST 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2020**  
**5:30PM**

**Call to Order:** Mayor Brown called the July 2020 meeting of the Waynesville City Council to order at 5:30pm.

**Roll Call:** On roll call, Mayor Brown and seven (7) council members were present:

PRESENT: Farnham, Davis, Curtis, Rice, Liberty, Conley, France

ABSENT: Wilson

**Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance:** Invocation was given by Councilman Mike Curtis with the Pledge of Allegiance being led by Mayor Brown.

**Approval of Consent Agenda:** Mayor Brown called for a motion to approve the consent agenda. A motion was made by Councilman Curtis and seconded by Councilman Liberty to approve the Consent Agenda.

YEAS: Farnham, Davis, Curtis, Rice, Liberty, Conley, France

NAYS: None

Motion passed.

**PUBLIC HEARING – TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020** – Mayor Brown opened the public hearing at 5:31 pm regarding the Ad Valorem Tax Rate for the Year 2020. With no citizen or Council comments, Mayor Brown closed the public hearing at 5:33pm.

**Citizen Comments:** None

**Presentations:**

- a. *Business Spotlight* – Mayor Brown recognized Every Blooming Thing as the City's Business Spotlight for August, 2020

**Board – Commission – Liaison Reports**

**Park Board**

- a. *Report on the August 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting* - Park Board Member Amanda Koren gave an update on Youth Sports and reported that there was nothing new concerning the Master Gardeners.

Mayor Brown remembered Park Board Chairman Lawrence Beamer who passed the prior weekend.

- b. Appointment – Mayor Brown called for a motion to re-appoint Amanda Koren to the Waynesville Park Board. Councilman Liberty made a motion to accept the appointment and Councilman France seconded.

YEAS: Farnham, Davis, Curtis, Rice, Liberty, Conley, France

NAYS: None  
Motion passed.

### **Planning and Zoning**

- a. No Report – No Meeting Held

### **Board of Adjustments**

- a. Report on July 22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting – City Administrator John Doyle reported on the meeting held to discuss a variance application concerning the construction of a fence, submitted by Earnest Mentola of 304 Bell Ave. Mr. Doyle stated that after discussion, the Board of Adjustments voted to grant Mr. Mentola’s variance. Councilman France stated he was concerned about the Board’s decision since it goes against City ordinance.

### **Standing Committee Reports**

#### **Utility Committee**

- a. *Report on August 4<sup>th</sup> meeting* – Councilman France stated that due to low hanging wires on Bluff Circle, steps were being taken to raise not only electric but cable and telephone lines. Councilman France stated that the proposed increase to Natural Gas impact fees would only affect new services. The availability charge for the service had not been increased since 1994 which is why City staff proposed an increase of \$2.00 to help cover the cost of maintenance on City gas lines.
- b. **PROPOSED ORDINANCE** – Bill No. 2020-12. An Ordinance amending Ordinances concerning natural gas rates and impact fees.

*Discussion* - Councilman Farnham asked why two ordinances were being updated by one ordinance. City Clerk Michele Brown stated that both rates were combined into one ordinance in order to make updating the fees, at a later date, easier if the Council decided to do so.

Councilman Farnham asked why the cost of the installation of just a fireplace was more than the installation of multiple appliances. Councilman France stated that the increase in impact fees was still not enough to cover the total cost of installing gas service. Most fireplaces are only used during the winter months, so it would take several years for the City to recoup the cost of the installation by means of the home owner’s monthly bill. That is why the impact fee is set to be higher. More appliances on a service means more gas sold, thus the cost of the installation is recouped in a shorter amount of time, which calls for a lower impact fee. Mr. Doyle stated that the cost of materials for installation of a new gas service was roughly \$270.00. This price does not include gravel to back fill the ditch and labor.

The proposed ordinance was read by title two (2) times and its approval and passage was moved by Councilman France and seconded by Councilman Conley.

YEAS: Farnham, Davis, Curtis, Rice, Liberty, Conley, France

NAYS: None

Motion passed.

- c. **PROPOSED RESOLUTION** – A Resolution authorizing the appointment of Board of Directors for the Central Ozarks Utility Service Alliance. The proposed resolution was read by title once and its approval and passage was moved by Councilman Davis and seconded by Councilman Liberty.

*No. Discussion.*

YEAS: Farnham, Davis, Wilson, Curtis, Rice, Liberty, Conley, France

NAYS: None

Motion passed.

- d. **PROPOSED ORDINANCE** – Bill No. 2020-13. An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Intergovernmental Service Agreement with the City of Saint Robert in regards to Solid Waste Management.

*Discussion* – Councilman Liberty asked if there was a term limit on the contract. Mr. Doyle stated that the service was put out for bids with the City receiving two and an intergovernmental service agreement proposal. In reviewing the bids, the City staff believed that Saint Robert’s term limit of two (2) years, with the option to terminate at any time with a thirty (30) day notice and their proposed cost, was the best choice for the City. Councilman France stated that the City planned to implement its own trash service and with the flexibility of the contract it would allow the City to prepare for the future. Mr. Doyle stated that the City, through its own service, was guaranteed to be able to provide residential service only, for now. The City is unable to collect commercial waste without a two (2) years notice to area Solid Waste Management companies and since that notice had been sent out already, once the contract terms were met with Saint Robert, the City could choose to offer trash service to both commercial and residential customers, at that time.

Councilman Curtis asked if schedules would change for customers. Mr. Doyle stated that yes, Saint Robert was moving to a two (2) day pick up for recycling and trash since they are new to this kind of service. We should receive a permanent schedule from Saint Robert which staff will get out residents through Social Media and Utility Billing.

The proposed ordinance was read by title two (2) times and its approval and passage was moved by Councilman France and seconded by Councilman Curtis.

YEAS: Farnham, Davis, Curtis, Rice, Liberty, Conley, France

NAYS: None

Motion passed.

## Economic Development & Government Affairs

- a. *Report on the August 4<sup>th</sup> meeting* – Councilman Farnham reported that the Committee discussed the City’s continued participation with the Pulaski County Growth Alliance. The Committee also approved to appoint Councilman Ed Conley to their Board. Councilman Farnham also gave an update on Special Events to include the Homecoming Parade, Trunk or Treat in the Park and Pumpkin Fest.
- b. **PROPOSED RESOLUTION** – Appointing Representation to the Pulaski County Growth Alliance. The proposed resolution was read by title once and its approval and passage was moved by Councilman Davis and seconded by Councilman Liberty.

*No Discussion.*

YEAS: Farnham, Davis, Curtis, Rice, Liberty, Conley, France

NAYS: None

Motion passed.

## Police & Emergency Services Committee

- a. *Report on August 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting* –Councilman Liberty reported that the committee discussed adding a no parking section to the intersection of Frances Street and Prospect due to the concerns of Councilman France who had attended the meeting as a citizen. Councilman Liberty stated they received an update regarding grants and department personnel.
- b. **PROPOSED ORDINANCE** – Bill No. 2020-06. An Ordinance authorizing overtime for exempt employees to participate in MSHP Safety Campaign grant funding.

*No Discussion.*

The proposed ordinance was read by title two (2) times and its approval and passage was moved by Councilman Liberty and seconded by Councilman France.

YEAS: Farnham, Davis, Wilson, Curtis, Rice, Liberty, Conley, France

NAYS: None

Motion passed.

- c. **PROPOSED ORDINANCE** – Bill No. 2020-08. Parking prohibited on certain portions of Frances Street.

*Discussion.* Councilman Conley suggested combining the penalties on all no parking ordinances to have the same standard penalty and list the streets that have no parking ordinances governing them under the same Ordinance.

The proposed ordinance was read by title two (2) times and its approval and passage was moved by Councilman Liberty and seconded by Councilman France.

YEAS: Farnham, Davis, Wilson, Curtis, Rice, Liberty, Conley, France  
NAYS: None  
Motion passed.

### **Roads and Grounds**

- a. *Report on August 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.* Councilman France stated that citizens Dan Deering and Randy Brown attended the meeting with concerns regarding Glen Haven Drive and Bluff Circle. Councilman France stated that both roadways were being scheduled for maintenance. Councilman France stated the Committee received an update regarding the Leaf Dump and the sale of lots on Center Street. Councilman France stated that no bids had been received concerning the lots. Councilman France stated the Committee also received a Street Department update from Supervisor Brian Adams.

### **Finance Committee**

- a. *Report on August 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting* – Councilman Liberty reported that a review of the budget was presented by Mr. Doyle. Councilman Liberty stated that as of July 1<sup>st</sup>, we were at 51% of budget projections in expenses and 52% in revenue. Councilman Liberty stated the City audit was distributed and they received an update on the CARES Act invoice that was sent to the County Commission to reimburse the City for COVID-19 related expenses.

Councilman Farnham asked if we had heard anything from County regarding our submittal for CARE Act reimbursement. Mr. Doyle stated that we had heard back on Tuesday of this week and County had a few questions asking for further details on the funding that was requested. Those questions have been answered and submitted to County. Due to coverage of the County Commissioners meetings, Mr. Doyle stated we had learned that the County was going to review municipalities and school submittals in September.

- b. **PROPOSED ORDINANCE** – Bill No. 2020-09. Establish Guidelines for Disclosure of Conflict of Interest.

*No Discussion.*

The proposed ordinance was read by title two (2) times and its approval and passage was moved by Councilman Liberty and seconded by Councilman France.

YEAS: Farnham, Davis, Curtis, Rice, Liberty, Conley, France  
NAYS: None  
Motion passed

- c. **PROPOSED ORDINANCE** – Bill No. 2020-10 – Approving the Ad Valorem Tax Rate for 2020.

*No Discussion.*

The proposed ordinance was read by title two (2) times and its approval and passage was moved by Councilman Liberty and seconded by Councilman Davis.

YEAS: Farnham, Davis, Wilson, Curtis, Rice, Liberty, Conley, France  
NAYS: None  
Motion passed.

- d. **PROPOSED ORDINANCE** – Bill No. 2020-11 – Authorizing a Lease Purchase with Security Bank for the purchase of a Peterbilt Dump Truck.

*No Discussion.*

The proposed ordinance was read by title two (2) times and its approval and passage was moved by Councilman Curtis and seconded by Councilman Liberty.

YEAS: Farnham, Davis, Wilson, Curtis, Rice, Liberty, Conley, France  
NAYS: None  
Motion passed.

### **Waynesville/St. Robert Joint Airport**

- a. Report on July 28<sup>th</sup> Meeting – Mr. Doyle stated that the Airport Board voted on new Board members with himself being appointed as Vice Chairman. Mr. Doyle stated that fuel sales were up and that Airport staff were looking at purchasing a truck with snow plow at a later date. The firetruck that services the Airport has been repaired and the Airport had received an additional \$69,000 in COVID-19 funds.
- b. **PROPOSED ORDINANCE** – Bill No. 2020-14 – Authorizing Amendment #3 to Project No. 17-057B-1 for the State Block Grant.

*Discussion* – Mr. Doyle stated that the amendment would extend the project time to December 31<sup>st</sup> of this year.

The proposed ordinance was read by title two (2) times and its approval and passage was moved by Councilman Liberty and seconded by Councilman Davis.

YEAS: Farnham, Davis, Wilson, Curtis, Rice, Liberty, Conley, France  
NAYS: None  
Motion passed.

### **Other Business**

None

### **City Administrator's Report**

Mr. Doyle stated that budget meeting for 2021 have been scheduled. Mr. Doyle stated that he had just received information from Mayor Lauritson regarding trash pick up and the City would be picking up on Thursdays and Fridays. Mr. Doyle stated that the new park restroom was looking great and was almost

completed. Mr. Doyle stated that B&B Theater was reopening on the 21<sup>st</sup> of August and he encouraged everyone to support their efforts in getting back to business.

### Council Comments

- France - Stated that he was not happy with the packet this month as there was no information provided in order for him to give a report.
- Conley - Asked if it was possible to get a summary of the committee meetings in the packet instead of minutes.
- Liberty - Thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting and thanked Mr. Doyle and City staff for their hard work.
- Rice - Urged everyone to be mindful of the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over campaign that is beginning next week. Please be safe drivers.
- Curtis - Remembered Mr. Beamer. Stated that "Boomer" was a very intelligent man and he will be dearly missed.
- Davis - Wanted to give a shout-out to his daughter that was watching the Council meeting from Kansas and for everyone to watch out for new drivers.
- Farnham - Very disappointed that a recent committee meeting was misrepresented by the press regarding a conversation between a citizen and a council member. Both new each other well and a conversation made in jest was reported as a rudely handled by the Council member. Urged everyone to confirm facts before commenting.

**MAYOR COMMENTS:** Mayor Brown sent his condolences to the Beamer Family and stated our thoughts were with them. Mayor Brown stated that the re-appointment of Ms. Koren to the Park Board was a good step forward and if anyone was interested in serving on any of the City's Commissions or Boards to please reach out and let us know.

### Adjournment

There being no further business to come before this session of the Waynesville City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:28pm by Mayor Brown. The next scheduled session of the Waynesville City Council is August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 5:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michele Brown  
City Clerk