

# Village of Waynesville Council Meeting Minutes January 4, 2010 – 7:30pm

Present: Mayor Earl Isaacs  
Ms. Sandra Stemple (*sworn in at meeting*)  
Mr. Alan Bunker (*sworn in at meeting*)  
Ms. Joette Hightower (*sworn in at meeting*)  
Mr. James Martin (*sworn in at meeting*)  
Mr. Gary Pelkey (*sworn in at meeting*)

Absent: none

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

*NOTE – This is a summary of the Village Council Meeting held on Monday, January 4, 2010. 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 7:30pm.  
Roll Call – 5 present (Mr. Pelkey had not been sworn in as a Council member yet)

Mr. Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Swearing in of Council Members**

Judge Robert Peeler gave a short speech and then swore in the following Council members: Gary Pelkey, Alan Bunker, Sandra Stemple, James Martin, and Joette Hightower.

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

Mayor Isaacs stated that he hoped the year would take off with a different atmosphere than in the past.

### **Disposition of Previous Minutes**

*Motion to approve the minutes of the 12/21/2009 meeting – Ms. Stemple  
Second – Ms. Hightower*

Roll Call - 6 yeas

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

none

### **Old Business**

none

### **Reports**

(1) Standing Council Committees

- (a) Finance Committee –met 01/04/2010 at 6:00pm and set up four informational meetings regarding the income tax
- (b) Public Works Committee – will meet 01/19/2010 at 6:00pm
- (c) Special Committees – none

(2) Village Manager's Report – Mr. Snell stated that the next Public Works meeting would be held on Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> due to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.

(3) Finance Director's report – Ms. Morris stated that she would have 2009 year-end fund balances at the next meeting and would present those to Council.

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

- three month grant for LEADS system
- Dayton Road school zone sign working, other one sent back
- Diego (Police dog) to be released for work mid-February
- Citizen's Police Academy sign-up going on now

(5) Law Director's Report – Mr. Forbes read Dick Philpott's resignation letter. Mr. Forbes stated that a vacancy on Council exists as of today (01/04/2010).

- Mr. Pelkey asked if the position would be posted.
- Mr. Snell stated that the position could be posted on the Village website and the five regular places around town.

**New Business**

Council discussed Council committees.

- Mr. Pelkey stated that he would like to be on the Finance Committee.
- Mr. Bunker stated that he would prefer to be on the Public Works Committee.
- Mr. Martin asked Mr. Bunker to chair the Public Works Committee.
- Mr. Bunker stated that the

*Motion to appoint Ms. Stemple as President Pro Tempore – Ms. Hightower  
Second – Mr. Martin*

- Mr. Pelkey stated his belief that Mr. Bunker should be President Pro Tem due to the fact that he received the number of votes in the election.
  - Mr. Bunker stated that his seat was unopposed, and he deferred to Ms. Stemple.
- Roll Call – 6 years

**Legislation**

none

Mr. Pelkey stated that he would like to remove his name from the initiative petition.

- Ms. Morris asked for clarification on which petition he was referring to (change of the form of government petition or the income tax referendum petition).
- Mr. Pelkey stated the change of government form.
- Mr. Martin asked Mr. Pelkey the reason for the change.
- Mr. Pelkey stated that he had changed his position and part of his thought process. He stated that thinks the government is too big, the Village is not growing but is decreasing, and his concern that the income tax will not generate enough money.

Mr. Snell stated that there is celebratory cake for everyone after the meeting.

*Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:48pm – Ms. Stemple  
Second – Mr. Bunker*

Voice Vote - 6 yeas

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

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Staci Morris, Finance Director/Clerk of Council