

WAYNESVILLE CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 16TH, 2023
5:00PM

Call to Order: Mayor Pro Tem Wilson called the February 16th, 2023 meeting of the Waynesville City Council to order at 5:00pm.

Roll Call: On roll call, Mayor Pro Tem Wilson and five (5) council members were present:

PRESENT: Davis, Wilson, Rice, Liberty, Conley
ABSENT: Farnham, Koren

Approval of Consent Agenda: Mayor Pro Tem Wilson called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. A motion was made by Councilman Liberty and seconded by Councilman Conley to approve the Consent Agenda.

YEAS: Davis, Wilson, Rice, Liberty, Conley
NAYS: None
Motion passed

Closed Session – There was a need for closed session for real estate. Councilman Liberty made a motion to go into closed session and Councilman Davis seconded.

YEAS: Davis, Wilson, Rice, Liberty, Conley
NAYS: None
Motion passed

Council entered closed session at 5:01pm.

Council out of closed session at 5:18pm.

Opening Comments by Mayor Pro Tem Wilson – Mayor Pro Tem Wilson stated that the Council is planning for the future as several tasks have already been scheduled to complete. Mayor Pro Tem Wilson advised that the most important task at hand is to bring our Committees, Boards and Council to full staff.

Citizens Comments

Luge Hardman – Mrs. Hardman addressed the Council regarding her role on both the 100th Anniversary of the Roubidoux Bridge Committee and the Route 66 Centennial Commission. Mrs. Hardman presented the Council with commemorative bracelets for the Anniversary event. Mrs. Hardman stated that she is extremely disappointed in some members of our community concerning their actions against the proposed Dollar General that will be located downtown. Mrs. Hardman stated that the City has rules to follow and we believe in free enterprise. Mrs. Hardman stated she is very proud of the strength the City Council has shown during the trying times of the last few months.

Special Guests – Presentations

- a. **Rodney Parrott – Dollar General.** Mr. Parrott provided the Council with a preliminary plan of the Dollar General site.
- b.

Board – Commission – Liaison Reports

Park Board

- a. Report on February 9th meeting. Assistant Chairman Randy Brown briefed the Council on Park Maintenance and current projects, including the naming of the Park Pavilions.

Planning and Zoning

- a. No meeting Held. No Report

Standing Committee Reports

Utility Committee

- a. Report on February 7th, meeting. Councilman Conley briefed the Council on Utility updates and departmental tasks.

Economic Development & Government Affairs

- a. Report on the February 7th, meeting. Councilman Rice briefed the Council on economic development issues and businesses being spotlighted in the months to come.
- b. **PROPOSED ORDINANCE** – Authorizing the Mayor Pro Tem to Accept a Memorandum of Understanding from Dollar General Regarding the Conveyance of Property to the City of Waynesville. Ordinance was read by title twice and its adoption and passage was moved by Councilman Liberty and seconded by Councilman Rice.

YEAS: Davis, Wilson, Rice, Liberty, Conley

NAYS: None

Motion passed

Roads and Grounds

- a. No Meeting held. No report.

Police & Emergency Services Committee

- a. Report on January 12th, meeting. Councilman Liberty stated a draft mutual aid agreement with the Pulaski County Sheriff's Department was reviewed with a final draft coming in the next few months. Councilman Liberty also briefed the Council on Police and Fire Department updates.
- b. **PROPOSED ORDINANCE** – Authorizing Intergovernmental Agreement with Saint Robert Regarding Legal Representation for Animal Control Issues. The Animal Shelter

Has been housing 12 dogs for Saint Robert on an animal abuse case since October of 2022. Because of this we are unable to take in any other animals. Saint Robert's Attorney Tyce Smith will work with County Prosecutor Kevin Hillman to expedite the case in order to get the dogs either released back to the owner or eligible for adoption. Ordinance was read by title twice and its adoption and passage was moved by Councilman Conley and seconded by Councilman Davis.

YEAS: Davis, Wilson, Rice, Liberty, Conley

NAYS: None

Motion passed

Finance & Human Resources Committee

- a. Report on January 12th, meeting. Councilman Davis briefed the Council on the City's finances and current budget.
- b. **PROPOSED ORDINANCE** – Authorizing Budget Amendment for New Animal Control Vehicle. Ordinance was read by title twice and its adoption and passage was moved by Councilman Davis and seconded by Councilman Conley.

YEAS: Davis, Wilson, Rice, Liberty, Conley

NAYS: None

Motion passed

Waynesville/St. Robert Joint Airport Board

- a. Report on January 24th meeting. Councilman Liberty briefed the Council on Airport updates including fuel sales and marketing efforts. Councilman Liberty also stated that the Board received updates concerning the NPE grant funds and the Terminal Master Plan.

Other Business

- a. **APPOINTMENT** – Robert Hyatt to Ward IV

Mayor Pro Tem Wilson put forth, Robert Hyatt as a nominee to the vacant seat in Ward IV. Councilman Liberty made a motion to accept the nomination and Councilman Davis seconded.

YEAS: Davis, Wilson, Rice, Liberty, Conley

NAYS: None

Motion passed

Councilman Hyatt was sworn in by City Clerk Michele Brown.

City Administrator's Report

City Administrator John Doyle updated in the Council on ARPA project funding. Unused funds will be redistributed to purchase new side-arms for the Police Department, fund the Small Business Enhancement Program, cover costs of upgrades to the Animal Shelter and install a gate at the Lawn and Leaf Facility. Mr. Doyle also stated that the RV Park upgrade was 70% complete and progress concerning the GIS mapping of the City is ahead of schedule.

Council Comments

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| Conley - | Stated he is excited for the development in downtown and reminded citizens that there is a fundraiser for Youth Sports at Freddie's in Saint Robert this weekend. |
| Liberty - | Thanked the Council for all the hard work they put in. |
| Rice - | Thanked the citizens for the suggestions they made regarding the Dollar General. Thanked Mr. Doyle and Doug Potts for working with Dollar General to see the suggestions implemented. |
| Davis - | Stated that the office staff of City Hall is treated poorly on a regular basis. Do your best to be nice. |
| Mayor Pro Tem - | Reminded everyone of the Chamber's Leadership Banquet on Friday night. Mayor Pro Tem Wilson stated that the City would start to stream their committee and board meetings in the next few months in an effort to improve communications between the city and its citizens. |

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before this session of the Waynesville City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:18pm by Mayor Pro Tem Wilson . The next regularly scheduled session of the Waynesville City Council is March 16th, 2023 at 5:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Brown
City Clerk