

**WAYNESVILLE CITY COUNCIL**  
**OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2020**  
**5:30PM**

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

**Roll Call:** On roll call, Mayor Brown and eight (8) council members were present:

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

ABSENT: None

**Staff Present:** City Administrator John Doyle, City Clerk Michele Brown, Deputy City Clerk Tracey York, Executive Assistant Miriam Jones

**Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance:** Invocation was given by Councilman Wilson with the Pledge of Allegiance being led by Councilman Farnham.

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

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

NAYS: None

Motion passed.

**Citizen Comments:** None

**Presentations:**

- a. *Business Spotlight* – Mayor Brown recognized Paradise Deli as the City’s Business Spotlight for October, 2020. Mrs. Ursula Davidson accepted the City’s Proclamation on behalf of the business.
- b. Presentation – Kelly Beets, the City’s loss prevention liaison with MIRMA presented the City with grants for equipment for the Police Department.

**Board – Commission – Liaison Reports**

**Park Board**

- a. *Report on the October 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting* - Park Board Member Amanda Koren stated there would be a fundraiser at the Farmer’s Market to raise funds for the Master Gardeners. Ms. Koren stated new playground equipment has been installed in Tiger Park and the Park Board Committee voted in Jeff Militti as Chairman.

**Planning and Zoning**

- a. No Report – No Meeting Held

Mayor Brown stated that if anyone was interested in serving on any Board or Committee to please contact City Hall for more information.

## Standing Committee Reports

### Utility Committee

- a. *Report on October 6<sup>th</sup> meeting* – Councilman France stated the Committee received department updates and was presented with the final draft of the 2021 budget which the committee approved to go to Council.

### Economic Development & Government Affairs

- a. *Report on the October 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting* – Councilman Farnham stated the City received information from county regarding a sunshine request as it pertained to the CARES Act invoice that was submitted. The committee also reviewed an amendment to the current business license fees and approved an ordinance detailing those amendments to go before Council.
- b. **PROPOSED ORDINANCE** – Bill No. 2020-16 – Amending Chapter 220 – Establishing Solid Waste Management Business and Permit Fees. The proposed ordinance was read by title two (2) times and its approval and passage was moved by Councilman Liberty and seconded by Councilman Conley.

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

NAYS: None

Motion passed.

- c. **PROPOSED ORDINANCE** – Bill No. 2020-17 – Establishing Regulations for Itinerant Vendors. The proposed ordinance was read by title two (2) times and its approval and passage was moved by Councilman Davis and seconded by Councilman Wilson.

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

NAYS: None

Motion passed.

- d. **PROPOSED ORDINANCE** – Bill No. 2020-18 – Amending Chapter 600 – General and Alcoholic Beverages Permits & Licenses. John Doyle stated the business license fees had not been reviewed for some time and needed updating. Also, the liquor license fees were expanded to encompass new types of establishments such as microbreweries. 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.

### Police & Emergency Services Committee

- a. *Report on October 8<sup>th</sup>, Meeting* – Councilman Liberty stated the Committee was advised by a citizen that he was frustrated regarding a theft case. Councilman Liberty stated that the person knew that the case was turned over to the County Prosecutor, but

wanted the Police to know it has not been resolved. Ordinances pertaining to the speed limit on Swedeborg Road, Business License regulations regarding Vehicles for Hire and Conceal Carry of Firearms was discussed. Those Ordinances were approved to go before Council.

- b. **PROPOSED ORDINANCE** – Bill No. 2020-07 – Amending the speed limit on Swedeborg Road.

**Discussion** - Councilman Davis asked if a traffic study had been conducted on Swedeborg Road prior to the drafting of this ordinance. Councilman Davis stated he was concerned with raising the limit on Swedeborg since there was no stop sign on Swedeborg at its intersection with Summit Pass. Councilman Liberty stated that the speed limit reduces to 25mph long before traffic reaches the intersection. Councilman Liberty stated that a traffic study has not been conducted but the City's speed trailer can be placed at the intersection in order to monitor traffic. John Doyle stated that the speed limit would only be 35mph the first 1500 feet of Swedeborg from the City limits, it would reduce then to 25mph 1500 feet from the intersection and therefore would not change the current dynamics of the intersection at all. Councilman Davis stated that considering how badly the intersection is overgrown, he didn't believe the intersection would be safe without a stop sign on Swedeborg. Councilman Davis also disagreed with spending City funds to change signage for 1500 feet of road.

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

YEAS: Farnham, Wilson, Curtis, Rice, Liberty, Conley, France  
NAYS: Davis  
Motion passed.

- c. **PROPOSED ORDINANCE** – Bill No. 2020-19 – Amending Chapter 600 – Repealing Concealed Carry Laws. Mr. Doyle stated the amendment was to bring the City in compliance with current State Statute. 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.

- d. **PROPOSED ORDINANCE** – Bill No. 2020-20 – Amending Chapter 610 – Vehicles for Hire. Councilman Farnham was concerned with Uber and Lyft companies have a State License to operate. Mr. Doyle stated that regardless of state licensure, companies will be expected to obtain a City license to operate. 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: Davis, Wilson, Curtis, Rice, Liberty, Conley, France  
NAYS: Farnham  
Motion passed.

## **Roads and Grounds**

- a. *Report on October 1<sup>st</sup>, meeting.* Councilman France stated that concerns from citizens in Old Farm Estates had been addressed with potholes and other improvement conducted on their roads. Councilman France gave an update on street paving and discussed current abatement concerns within the City.

## **Finance Committee**

- a. *Report on October 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting* – Councilman Liberty stated the committee received an update on City Accounts. Currently we are at 70% of revenues with expenses at 68%. City accounts show \$1.6 million in unrestricted funds. Councilman Liberty stated that the City also received an update concerning the Community Improvement District and discuss a potential refund on the 2011 Certificates of Participation.

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

- a. *Report on September 22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting* – Councilman Wilson stated the Joint Airport Board received an update concerning fuel sales, marketing and enplanements. Councilman Wilson stated the Airport had received CARES Act funding for various equipment to include reimbursement for technical and operating equipment.

## **Other Business**

None

## **City Administrator's Report**

Mr. Doyle stated City staff had been working diligently on the 2021 Budget. Mr. Doyle stated that the final draft should be ready by November's meeting. Mr. Doyle stated that the City continues to experience COVID-19 related expenses. Mr. Doyle stated that several projects were close to completion to include the removal of the astro-turf in the lawn & leaf dump and the new trail in the City park.

## **Council Comments**

- |           |   |
|-----------|---|
| Farnham - | Thank City crews for taking care of the astro-turf and reminded everyone to get their flu shot.                   |
| Davis -   | Be sure to watch out for children on Halloween night.   |
| Wilson -  | Urged citizens to get out and meet their neighbors.   |
| Curtis -  | Stated that very rarely does the Council receive feedback during committee meetings and urged citizens to attend. |
| Rice -    | Is looking forward to October Fest and Pumpkin Fest.  |
| Liberty - | Thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting and thanked Mr. Doyle and City staff for their hard work.        |

- Conley - Stated the City needed to keep focused on abatement issues.
- France - Agreed with Councilman Conley. Dilapidated buildings reflect poorly on the City.

**MAYOR COMMENTS:** Mayor Brown stated that the Southern Gospel Singers would be in Waynesville the weekend of October 17<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Brown stated that event organizers had social distancing guidelines in place so citizens could attend in a safe manner.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before this session of the Waynesville City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:36pm by Mayor Brown. The next scheduled session of the Waynesville City Council is November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 5:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michele Brown  
City Clerk