

**WAYNESVILLE CITY COUNCIL**

**November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**5:00 PM**

**Call to Order:** Mayor Wilson called the November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023, meeting of the Waynesville City Council to order at 5:00pm.

**Roll Call:** On roll call, Mayor Wilson and five (5) council members were present:

PRESENT: Farnham, Davis, Dils, Hyatt, Conley

ABSENT: Rice, Liberty, Koren

**Approval of Consent Agenda:** Mayor Wilson called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilman Conley made a motion to approve the consent agenda and Councilman Davis seconded.

YEAS: Farnham, Davis, Dils, Hyatt, Conley

NAYS: None

Motion passed

**Closed Session:** There was a need for a closed session for legal, real estate. Councilman Farnham made a motion to go into closed session and Councilman Hyatt seconded.

YEAS: Farnham, Davis, Dils, Hyatt, Conley

NAYS: None

Motion passed

Council entered closed session at 5:02 pm.

Councilwoman Koren in at 5:15pm

Council out of closed session at 5:28 pm.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

**Jerry Brown – 1390 Hwy F.** Mr. Brown addressed the Council concerning a luncheon that was provided by one of the new businesses in Waynesville for City employees. Mr. Brown accused the Council of wasting tax-payer money by paying for City employees to go to this lunch. Mr. Brown also stated that it was inconvenient for citizens who needed to conduct City business to find City Hall closed during the luncheon. Mayor Wilson stated that the employees were treated to lunch at no cost to the City and that notice had been given via Social Media that City Hall would be closed during the luncheon.

**Vannie Williams – 21715 Ranch Road** – Mr. Williams asked the Council if it was possible to remove a dead deer located across from the old Splash Design Building. He also asked if it was possible to have a crosswalk button installed on the traffic light at Historic 66 & N. Benton Street and inquired if the downtown square could be converted into a one-way street. Mayor Wilson stated that all of Mr. Williams concerns would have been discussed and the City is looking at potential solutions, especially for the traffic light and downtown square.

## **SPECIAL GUESTS – PRESENTATIONS – APPOINTMENTS**

- a. **Kelly Beets – MIRMA** – Presented the City Council with a grant notification.

## **CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

City Administrator John Doyle presented a report to the Council that included updates regarding Council Committee meetings and updates on City projects and personnel.

## **COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

**Vagrancy** – The Council discussed the growing concerns over vagrancy within City limits. Concerns were for businesses located in the downtown area and along Ichord Avenue. It was suggested to revisit the City's Ordinance on vagrancy and take a draft to the Police Committee for review, when available.

## **ITEMS OF CONSIDERATION**

### **a. Ordinances**

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE** – HB2023-37 – Adopting the FY 2024 Budget. Ordinance was read by title twice and its adoption and passage was moved by Councilman Davis and seconded by Councilman Koren.

YEAS: Farnham, Davis, Dils, Hyatt, Conley, Koren

NAYS: None

Motion passed

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE** – HB2023-38 – Adopting the FY 2024 Hiring & Promotion Salary Schedule and Personnel Manning Chart. Ordinance was read by title twice and its adoption and passage was moved by Councilman Conley and seconded by Councilman Farnham.

YEAS: Farnham, Davis, Dils, Hyatt, Conley, Koren

NAYS: None

Motion passed

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE** – HB2023-39 – Approving an Airport Aid Agreement for the Construction of a Commercial Terminal Facility. Ordinance was read by title twice and its adoption and passage was moved by Councilman Farnham and seconded by Councilman Koren.

YEAS: Farnham, Dils, Hyatt, Rice, Conley, Koren

NAYS: None

Motion passed

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE** – HB2023-40 – Approving Rezoning Request. 301 Hwy T – R1 to P1 – Waynesville School District. Councilman Farnham stated that the speed limits on Hwy T should be looked at if a new school is constructed. Additionally, we should also look at additional means of ingress and egress since visibility is low on Hwy T where the current entrance of the school will be located. Ordinance was read by title twice and its adoption and passage was moved by Councilman Conley and seconded by Councilman Dils.

YEAS: Farnham, Dils, Hyatt, Rice, Conley, Koren

NAYS: None

Motion passed

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE** – HB2023-41 – Approving Rezoning Request. 301 Hwy T – A1 to P1 – Waynesville School District. Ordinance was read by title twice and its adoption and passage was moved by Councilman Farnham and seconded by Councilman Hyatt.

YEAS: Farnham, Dils, Hyatt, Rice, Conley, Koren

NAYS: None

Motion passed

**b. Resolutions - None**

**Other Business - None**

**Council Comments**

Conley - Announced that he would not be seeking re-election in 2024

Dils - Reminded everyone of the Laying of the Wreaths on December 16<sup>th</sup> at the Veteran's Cemetery.

Hyatt - Sent his condolences to Councilman Rob Rice for the passing of his father Paul.

Davis - Thanked the downtown businesses for all the updates and repairs. Things look great.

Farnham - Reach out to those who may be spending the Holidays alone.

Koren - Wished everyone a happy holidays and remember to appreciate your loved ones.

**Mayor Comments** – Mayor Wilson sent his condolences to Councilman Rice and sent good thoughts to Councilman Liberty in his time of need. Mayor Wilson advised that the City would be open on December 26<sup>th</sup> for the last day of filing. Announced the City's 3G campaign that urges citizens to make sure they are registered to vote and they make the time to vote on election day.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before this session of the Waynesville City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:38pm by Mayor Wilson. The next regularly scheduled session of the Waynesville City Council is January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 5:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Brown, City Clerk