

# Village of Waynesville Council Meeting Minutes July 6, 2009 – 7:30p

Present: Mayor Earl Isaacs  
Ms. Sandra Stemple  
Mr. Alan Bunker  
Mr. Chuck Feicht  
Ms. Joette Hightower  
Mr. James Martin

Absent: Mr. Raymond Otto

Village Staff Present: Jeff Forbes (Law Director), Staci Morris (Finance Director) , Gary Copeland (Chief of Police/Acting Village Manager)

*NOTE – This is a summary of the Village Council Meeting held on Monday, July 6, 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

*Motion to excuse Mr. Otto from the meeting – Ms. Stemple  
Second – Ms. Hightower*

Roll Call – 6 yeas

Mr. Feicht led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **Mayor (for purposes of acknowledgments)**

Mayor Isaacs thanked Council members, Village Manager Mr. Snell, and Law Director Mr. Forbes for attending the Warren County Municipal League dinner at Der Dutchman. The dinner was the first to be held in Waynesville by the WCML.

Mayor Isaacs thanked volunteers for their assistance repairing and painting the gazebo in Veteran's Park, and he also thanked American Legion Post #651 for donating the paint and paintbrushes to paint the gazebo.

The July 4<sup>th</sup> parade went well, thanks to Pam Bowman and Ed and Carol Vacca.

#### **Disposition of Previous Minutes**

Mayor Isaacs asked for the 06/15/2009 minutes to be amended to read that he read sections 3.01a and 3.08b from the Village Charter that state that the Mayor is the President of Council.

*Motion to approve the minutes of the 06/15/2009 meeting as amended – Ms. Stemple  
Second – Ms. Hightower*

Roll Call - 6 yeas

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

Barb Lindsey (667 Hickory Lane) brought the issue of teenagers speeding through neighborhood and blasting their music. Ms. Lindsey stated that Chief Copeland has been supportive of her concerns, and the Police Department is watching the area.

Gary Pelkey (830 Camp Creek) asked Council where we "stood on the Bowman property."

- Ms. Stemple stated that the property was purchased to become part of the Village well fields and to protect the well field and the mill race dam.

- Mr. Feicht stated that there was not a large demand for additional water in the Village at the time of purchase, but the land is a long-term source of potable water. He also stated that the purchase was handled above-board by the Manager, Finance Director, Public Works Committee, and Council.

- Mr. Martin stated that Council's decision to purchase the land has been explained clearly over the last year, and the decision was a sound one.

### **2010 Tax Budget Public Hearing**

The Public Hearing was opened for comments at 7:47pm.

Ms. Morris went over each exhibit in the tax budget and answered several questions from Council.

*Motion to close the public hearing at 7:54pm – Mr. Bunker  
Second – Mr. Feicht*

Roll Call – 6 yeas

### **Old Business**

none

### **Reports**

#### (1) Standing Council Committees

(a) Finance Committee – met 07/06/2009 and discussed the following:

- changing Village telephone service to Time Warner Cable saving residents over \$300 a month
- Council received the statement of cash position and other reports for the month ending June 2009
- the projected cost for the 2007-2008 audit is \$30,000 from the Auditor of State's office

(b) Public Works Committee – will meet 07/20/2009 at 6:00pm to discuss the Miami Street water line and ensuring that if the project begins this year that it is completed by the start of the Sauerkraut Festival

(c) Special Committees –

MOMS Committee – met 07/01/2009, Warren County Workforce One has been working on the pavers and painting the park benches on Main Street. The sign outside BP has been replaced and flowers will be planted soon. Ms. Stemple and Ms. Hightower trimmed the boxwoods on Main Street. Ed and Carol Vacca took care of the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade.

Historic Preservation – Ms. Bunker gave Council members requests from the Committee for repairs to the Lock-up building. Mr. Stubbs will be heading up the repairs, and Ms. Bunker requested that the issue be added to the next Public Works Committee agenda. Mr. Feicht stated that he would add it to their agenda.

(2) Village Manager's Report – Mr. Snell left a written report.

(3) Finance Director's Report – Ms. Morris discussed the AOS audit costs and the tax budget.

(4) Police Chief's Report – Chief Copeland discussed the following:

- thanked Ms. Lindsey for voicing her concerns
- Appalachian Mountain Music Festival, Independence Day parade, Bike Rodeo, and fireworks and the officers that assisted without pay

- introduced the Village's newest Reserve Police Officer Matthew Jackson

*Motion to appoint Chief Copeland as Acting Village Manager until Mr. Snell's return on Monday (07/13/2009) – Ms. Stemple  
Second – Ms. Hightower*

Roll Call – 6 yeas

(5) Law Director's Report – Mr. Forbes stated that he will be out at the next meeting, but another attorney from his office would be at the meeting to assist.

Mayor Isaacs asked Mr. Forbes to read his memo regarding the Mayor's letter to Council.

- Mr. Forbes read his written memo with the preface that the memo would no longer be considered confidential.

- Mr. Martin asked Mr. Forbes how many hours were spent researching and drafting the opinion at the Mayor's request. Mr. Forbes stated that he spent about 2.75 hours on the project. Mr. Martin stated that the cost to the Village was then \$467.50 (2.75 hours at \$170.00/hour), and he asked the Mayor the purpose for spending so much of the taxpayer's money.

- Mayor Isaacs stated that he wanted Council to be forthright and kind to one another.

- Mr. Martin asked Mr. Pelkey if he had any part in the drafting of the Mayor's letter. Mr. Pelkey stated that he did not. He added that he had just asked questions in Council meetings. Mr. Martin stated that he had a hard time believing Mr. Pelkey and that the expense was a waste of taxpayer money.

- Mr. Feicht stated that he endorsed the concern on spending. He felt the Village would be paying more than necessary for legal research of minor points that one could have concluded through personal research. Mr. Feicht stated that he thought Council should discuss matters with each other before taking it to legal counsel.

- Mayor Isaacs stated that the goal was for Council to work together.

- Mr. Martin asked Mayor Isaacs if he would agree to discuss it amongst themselves before taking it to legal counsel.

- Mayor Isaacs stated that he would like to move forward.

Mr. Pelkey asked when the fiscal officer's certificate was changed. Mr. Forbes stated that it has not been changed and that the current certification is correct.

- Mr. Pelkey stated that he didn't understand why he has not received the answer before now. Ms. Morris stated that Mr. Pelkey had been asked to put his request in writing and submit it, but she had never received the request. Mr. Pelkey stated that he thought he had done that, but he may not have.

### **New Business**

none

### **Legislation**

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Ordinance 2009-023 – an ordinance authorizing the waiver of certain fees for the property located at 234 High Street  
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*Motion to have the first reading of Ordinance 2009-023 – Ms. Stemple  
Second – Ms. Hightower*

Roll Call – 6 yeas

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Resolution 2009-022 – a resolution approving the 2010 annual budget for the Village of Waynesville. This resolution is sponsored by the Finance Committee.  
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*Motion to adopt Resolution 2009-022 – Ms. Hightower*  
*Second – Ms. Stemple*

Roll Call – 6 yeas

Mr. Feicht stated that the Public Works Committee would like to keep Ordinance 2009-013 tabled at this time.

*Motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss the appointment of a public official at 8:09pm with Mr. Forbes and Mr. Jeffery Richard (Village Magistrate) at 8:29pm – Mr. Bunker*  
*Second – Ms. Stemple*

Roll Call – 6 yeas

Council returned from Executive Session at 8:53pm.  
Roll Call – 6 present

Mayor Isaacs invited everyone to attend the VFW motorcycle ride in Wilmington on Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup> to benefit the Veteran's Memorial Fund. Registration will be held from 11:00am-2:00pm, and an after-party ride will be held at the American Legion in Wilmington.

*Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:55pm – Ms. Stemple*  
*Second – Mr. Feicht*

Roll Call - 6 yeas

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Staci Morris, Finance Director/Clerk of Council