

WAYNESVILLE CITY COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 18TH, 2021

5:00PM

Call to Order: Mayor Brown called the February 2021 meeting of the Waynesville City Council to order at 5:00pm.

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

There was a need for closed session for legal purposes. Councilman France made a motion to move to closed session, seconded by Councilman Curtis.

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

NAYS: None

Motion passed

Council moved to closed session at 5:00pm.

Councilman Wilson out at 5:28pm.

Council returned to open session at 5:34pm.

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

Approval of Consent Agenda: Mayor Brown requested an amendment to the Agenda. The proposed resolution under Section 6e should be changed to Proposed Ordinance – HB2021-10 Approving Parameters for Series 2021 COP Funding. Mayor Brown called for a motion to approve the amended Consent Agenda. A motion was made by Councilman Liberty and seconded by Councilman Curtis to approve the amended Consent Agenda.

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

NAYS: None

Motion passed.

Citizens Comments – None

Special Guests – Citizen Comments:

- a. Business Spotlight – Warehouse 66 Music – Chris & Rachel Potts and Bryce Shelden accepted the City's Proclamation for Warehouse 66 Music as the Business Spotlight for February.

Board – Commission – Liaison Reports

Park Board

- a. No meeting held.

Planning and Zoning

- a. No Meeting Held

Standing Committee Reports

Utility Committee

- a. Report on February 9th, meeting. Councilman France stated that the committee received an update regarding the proposed electric substation and on CO-USA. Councilman France stated the committee was also updated on department projects and news.

Economic Development & Government Affairs

- a. Report on the January 5th, meeting. Councilman Farnham stated the City had received \$32,019.29 in CARES Act funding from Pulaski County. Several Councilman, including Curtis, Farnham, Davis and France stated they were very frustrated with the County on how the City was treated after applying for funding. City Clerk Michele Brown stated the City had never received any paperwork regarding what the City was awarded or why. City Administrator John Doyle stated that staff had been working with FEMA to try and recoup COVID-19 costs through them. Councilman Farnham suggested to contact Representative Vicki Hartzler's office to inquire what action could be taken regarding the handling of the COVID-19 relief funds by Pulaski County. Councilman Curtis agreed by stating he did not want a lack of action on the part of the City to set a prescient with County Officials.

Police & Emergency Services Committee

- a. Report on February 11th, meeting. Councilman Liberty stated the Committee was updated on a bid notice that was posted in the paper regarding the sale of old vehicles in the department's fleet. Councilman Liberty stated the committee also received a department update that included the current status of the department's NARCAN policy which would be sent to the City Attorney.

Roads and Grounds

- a. Report on February 4th, meeting. Councilman France stated the Committee received an update on recent street improvements and discussed amending rules regarding tobacco use at youth sporting events. The amendment would include the use of chewing tobacco.
- b. **PROPOSED ORDINANCE** – HB2021-09 – Amending the Use of Tobacco During Youth Sports Events. Councilman Farnham stated he did not want it to appear that the City was treating tobacco users like second-hand citizens. Councilman France stated that parents should not set such a bad example by using tobacco and spitting on the ground. The proposed ordinance was read by title two (2) times and its adoption and passage was moved by Councilman France and seconded by Councilman Curtis.

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

Finance Committee

- a. Report on February 11th, meeting. Councilman Liberty stated the Committee received an update on City accounts. As of the end of January, the City has completed 8.3% of the Fiscal year with revenues ending at 9% and expenses at 7%. Councilman Liberty stated the Committee discussed proposed COP funding that would be used to construct an electric substation and pay-off the short-term loan used to purchase land next to Lowe's Chevrolet.
- b. **PROPOSED ORDINANCE** – HB2021-10 – Accepting parameters regarding proposed certificates of participation funding. The proposed ordinance was read by title two (2) times. Mark Sypkerman of Gilmore & Bell addressed the Council and stated the exact numbers regarding the interest rate and precise COP funding amount would most likely change after the City receives its S&P rating. Mayor Brown called for a motion to postpone the Ordinance until the next scheduled Council meeting. Councilman Rice made the motion and Councilman Davis seconded.

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

Waynesville/St. Robert Joint Airport

- a. Report on January 26^h, Meeting. Councilman Wilson stated the Committee received updates on current Contour flights and EAS funding. Councilman Wilson stated the airport was in compliance with the PART 139 Airport Manual after discrepancies that were found in the airports inspection were addressed. Councilman Wilson stated the airport had received \$30,000 for marketing from the state along with time extensions on both the State Block Grant and a marketing grant for 2020.

Other Business

- a. **APPOINTMENT** – Mayor Brown called for a motion to approved the appointment of Bill Hudson as Municipal Judge. Approval was moved by Councilman Liberty and seconded by Councilman Davis.

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

City Administrator's Report

City Administrator John Doyle stated that CPR training for all City employees are going well. Mr. Doyle stated that staff were busy getting things ready for the auditors that would be here the second week of

March. Mayor Brown asked Mr. Doyle to address complaints that the City had received from citizens regarding snow plowing during the severe weather storm the City just experienced. Mr. Doyle stated that street crews were out almost from the beginning working to keep the roads as cleared as possible. The salt workers would spread does not work with temperatures below 0° for several days. Mr. Doyle also stated he was very proud of the fact that members of other departments came as soon as called in order to pitch in and help the Street Department. Overall, Mr. Doyle stated he was extremely please with how well all departments worked to get through the storm.

Council Comments

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| Farnham - | Gave a shout out to our first responders and stated the Street Department did a great job considering what they were fighting. |
| Davis - | Very proud of the community. Stated there were people shoveling snow to help support the victims of the Sunset Village Fire. |
| Curtis - | Very happy with electric crews. While Texas was without power for days, they only experienced a short outage of 2 ½ hours. |
| Rice- | Stated the Street Department did an outstanding job. |
| Liberty - | Also commended the Street Department. Asked people to think of emergency vehicles when they park on the street during snow events. |
| Conley - | Stated his street wasn't perfectly clear, but the street to the Life Care Center was. Was glad we have such a good crew. |
| France - | Stated that if your street wasn't plowed, it wasn't clear for trucks to operate on. Move your property out of the roadway before major snow storms hit. |

Mayor Comments – Was also proud of how well staff kept things going during the storm.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before this session of the Waynesville City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:48pm by Mayor Brown. The next scheduled session of the Waynesville City Council is March 18, 2021 at 5:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Brown
City Clerk