

WAYNESVILLE CITY COUNCIL

MAY 16TH, 2024

5:00 PM

Call to Order: Mayor Wilson called the May 16th, 2024, meeting of the Waynesville City Council to order at 5:00pm.

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

PRESENT: Farnham, Hicks, Dils, Hyatt, Rice, Hayden, Bland, Koren

ABSENT: None

Approval of Consent Agenda: Mayor Wilson called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilman Rice made a motion to approve the consent agenda and Councilwoman Koren seconded.

YEAS: Farnham, Hicks, Dils, Hyatt, Rice, Hayden, Bland, Koren

NAYS: None

Motion passed

Closed Session – There was a need for closed session regarding RsMO 610(1) Legal. Councilwoman Koren made a motion to go into closed session. Councilman Hyatt seconded.

YEAS: Farnham, Hicks, Dils, Hyatt, Rice, Hayden, Bland, Koren

NAYS: None

Motion passed

Council entered closed session at 5:02pm.

Council returned to open session at 5:46pm

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Jerry Brown – 1309 Hwy F – At the beginning of Mr. Brown’s statement, Mayor Wilson asked him to please use the microphone provided so those viewing at home would be able to hear him. Mr. Brown refused several times, becoming argumentative with the Mayor on the use of the microphone, even throwing it down on the podium at one point. Mr. Brown stated that he was talking loud enough that the people at home could hear him just fine. Mr. Brown stated the minutes for 2024 were not listed online and continued to repeat himself several times that the minutes should be posted after approval. Mr. Brown then stated that Section D of the Exhibit of HB2024-14 was a violation of employee’s 1st amendment rights. Mr. Brown stated that the Council had all taken an oath to uphold the Constitution. Mayor Wilson asked Mr. Brown why he believed that the amendment to the Ordinance violated employees’ 1st amendment rights. Mr. Brown stated that the Council needed to make that determination, not him. Mayor Wilson attempted to clarify with Mr. Brown on why he was accusing the Council of violating Employees’ 1st amendment rights. Mr. Brown continued to tell Mayor Wilson that he needs to read it and understand it, that it was not his job to do so. Mr. Brown continued to state the Council needed to read the Ordinance and make that determination. Mayor Wilson requested that City Attorney Nathan Nickolaus speak address Mr. Brown’s concern. Attorney Nickolaus stated that State and Local Governments can place restrictions on what employees can and cannot say. Attorney Nickolaus stated that employees can speak on conditions at the City, however, they cannot personally attack others. Mr. Brown stated that he still wanted the Council to consider not passing the ordinance. Mayor Wilson asked if there was any clarification on Mr. Brown’s first question. I advised the Mayor that all minutes of past Council meetings are in the packets that are posted on online. I advised Mayor Wilson that I had not had a chance to move the minutes under their own page on the website. Mr. Brown once again stated that the minutes were not located where they should be on the website and he shouldn’t have to go digging to find them.

SPECIAL GUESTS – PRESENTATIONS – APPOINTMENTS

a. APPOINTMENTS

- i. Appointment of Brandy Pfiefer to the Waynesville Park Board. Councilman Farnham made a motion to accept the re-appointment. Councilman Hyatt seconded.

YEAS: Farnham, Hicks, Dils, Hyatt, Rice, Hayden, Bland, Koren
NAYS: None
Motion passed

- ii. Appointment of Kevin Daley to the Waynesville Park Board. Councilman Rice made a motion to accept the appointment. Councilwoman Koren seconded.

YEAS: Farnham, Hicks, Dils, Hyatt, Rice, Hayden, Bland, Koren
NAYS: None
Motion passed

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

City Administrator John Doyle presented a report to the Council that included updates regarding Council Committee meetings and updates on City projects and personnel. Mr. Doyle advised the Council that The Wall That Heals is currently in the Roubidoux Park and he encouraged everyone to go see it.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

a. Pulaski County Republican Club Monthly Meeting

Mayor Wilson stated that there were accusations made towards the City regarding the management of funds at the Republican Club Monthly Meeting held on May 14th. Mayor Wilson stated that one of the members of the Republican Party stated they had a petition to sign that would have the State Auditor come and audit the City of Waynesville. Mayor Wilson stated that the Republican Club President had ensured him that the comments made by the member were not supported by the Club as a whole. Mayor Wilson stated that the audit of the City were online and dated back to 2016. Councilman Hyatt stated that if this person thought there was mismanagement happening, he would like for them to bring in documentation so they could investigate themselves. Mayor Wilson asked the Council how they thought the City should handle allegations and accusations like this. Mayor Wilson stated he had an obligation as Mayor to uphold the good name of the City and to speak out against the false claims that are made. Councilman Hyatt asked if there was any factual data they can bring to us. He stated that he knows we just went through an audit conducted by a CPA and we publish our monthly financials online every month as well. Councilman Hyatt stated he didn't understand where this person was coming from. He'd like to take a look at what it is they are talking about if they can provide the data. Councilman Farnham stated that the people needed to understand just what this type of audit was. This type of audit would not find if there was something crooked going on, it would look to see if policy was being followed correctly. If the State Auditor comes in, the taxpayers will have to pay for the cost. Councilwoman Koren stated that we have the requirement on our shoulders that when we learn of misinformation to correct it and not ignore it. We should invite people to come to committees and talk about their concerns. We should correct people in the moment, if do not we are not being transparent. Councilman Rice stated he believed that the Mayor had done just exactly that. Councilwoman Dils stated he is more than welcome to come and review the audits here at City Hall that way if he has questions, there are qualified people here to get him answers. Mayor Wilson stated that what he gathered

from the Council is that we should address misinformation and be transparent and remain disciplined and respectful when we do. Being assertive is not the same as being combative. We will continue to treat everyone the same.

ITEMS OF CONSIDERATION

a. Ordinances

PROPOSED ORDINANCE – HB2024-1e – Approving no Parking on Sierra Circle and Switchback Road in Pinnacle Place. The Ordinance was read by title twice and its adoption and passage was moved by Councilman Farnham and seconded by Councilman Dils.

YEAS: Farnham, Hicks, Dils, Hyatt, Rice, Hayden, Bland, Koren

NAYS: None

Motion passed

PROPOSED ORDINANCE – HB2024-14 – Amending Ordinance No. 2486 – Code of Ethics. The Ordinance was read by title twice and its adoption and passage was moved by Councilwoman Koren and seconded by Councilman Hayden.

YEAS: Hicks, Dils, Hyatt, Rice, Hayden, Bland, Koren

NAYS: Farnham

Motion passed

PROPOSED ORDINANCE – HB2024-15 – Approving a Lease Purchase Agreement with Security Bank of Pulaski County for a 2015 Vactor Truck. The Ordinance was read by title twice and its adoption and passage was moved by Councilman Farnham and seconded by Councilman Rice.

YEAS: Farnham, Hicks, Dils, Rice, Hayden, Bland, Koren

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Hyatt

Motion passed

PROPOSED ORDINANCE – HB2024-16 – Authorizing an Agreement with the Missouri Department of Conservation – Roubidoux River Access – Hwy 17 North. The Ordinance was read by title twice and its adoption and passage was moved by Councilman Hyatt and seconded by Councilman Hayden.

YEAS: Farnham, Hicks, Dils, Hyatt, Rice, Hayden, Bland, Koren

NAYS: None

Motion passed

PROPOSED ORDINANCE – HB2024-17 – Authorizing Contract for Sale of 2001 Vactor Truck to the City of Dixon, Missouri. The Ordinance was read by title twice and its adoption and passage was moved by Councilwoman Koren and seconded by Councilman Hicks.

YEAS: Farnham, Hicks, Dils, Hyatt, Rice, Hayden, Bland, Koren

NAYS: None

Motion passed

Other Business – Mayor Wilson had Mr. Kevin Daley come to the front and accept is Appointment to the Waynesville Park Board.

Council Comments

- Farnham- Sent condolences out to the Bales Family for their recent loss.
- Hicks - Thanks the WPD for their elevated presence and extra patrols in Ward II.
- Dils - Thank the Utilities Departments for fixing some major sewer issues in Ward III.
- Hyatt - Congratulated both Brandy Pfiefer and Kevin Daley for their appointment to the Park Board and thanked them for serving.
- Rice - Thanked all those who helped to bring The Wall that Heals to Waynesville.
- Hayden - Shadowed the Water/Wastewater crews as they were conducting a repair up in The Summit and was amazed at how efficient and how well they worked together. Stated we have a great crew.
- Bland - Stated that those in our position should Lead by Example. Also stated he was excited for the addition of the River Access down 17 Hwy.
- Koren - Congratulated Brandy Pfiefer and Kevin Daley for their appointment to the Park Board and stated they would do amazing things. Invited people to come see her at The Wall that Heals and thanked the City staff for all the wonderful things they do.

Mayor Comments – Mayor Wilson thanked the Tiger TV crew and spoke of The Wall That Heals. Mayor Wilson addressed the citizens of Waynesville and stated that it was important to communicate respectfully and effectively. That disrespect would not be tolerated at Council. As elected officials, it is their responsibility to treat others with dignity and respect and because of that, the Council deserves to be treated and addressed the same way. The actions of Mr. Brown tonight would not be tolerated and if a citizen came to Council and did not want to abide by the decorum of the Council they would be asked to leave. Mayor Wilson stated that Kids to Park Day would be on June 1st and hoped to see everyone there.

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 Wilson. The next regularly scheduled session of the Waynesville City Council is June 20th, 2024 at 5:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Brown, City Clerk