

**WAYNESVILLE CITY COUNCIL**

**SPECIAL SESSION**

**MARCH 31, 2022**

**5:30PM**

**Call to Order:** Mayor Pro Tem Liberty called the March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022 Special Session of the Waynesville City Council to order at 5:30pm.

**Roll Call:** On roll call, Mayor Brown and seven (8) council members were present, Councilman Davis by video conferencing:

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

ABSENT: None

**Hilbert Report** – The City Council received a report on grievances filed by several members of City staff regarding the actions of Mayor Brown by Appointing Hearing Officer Drew Hilpert. The complaints focused on the Mayor’s actions towards female staff members, City Administrator John Doyle and Building Official Nathan Carmon.

Mr. Hilpert stated that Executive Assistant Miriam Jones, Finance Officer Amber Box and City Clerk Michele Brown had filed complaints and that in his opinion, the Mayor violated Sections 100.050(O)(P) of the Code of Ethics and Section 116.050 of the City’s Municipal Code. Mr. Hilbert stated that the Mayor declined to speak with him even after City Attorney Nathan Nickolaus and himself had reached out to Mayor Brown several times.

**Council Comments**

Farnham - Councilman Farnham asked if these incidents had occurred before the Code of Ethics Ordinance was passed. Mr. Hilbert stated he believe some had, but that other incidents clearly occurred after.

Council members discussed what would be expected of the Mayor should the Council vote to publicly censure him. Councilman Wilson and Koren stated that the Mayor should be responsible for developing his own plan regarding training and reintegration. The Mayor should present this no later than 30 days from the date of tonight’s meeting.

**Mayor Comments** – Mayor Brown stated that he conducted his duties according to the Missouri State Statutes for a third class city and did not realized he had acted inappropriately. Mayor Pro Tem Liberty asked Mayor Brown if he still felt that way after the Finance and Human Resources Committee and City Attorney Nathan Nickolaus had spoken to him about his conduct and role as Mayor. Mayor Brown replied “so noted”.

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION** – 04-22 – Censure of Mayor. The proposed Resolution read by title by City Attorney Nathan Nickolaus and its adoption and passage was moved by Councilman Koren and seconded by Councilman Conley.

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

NAYS: None

Motion passed

**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 regularly scheduled session of the Waynesville City Council is April 21st, 2022 at 5:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Brown  
City Clerk