

Village of Waynesville Council Meeting Minutes August 4th, 2008 – 7:30p

Present: Ms. Sandra Stemple, Council President
Mr. Ernie Tracy – arrived at 7:58 pm
Mr. Rick Becker
Mr. Feicht
Mr. James Martin
Mr. Richard Philpott

Absent: Mayor Earl Isaacs

Village Staff Present: Jeff Forbes (Law Director), Bruce Snell (Village Manager),
Stephanie Morgan (Interim Finance Director) Gary Copeland (Chief of Police)

NOTE – This is a summary of the Village Council Meeting held on Monday, August 4, 2008. A DVD recording of the meeting is on file in the office of the Clerk of Council and is available for review.

Ms. Stemple called the meeting to order at 7:30p.
Roll Call – 5 present

Mr. Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Disposition of Previous Minutes

*Motion to excuse Mr. Tracy and Mayor Isaacs – Mr. Feicht
Second – Mr. Martin*

Roll Call – 5 yeas

*Motion to approve minutes of 07/21/2008 meeting – Mr. Feicht
Second – Mr. Martin*

Roll Call – 5 yeas

Ms. Stemple thanked the volunteers from the Citizen Police Academy and the police officers who walked the street last weekend promoting the police and street levies.

Ms. Stemple stated the 3-minute public recognition rule would apply and redundant questions would not be tolerated.

Public Recognition/Visitor's Comments

Tom Isaacs (119 W. Ellis Drive) and Ron Kronenberger (50 Ellis Drive), representatives of the Quaker Heights Board of Directors, expressed their appreciation of the services provided to the residents and staff of Quaker Heights by the Police Department. They presented a \$1,000 donation check to Chief Copeland for the police department on behalf of the Board of Directors.

Old Business

none

*Motion to show council's support of the police and street levies – Mr. Philpott
Second – Mr. Martin*

Roll Call – 5 yeas

Reports

(1) Standing Council Committees

- (a) Finance Committee – did not meet
- (b) Public Works Committee – will meet prior to next council meeting; have received bids for the street resurfacing program and will discuss next meeting
- (c) Special Committees – none

(2) Village Manager's Report – Mr. Snell discussed the following:

- He thanked Quaker Heights for their donation.
- The water capacity struggles the Village is currently facing. He and Angie Tipton, Utilities Superintendent, are working with the EPA about adding a well to the new Bowman property.
- Questions raised by Mr. Otto and Mr. Murray at the previous meeting. A debt schedule for the municipal building property was explained to Mr. Murray the day after the last meeting and the decision on what to do with the property is a decision to be made by council. Mr. Otto sent an e-mail list of questions which were responded to in the same manner, including what the various funds are allowed to be used for and where funds are generated. Mr. Snell clarified the street levy fund cannot be used for general street operations, only for street improvements.
- Police staffing. Department consists of 3 full-time officers and 17 part-time officers. Chief Copeland's position is Chief and patrol officer. Part-time officers make \$6.88 per hour with no benefits.

(3) Finance Director's Report – Ms. Morgan stated payroll, accounts payable and accounts receivable are being handled in Ms. Morris' absence.

(4) Police Chief's Report – Chief Copeland announced the birth of his son. He thanked Quaker Heights for their donation and also thanked the following for their help in supporting the police levy: levy committee, council and village staff, citizen police academy members, officers and citizens.

(5) Law Director's Report – Mr. Forbes requested an executive session to discuss pending litigation. He also gave a legal opinion on the initiative petition filed at the 07/21/08 council meeting. A summary of his findings follows:

- Waynesville is a charter government not statutory
- ORC 705.30 provides procedure to abandon one of optional statutory forms of government and does not apply to charter villages.
- ORC 731.28 – 731.40 governs initiative petitions and does not apply to charter amendments.
- right to amend charter is given in Ohio Constitution.
- clerk has no authority to act on charter amendment petitions, only council.
- petition as filed does not have enough signatures based upon charter amendment rules.
- council has no responsibility to file the initiative petition.

New Business

none

Legislation

None

Motion to have an Executive Session to discuss litigation, land and personnel, with the Law Director and Village Manager at 8:00p – Mr. Becker
Second – Mr. Martin

Roll Call – 6 yeas

Roll Call after returning from Executive Session at 8:55p – 6 present

Motion to wave two reading rule for Ordinance 2008-025 – Mr. Martin
Second – Mr. Feicht

Roll Call – 6 yeas

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2008-025 as emergency – Mr. Tracy
Second – Mr. Martin

Roll Call – 6 yeas

Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:00p – Mr. Feicht
Second – Mr. Martin

Roll Call – 6 yeas

Date: _____

Stephanie Morgan, Interim Finance Director/Clerk of Council