

# Village of Waynesville Council Meeting Minutes February 17, 2009 – 7:30p

Present: Mayor Earl Isaacs  
Ms. Sandra Stemple  
Mr. Alan Bunker  
Mr. Chuck Feicht  
Ms. Joette Hightower (appointed toward the end of meeting)  
Mr. James Martin  
Mr. Raymond Otto

Absent: none

Village Staff Present: Jeff Forbes (Law Director), Bruce Snell (Village Manager), Staci Morris (Finance Director)

*NOTE – This is a summary of the Village Council Meeting held on Tuesday, February 17, 2009. A DVD recording of the meeting is available from the Clerk of Council.*

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Mayor Isaacs called the meeting to order at 7:30p.  
Roll Call – 6 present

Ms. Stemple led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **Disposition of Previous Minutes**

*Motion to approve the minutes of the 02/02/2009 meeting – Ms. Stemple  
Second – Mr. Feicht*

Roll Call - 6 years

## **Public Recognition/Visitor's Comments**

John Purdum (Waynesville Area Chamber of Commerce) came to discuss the formation of a Chamber sub-committee for economic development. The Chamber has appropriated money for new business incentives and to advertise extensively for businesses. The Chamber asked the Village to consider giving new businesses a twenty-four month variance on sign and occupancy permit fees. The new businesses would still be required to follow the required process, but the fees would be waived.

*Motion to approve the concept of waiving permit fees for economic development purposes for new Village businesses – Ms. Stemple  
Second – Mr. Otto*

Roll Call – 6 years

## **Old Business**

none

## **Reports**

(1) Standing Council Committees

(a) Finance Committee – Ms. Stemple read the letter from the Warren County Auditor regarding the expected 10% decrease in Local Government Monies to municipalities. Ms. Morris stated that she had already built in a 10% decrease from 2008 expected revenue

into the 2009 revenue estimates and into the Recovery Plan. The difference would be a few hundred dollars.

- (b) Public Works Committee – met 02/17/2009 at 6:00p and discuss the following:
  - smoke testing on Route 42 completed with no problems found. The next area to be tested is around the intersection of Fourth and North. Occupants will be notified when testing is to begin.
  - the Village believes that it has an adequate salt supply for the remainder of the winter
  - traffic lights on Main Street will remain regular traffic signals as the Village does not want to erect permanent stop signs, which would allow lights to flash red for a four-way stop. This project has been tabled indefinitely.
  - Veteran's Park lights on order
  - the Village is considering putting on a recycling rally in the spring
- (c) Special Committees – none

- (2) Village Manager's Report – Mr. Snell discussed the following:
  - urging residents to call Warren County Dispatch if they are in doubt about whether smoke is from smoke testing or a fire (513-695-1289 after regular business hours). Residents can also call the Village offices if they have a question during regular business hours (513-897-8015).
  - Lytle Road water tower alarm went off on Saturday night. Alex Foltz noticed the red light and loud buzzing and notified utilities staff to repair. If a resident ever notices the flashing red light on the shed (not the top of the tower), please notify the Village or Warren County Dispatch.
  - the Village has gotten on the list to receive stimulus funds for two water projects and three sewer projects. Formal applications are to come at a later date.
  - Mr. Snell stated that he would be out of the office two days next week to attend the OCMA Conference.

(3) Finance Director's Report – Ms. Morris discussed the request for an advance of tax money collected from the Warren County Auditor. The Village will be receiving 90% of the money collected as an advance. The remaining 10% will be paid at the regularly scheduled time.

(4) Police Chief's Report – Mr. Snell stated that an arrest had been made in Waynesville by the Warren County Drug Task Force.

(5) Law Director's Report – Mr. Forbes requested an Executive Session to discuss pending litigation.

**New Business**

none

**Legislation**

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Ordinance 2009-004 – an ordinance appointing Jeffrey D. Forbes as Law Director for the Village of Waynesville, Ohio and establishing the compensation.  
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*Motion to have the first reading of Ordinance 2009-004 – Ms. Stemple  
Second – Mr. Martin*

- Mr. Bunker asked a question regarding the compensation, and Mr. Forbes stated that the compensation should be Nineteen Thousand Dollars (spelled out) under Section A1.

Roll Call – 6 yeas

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Resolution 2009-005 – a resolution authorizing a then and now certificate  
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*Motion to have the first reading of Resolution 2009-005 – Ms. Stemple*

*Second – Mr. Bunker*

- Ms. Morris stated the purpose of a then and now certificate (the fiscal officer certifies that both at the time the contract was made (then) and at the time the fiscal officer is completing the certification (now), sufficient funds were available in the proper fund) and why she was not able to give the certificate (it was over \$3000, so it requires Council approval).

Roll Call – 6 yeas

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Ordinance 2009-001 – an ordinance repealing 2008-051 and approving and authorizing the Village Manager to execute a revised water service agreement with the Warren County Board of Commissioners and declaring an emergency  
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- this ordinance continues to be tabled until the Commissioners approve the agreement.

*Motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss personnel and pending litigation with Village Manager and Law Director at 8:03pm – Ms. Stemple*

*Second – Mr. Bunker*

Roll Call – 6 yeas

Return from Executive Session at 9:00pm.

Roll call – 6 present

*Motion to appoint Joette Hightower to the vacant Council seat – Ms. Stemple*

*Second – Mr. Feicht*

Roll Call – 6 yeas

Mr. Forbes swore in Joette Hightower.

Mayor Isaacs gave the dates for blood drives to be held at the school or the masonic lodge by the Community Blood Center – 02/21/2009, 04/18/2009, 06/13/2009, 08/15/2009, 10/10/2009, and 12/05/2009.

*Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:04p – Ms. Stemple*

*Second – Mr. Feicht*

Roll Call - 7 yeas

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Staci Morris, Finance Director/Clerk of Council