

**WAYNESVILLE CITY COUNCIL**

**MARCH 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2023**

**5:00PM**

**Call to Order:** Mayor Pro Tem Wilson called the March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting of the Waynesville City Council to order at 5:17pm.

**Roll Call:** On roll call, Mayor Pro Tem Wilson and six (6) council members were present:

PRESENT: Farnham, Davis, Hyatt, Rice, Liberty, Conley, Koren

ABSENT: None

**Approval of Consent Agenda:** Mayor Pro Tem Wilson called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilman Farnham made a motion to approve the consent agenda with an amendment that would remove 5 and 8(a). Councilman Farnham stated that since we were so close to the election, we should wait until May before we vote for Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem or set committee assignments. Mayor Pro Tem Wilson stated that the City has waited long enough and if need be the Council could vote again on Mayor Pro Tem and Committee Assignments in May. Councilman Davis seconded Councilman Farnham's motion.

YEAS: Davis, Hyatt, Farnham

NAYS: Conley, Liberty, Koren, Wilson

Motion failed

A motion was made by Councilman Liberty and seconded by Councilman Koren to approve the Consent Agenda as is.

YEAS: Davis, Wilson, Rice, Liberty, Conley, Koren

NAYS: Farnham, Hyatt

Motion passed

**Closed Session** – There was a need for closed session for legal, real estate. Councilman Rice made a motion to go into closed session and Councilman Koren seconded.

YEAS: Farnham, Davis, Wilson, Hyatt, Rice, Liberty, Conley, Koren

NAYS: None

Motion passed

Council entered closed session at 5:20pm.

Council out of closed session at 5:55pm.

**Citizens Comments**

**Joe Motte – 21635 Rudolph Rd.** – Mr. Motte addressed the Council concerning the state of his road. He is concerned about storm water drainage issues because the culverts and ditches need maintenance. Mr. Doyle stated we would have the Street Department look at the road.

**Yvonne Jespersion – MsCOE** – Addressed the Council regarding the volunteer work the NCOA has provided the City in the last year. Ms. Jespersion stated volunteer hours were close to 6000. Ms. Jespersion stated that the NCOA has enjoy working with the City and looks forward to future projects.

## Special Guests – Presentations

### a. **APPOINTMENT** – Park Board

Rachel Watson. Councilman Koren made a motion to approve the recommendation of Ms. Watson to the Park Board, Councilman Conley seconded.

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

David Neely - Councilman Liberty made a motion to approve the recommendation of Mr. Neely to the Park Board, Councilman Rice seconded.

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

### b. **APPOINTMENT** – Planning & Zoning Commission

Jeremiah Nickels - Councilman Davis made a motion to approve the recommendation of Mr. Nickels to the Planning & Zoning Commission, Councilman Farnham seconded.

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

Abby Hosette - Councilman Liberty made a motion to approve the recommendation of Ms. Hosette to the Planning & Zoning Commission, Councilman Koren seconded.

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

### c. **APPOINTMENT** – Board of Adjustments

Jason Baker – Councilman Conley made a motion to approve the recommendation of Mr. Baker to the Board of Adjustments, Councilman Davis seconded.

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

## Election of Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem

- a. Election of Mayor – Mayor Pro Tem Wilson opened the floor to nomination for the 1 year unexpired term for Mayor. Councilman Conley nominated Mayor Pro Tem Sean Wilson. Councilman Farnham nominated Steve Lynch.

Vote for Wilson

YEAS: Davis, Wilson, Hyatt, Rice, Liberty, Conley, Koren  
NAYS: Farnham

Vote for Lynch

YEAS: Farnham  
NAYS: Davis, Wilson, Hyatt, Rice, Liberty, Conley, Koren

Sean Wilson won the vote.

- b. Election of Mayor Pro Tem – Mayor Wilson opened the floor for nominations for Mayor Pro Tem. Councilman Koren nominated Councilman Liberty. There were no other nominations.

YEAS: Farnham, Davis, Wilson, Hyatt, Rice, Liberty, Conley, Koren  
NAYS: None

Clarence Liberty won the vote.

**Board – Commission – Liaison Reports**

Park Board

- a. Report on March 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. Chairman Militi 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 7<sup>th</sup>, meeting. Councilman Conley briefed the Council on Utility updates and departmental tasks. Councilman Conley stated that the Committee discussed utility rate increases. Councilman Conley stated that the increase in rates for the City are needed according to the study completed by Toth Engineering. Councilman Conley stated that the City prefers to ease into the increases over a few years instead of raising rates to Toth's suggestions all at once.

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE** – Approving Rate Increases for Electric and Natural Gas Services for 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: Farnham, Davis, Wilson, Hyatt, Rice, Liberty, Conley, Koren  
NAYS: None  
Motion Passed

### Economic Development & Government Affairs

- a. Report on the March 7<sup>th</sup>, meeting. Councilman Rice briefed the Council on economic development issues and businesses being spotlighted in the months to come.

### Roads and Grounds

- a. Report on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, meeting. Councilman Farnham briefed the council on Street Department projects and updates.

### Police & Emergency Services Committee

- a. Report on March 9<sup>th</sup>, meeting. Councilman Liberty briefed the Council on Police and Fire Department updates.

### Finance & Human Resources Committee

- a. Report on March 9<sup>th</sup>, meeting. Councilman Davis stated that the City has received funds from the DERA grant to purchase an excavator. To save on interest, the staff recommended to take the City's match out of reserves. Councilman Davis stated the Committee approved the staff's recommendation and forwarded the budget adjustment to City Council for approval. Councilman Davis briefed the Council on the City's finances and current budget.
- b. **PROPOSED ORDINANCE** – Authorizing Budget Amendment for Excavator. Ordinance was read by title twice and its adoption and passage was moved by Councilman Farnham and seconded by Councilman Koren.

YEAS: Farnham, Davis, Wilson, Hyatt, Rice, Liberty, Conley, Koren

NAYS: None

Motion Passed

### Waynesville/St. Robert Joint Airport Board

- a. Report on February 28<sup>th</sup>, 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.
- b. **PROPOSED ORDINANCE** – Approving Consulting Agreement for Airport Paving Maintenance. Ordinance was read by title twice and its adoption and passage was moved by Councilman Liberty and seconded by Councilman Rice.

YEAS: Farnham, Davis, Wilson, Hyatt, Rice, Liberty, Conley, Koren

NAYS: None

Motion Passed

- c. **PROPOSED ORDINANCE** – Approving an Airport Marketing Agreement with Sustainable Ozarks Partnership. Ordinance was read by title twice and its adoption and passage was moved by Councilman Davis and seconded by Councilman Farnham

YEAS: Farnham, Davis, Wilson, Hyatt, Rice, Liberty, Conley, Koren  
NAYS: None  
Motion Passed

### Other Business

- a. Council Committee Assignments – Councilman Liberty made a motion to approve the assignments as provided. Councilman Hyatt seconded.

YEAS: Farnham, Davis, Wilson, Hyatt, Rice, Liberty, Conley, Koren  
NAYS: None  
Motion Passed

### City Administrator's Report

City Administrator John Doyle updated in the Council on the Dollar General project and discussed the need for raising utility rates.

### Council Comments

Farnham -	Wished everyone a happy St. Patrick's Day and urged those who would be out to use a Designated Driver if need be.
Davis -	Gave his condolences to the family of Ameela Bagby.
Hyatt -	Welcomed all the new Board and Commission members. Congratulated Sean on his election to Mayor.
Rice -	Reminded everyone about the Roubidoux Bridge celebration on April 1 <sup>st</sup> .
Liberty -	Thanked those who volunteer, the staff and Council.
Conley -	You only have to wear green if you aren't Irish!
Koren -	Congratulations to Amber Box for making it through another audit. Thanked the Army volunteers for the work they did at the Roubidoux Bridge.

**Mayors Comments** – Mayor Wilson thanked the Council for trusting him to fill the seat of Mayor for the next year. Mayor Wilson also stated that the memorial for Ameela Bagby would be that Friday.

### Adjournment

There being no further business to come before this session of the Waynesville City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:12pm by Mayor Wilson . The next regularly scheduled session of the Waynesville City Council is April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 5:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Brown - City Clerk