

WAYNESVILLE CITY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 16TH, 2021
5:00PM

Call to Order: Mayor Brown called the September 2021 meeting of the Waynesville City Council to order at 5:00pm.

Roll Call: On roll call, Mayor Brown and eight (7) council members were present:

PRESENT: Farnham, Davis, Wilson, Curtis, Rice, Liberty, Conley
ABSENT: Koren

There was a need for closed session for legal and personnel purposes. Councilman Wilson made a motion to move to closed session, seconded by Councilman Rice.

YEAS: Farnham, Davis, Wilson, Curtis, Rice, Liberty, Conley
NAYS: None
Motion passed

Council moved to closed session at 5:00pm.

Council returned to open session at 5:30pm.

Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance: Invocation was given by Councilman Curtis with the Pledge of Allegiance being led by Mayor Brown.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Mayor Brown called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. A motion was made by Councilman Curtis and seconded by Councilman Rice to approve the amended Consent Agenda.

YEAS: Farnham, Davis, Wilson, Curtis, Rice, Liberty, Conley
NAYS: None
Motion passed

Citizens Comments – None

Presentation - Business Spotlight – Mayor Brown recognized Ericil's Jewelry as the Business Spotlight for the month.

Board – Commission – Liaison Reports

Park Board

- a. Report on September 9th, meeting. Chairman Jeff Militti stated that winter sports were cancelled this year due to heavy COVID 19 restrictions. Chairman Militti also stated that Bonnie Wilson would like to start a Movie Night in the Park.
- b. **APPOINTMENT** – Mayor Brown called for a motion to approve the appointment of Eric Obermuller to the Waynesville Park Board. Councilman Wilson made the motion and Councilman Davis seconded.

YEAS: Farnham, Davis, Wilson, Curtis, Rice, Liberty, Conley
NAYS: None
Motion passed

- c. **RE-APPOINTMENT** – Mayor Brown called for a motion to approve the reappointment of David Carpenter to the Waynesville Park Board. Councilman Rice made the motion and Councilman Liberty seconded.

YEAS: Farnham, Davis, Wilson, Curtis, Rice, Liberty, Conley

NAYS: None

Motion passed

- d. **RE-APPOINTMENT** – Mayor Brown called for a motion to approve the reappointment of Joe Motte to the Waynesville Park Board. Councilman Davis made the motion and Councilman Wilson seconded.

YEAS: Farnham, Davis, Wilson, Curtis, Rice, Liberty, Conley

NAYS: None

Motion passed

Planning and Zoning

- a. Report on September 14th meeting. Councilman Davis stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission held a Public Hearing regarding an application for rezoning in the Summit Subdivision. The hearing was held due to the applicant being absent from the original hearing. The Developer was in attendance and answered questions from residents of The Summit

- c. **PROPOSED ORDINANCE** – HB2021-38 – An Ordinance Requesting the Rezoning of a portion of the Summit Subdivision by Woodland Hills Construction. The proposed Ordinance was twice by title and its adoption and passage was moved by Councilman Rice and seconded by Councilman Conley.

YEAS: Farnham, Davis, Wilson, Curtis, Rice, Liberty, Conley

NAYS: None

Motion passed

- d. **PROPOSED ORDINANCE** – 2021-47 – Approving Final Plat – Phase I of Pinnacle at The Summit – Mark Rowden Homes, LLC. The proposed Ordinance was twice by title and its adoption and passage was moved by Councilman Curtis and seconded by Councilman Davis.

YEAS: Farnham, Davis, Wilson, Curtis, Rice, Liberty, Conley

NAYS: None

Motion passed

Standing Committee Reports

Utility Committee

- a. Report on September 7th, meeting. Councilman Conley stated that Toth Engineering presented a detailed report of the electric rate study.

Councilman Conley stated that the Committee received updates on the VW Trust Grant and repairs that were needed on electric department equipment.

- b. **PROPOSED ORDINANCE** – HB2021-41 – Amending Electric Service Availability Charges. The proposed ordinance was read by title two (2) times and its adoption and passage was moved by Councilman Conley and seconded by Councilman Rice.

YEAS: Farnham, Davis, Wilson, Curtis, Rice, Liberty, Conley

NAYS: None

Motion passed

Economic Development & Government Affairs

- a. Report on the September 9th, meeting. Councilman Rice stated the Committee reviewed the final draft of the Code of Ethics and the ARPA grant funding plan. The Committee also discussed reimplementing the Adopt a Spot program along the City's roadways and grounds.

Police & Emergency Services Committee

- a. Report on September 9th, meeting. Councilman Wilson stated the Committee reviewed the draft ordinance regarding Code of Ethics and also discussed ordinances regarding to the administration of Narcan and Vehicle pursuits.
- b. **PROPOSED ORDINANCE** – HB2021-43 – Establishing Procedures for the Use of Naloxone by the Waynesville Police Department. The proposed ordinance was read by title two (2) times and its adoption and passage was moved by Councilman Curtis and seconded by Councilman Davis.

YEAS: Farnham, Davis, Wilson, Curtis, Rice, Liberty, Conley

NAYS: None

Motion passed

- c. **PROPOSED ORDINANCE** – HB2021-44 – Amending Procedures Regarding Vehicle Pursuits. The proposed ordinance was read by title two (2) times and its adoption and passage was moved by Councilman Conley and seconded by Councilman Liberty.

YEAS: Farnham, Davis, Wilson, Curtis, Rice, Liberty, Conley

NAYS: None

Motion passed

Roads and Grounds

- a. Report on September 2nd, meeting. Councilman Farnham stated the Committee received an update on the Volkswagen Trust Grant and Committee also received an update from Street Department on the work that has been done in Laughlin Park, specifically the walking bridge.

Finance & Human Resources Committee

a. Report on September 7th, meeting. Councilman Davis stated the Committee was also briefed by Toth Engineering regarding the rate study and support of the Pulaski County Growth Alliance. The Committee also approved an agreement with Saint Robert regarding Fire Protection services and an ordinance that would amend travel expenses for city personnel and officials.

b. **PROPOSED ORDINANCE** - HB2021-32 – An Ordinance Adopting the Code of Ethics. The proposed ordinance was read by title two (2) times and its adoption and passage was moved by Councilman Conley and seconded by Councilman Davis.

YEAS: Farnham, Davis, Wilson, Curtis, Rice, Liberty, Conley

NAYS: None

Motion passed

c. **PROPOSED ORDINANCE** - HB2021-33 - – Amending the Per Diem rates for Travel Reimbursement for Officials and Employees. The proposed ordinance was read by title two (2) times and its adoption and passage was moved by Councilman Wilson and seconded by Councilman Liberty.

YEAS: Wilson, Curtis, Liberty, Conley, Rice, Davis, Farnham

NAYS: None

Motion passed

d. **PROPOSED ORDINANCE** – HB2021-46 – Authorizing the Mayor to Give Notice to WRFPD Regarding City’s Intent to Terminate Fire Protection Services.

Councilman Farnham asked if City staff had met with the Board of Directors of the WRFPD. Councilman Davis stated that the Committee has discussed this four months and the Board of Directors never asked to speak with City staff or Council. Councilman Davis stated that himself and another member of the Finance Committee met with Fire Chief Doug Yureko and also reviewed the memorandum that Chief Yureko sent to Councilmembers regarding the City annexing into the Fire District. Councilman Davis stated that even if the City annexes in, the rate specified by the Hancock amendment would still be charged to the City. Councilman Davis stated that the difference between what the City would pay according to the Hancock amendment and what we would pay Saint Robert is approximately \$200,000 less. Councilman Farnham stated that before the City makes such a major decision, that the Council should meet with the Fire District’s Board of Directors. Councilman Liberty stated that if the Board was concerned, they should have come to the open meeting. Councilman Farnham stated that the decision was an emotional one for him as we are the City of Waynesville, not the City of Saint Robert.

The proposed ordinance was read by title two (2) times and its adoption and passage was moved by Councilman Liberty and seconded by Councilman Conley.

YEAS: Wilson, Curtis, Liberty, Conley

NAYS: Rice, Davis, Farnham

Motion passed

- e. **PROPOSED RESOLUTION** - 2021-11 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter Into contract Negotiations with the City of Saint Robert for Fire Protection Services. The proposed resolution was read by title once and its adoption and passage was moved by Councilman Liberty and seconded by Councilman Conley.

YEAS: Wilson, Curtis, Liberty, Conley

NAYS: Farnham, Davis, Rice

Motion passed

Waynesville/St. Robert Joint Airport Board

- a. Report on August 24th, meeting. Councilman Liberty stated the Board received an update regarding operations and fuel sales. Councilman Liberty also stated the Board received an update regarding the EAS transition from Contour to Skywest Airlines.

Councilman Farnham asked how much the airport makes the City and how much does it lose? Mr. Doyle stated that on average the City loses \$165,000 to \$180,000 a year. Councilman Farnham stated that the City should never have gotten involved with the airport. The money we have lost would cover the cost of service with WRFPD.

Other Business

- a. None

City Administrator's Report

City Administrator John Doyle touched briefly on the hiring process for the Economic Development Coordinator and stated that the City had been selected to receive 30 trees/saplings from the Forest ReLeaf Program.

Council Comments

- Farnham - Stating that the City has made a very bad decision for the City of Waynesville. The airport loses a lot of money for the city. We already have an agreement with Saint Robert for our trash service. Why don't we just change the name to Saint Robert and we would all disappear.
- Davis - Not everyone is going to agree with the City's decision. Stated that the reason he voted against Fire Protection Services with Saint Robert is because he promised to vote against the agreement before he knew all of the facts. Should we reallocate money from the airport to WRFPD or should we make sure we aren't wasting money there too.
- Wilson - Just wanted to thank everyone for their service and his Committee members. Respects the research both the Police and Finance

Committee engaged in. Sent his condolences to the Fire Department for their loss.

- Curtis - How do you make a hard decision? Could be emotional and respects all members opinions. When I took this position, the advice I was given was to do your homework and make the best decision you can. We have to use the facts we have to make decisions and leave emotion out of it.
- Rice - Thanked Chief Cordova and department for an excellent job and for inviting him to firearms sim training.
- Liberty - Would like to echo what Councilman Curtis stated. Thanked the employees of the City and Mr. Doyle and staff.
- Conley - Everything that should have been said has been said and there were things that shouldn't have been said at all. Watch out for kids as the evenings get darker quicker.

Mayor Comments – Stated there was a lot of emotion regarding the Fire Protection Services. Mayor stating it is not a done deal and that Council has not taken the decision lightly.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before this session of the Waynesville City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:36pm by Mayor Brown. The next regularly scheduled session of the Waynesville City Council is October 21st, 2021 at 5:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Brown
City Clerk