

Village of Waynesville Council Meeting Minutes November 16, 2009 – 7:30pm

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), Bruce Snell (Village Manager), Staci Morris (Finance Director)

NOTE – This is a summary of the Village Council Meeting held on Monday, November 16, 2009. A DVD recording of the meeting is available from the Clerk of Council.

Mayor Isaacs called the meeting to order at 7:31pm.
Roll Call – 6 present

Ms. Stemple led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor (for purposes of acknowledgments)

Mayor Isaacs discussed the following:

- thanked veterans for their service to our nation
- Veteran's celebration at the school
- repairs have been made to the Veteran's Memorial Park
- thanked Mary Bunker and Bill Stubbs for repairs to the lock up
- Recovery Commission meeting on November 11, 2009
- the income tax failure and the reasons for the failure

Disposition of Previous Minutes

*Motion to approve the minutes of the 11/02/2009 meeting – Ms. Stemple
Second – Ms. Hightower*

Roll Call - 6 yeas

Public Recognition/Visitor's Comments

Jeff Chaney (1324 White Rose Drive) discussed the following:

- weeds growing in his neighbor's yard (1314 White Rose)
- does not support an income tax
- opposes the ordinance waiving fees for businesses while residents must pay fees
- Village employee in post office for 15 minutes
- Mr. Snell driving the Village vehicle to and from home this week

Martin Arnold (665 Royston Drive) discussed the following:

- Western Star article "Village to assess tax levy fallout"
- asked Council not to waste money by bringing up the income tax again
- the Village does not need more money, expenses need cut

Don Young (351 North Main Street) asked to reserve time to speak under "New Business."

Ron Kronenberger (Waynesville Area Chamber of Commerce) discussed the following:

- the concern in the business community as to the Village's financial state
- WACC working to bring businesses to town and they are concerned about the potential cuts to necessary Village services
- encouraged Council to look at the business district as you look at the future

Old Business

none

Reports

(1) Standing Council Committees

- (a) Finance Committee – met 11/16 at 5:00pm, and a Special Meeting is to be held Thursday 11/19 at 7:00pm
- (b) Public Works Committee – regular meeting deferred due to emergency Finance Committee meeting. Village Manager looking at the Village's long-term Capital Improvement Plan.
- (c) Special Committees – none

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

- informational fliers regarding leaf collection. Last year the backhoe and shovels were used, and this year the Village had announced that leaves would not be collected. The School let us borrow a Gator and a leaf vacuum. The Streets Department will be collecting some leaves to keep them out of the storm sewer.
- thanked Mr. Arnold for coming in and sharing his thoughts on the income tax even though they disagreed
- Mr. Chaney's concern regarding the employee at the post office is a legitimate concern, and it will be addressed at the staff meeting tomorrow.
- he has eaten lunch at B&B Carryout in the Village vehicle, and he would discontinue the practice at Council's request

(3) Finance Director's report – Ms. Morris discussed the October 2009 month-end balances, and asked Mayor Isaacs to allow her time to explain the legislation before Council votes.

(4) Police Chief's Report – no report

(5) Law Director's Report – no report

New Business

Ron Kronenberger (Sauerkraut Festival Committee) discussed the lease of downtown for the festival. The current lease has expired, and the Committee would like to have a 10 year lease on downtown. He would also like to start working on the contract for security with the Police Department.

Don Young (351 North Main Street) discussed the following:

- appreciation of people trying to do their job
- the Board of Zoning Appeals meeting on 11/25 at 5:30pm. Skyland Farms (60 South Main Street) is looking to expand the depth of their building.

Legislation

Ordinance 2009-044 – an ordinance providing for the issuance of \$336,000 notes by the Village of Waynesville, County of Warren, Ohio in anticipation of the issuance of bonds for the purpose of acquiring land for various municipal uses and declaring an emergency

Motion to have the first reading of Ordinance 2009-044 – Ms. Stemple

Second – Ms. Hightower

- Ms. Morris stated that the Village is paying off \$16,000 in principal on the not for the land in which the Government Center is located.

- Mr. Feicht asked Ms. Morris what happened if the legislation was not passed. Ms. Morris stated that the Village must pay \$352,000 to LCNB by mid-December.

Roll Call – 6 yeas

Ordinance 2009-045 – an ordinance authorizing a billing adjustment for Warren County sewer usage

Motion to have the first reading of Ordinance 2009-054 – Ms. Stemple

Second – Mr. Martin

- Ms. Morris stated that the legislation is strictly to correct a billing error. The contract with Warren County changed in January 2009, and the billing records did not accurately reflect that change until the new contract was approved in May. Mr. Snell explained the amendments to the previous contract.

Roll Call – 6 yeas

Resolution 2009-041 – a resolution adopting an identity theft policy

Motion to adopt Resolution 2009-040 – Ms. Stemple

Second – Mr. Bunker

- Ms. Morris stated that the Village must adopt a policy related to identity theft.

Roll Call – 6 yeas

Ordinance 2009-043 – an ordinance authorizing the waiver of certain fees for the property located at 49 South Main Street

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2009-043 – Ms. Stemple

Second – Mr. Martin

- Mr. Martin stated that in response to a phone call from Mr. Chaney, he voted yes to continue the Village's commitment to the Chamber.

- Mr. Chaney (1324 White Rose Drive) stated that the Village should be increasing fees, not waiving them.

- Mr. Feicht stated that the issue had been discussed at a Finance Committee meeting because the fee waivers should not continue indefinitely.

- Don Young stated that everyone pays taxes, and all employees should pay and contribute to the Village.

- Ron Kronenberger (WACC Economic Development Committee) stated that each property pays property taxes. He also stated that the original agreement was to re-evaluate the need to waive fees at the end of the year.

Roll Call – 6 yeas

Motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss personnel at 8:13pm with Mr. Forbes, Mr. Snell and Ms. Morris as needed – Mr. Feicht
Second – Ms. Stemple

Roll Call – 6 yeas

Return from Executive Session at 8:35pm.
Roll Call – 6 present

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:36pm – Ms. Stemple
Second – Mr. Feicht

Roll Call - 6 yeas

Date: 12/07/2009

Staci Morris, Finance Director/Clerk of Council