

WAYNESVILLE CITY COUNCIL

APRIL 21, 2022

5:00PM

Call to Order: Mayor Brown called the April 2022 meeting of the Waynesville City Council to order at 5:00pm.

Roll Call: On roll call, Mayor Brown and seven (6) council members were present:

PRESENT: Farnham, Davis, Wilson, Rice, Conley, Koren

PRESENT VIA ZOOM: Liberty

ABSENT: Davis

Mayor Brown called for a motion to go into closed session for legal purposes. Councilman Rice made a motion to go into closed session, Councilman Conley seconded.

YEAS: Farnham, Wilson, Rice, Liberty, Conley, Koren

NAYS: None

Motion passed

Council moved to closed session at 5:01pm.

Council returned to open session at 5:27pm.

Public Hearing – Mayor Brown opened the Public Hearing regarding the construction of a telecommunications tower and asked for citizen comments. Mr. Keith Pritchard addressed the Council and stated his opinion on the construction of the tower had not changed, that he did not believe telecommunications towers should be built in residential areas.

Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance: Invocation was given by Councilman Conley with the Pledge of Allegiance being led by Councilman Farnham.

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

YEAS: Farnham, Wilson, Rice, Liberty, Conley, Koren

NAYS: None

Motion passed

Citizens Comments/Special Guests

- a. Ken Olson from Enterprise gave a presentation to the Council regarding a possible fleet management agreement.
- b. Waynesville Police Department conducted a ceremony for recently promoted members of the Department.

Board – Commission – Liaison Reports

Park Board

- a. Report on April 14th, meeting. Chairman Militti updated the Council on youth sports and possible projects in Laughlin Park.
- b. Appointment of Rena Brown – Councilman Farnham made a motion to approve the appointment of Rena. Councilman Conley seconded.

YEAS: Farnham, Wilson, Rice, Liberty, Conley, Koren

NAYS: None

Motion passed

Planning and Zoning

- a. Report on April 12th, meeting. City Administrator John Doyle stated that another public hearing had been held regarding the construction of a telecommunications tower off of Viren Lane. Mr. Doyle stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission approved the Conditional Use application to be forwarded to City Council.
- b. **PROPOSED ORDINANCE** - HB2022-10 – Conditional Use – 107 Viren Lane. The proposed Ordinance was read by title twice and its adoption and passage was moved by Councilman Conley and seconded by Councilman Wilson.

YEAS: Wilson, Liberty, Conley

NAYS: Farnham, Rice, Koren

Mayor to break tie.

Motion did not pass.

- c. Appointment of Jeremiah Nickels, Robert Hyatt & Rena Brown to Planning & Zoning. Mayor Brown did not recommend any of the names brought forth. None appointed. Councilman Farnham made a motion to postpone appointments until the May meeting of City Council. Councilman Rice seconded.

YEAS: Farnham, Wilson, Rice, Liberty, Conley, Koren

NAYS: None

Motion passed

Standing Committee Reports

Utility Committee

- a. Report on April 5th, meeting. Councilman Conley stated that the Committee discussed rate increases for both the natural gas and sewer services. Councilman Conley stated the Committee received updates from all utility departments.
- b. **PROPOSED ORDINANCE** – HB2022-11 – An Ordinance Amending Natural Gas Rates. The proposed Ordinance was twice by title and its adoption and passage was moved by Councilman Conley and seconded by Councilman Wilson.

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

- c. **PROPOSED ORDINANCE** – HB2022-12 – An Ordinance Amending Sewer Service Rates. City Counsel stated that a public hearing proposing the rate increase must be held before vote. Councilman Koren made a motion to postpone until May’s meeting. Councilman Conley seconded.

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

Economic Development & Government Affairs

- a. Report on the April 5th, meeting. Councilman Rice stated the Committee received an update on the Business Spotlight of the month and upcoming special events.

Roads and Grounds

- a. Report on April 7th, meeting. Councilman Farnham stated the Committee discussed the road conditions of the City and received a projects update from City Administrator John Doyle and Street Supervisor Jason Chapman.

Police & Emergency Services Committee

- a. Report on April 14th, meeting. Councilman Wilson stated the Committee received updates on grants, personnel and review the quarterly statistics of the Department.

Finance & Human Resources Committee

- a. Report on April 14th, meeting. Councilman Koren stated the Committee discussed the return check policy and approved an early payoff of a lease purchase for a 2020 Peterbilt Dump Truck. Councilman Koren stated the Committee reviewed current job openings and discussed Employee Appreciation Day. The Committee discussed the censure requirements for Mayor Brown and compensation of Mayor Pro Tem.
- b. **PROPOSED ORDINANCE** – HB2022-13 – Agreement with Enterprise for Fleet Services - The proposed Ordinance was twice by title and its adoption and passage was moved by Councilman Conley and seconded by Councilman Koren.

YEAS: Farnham, Wilson, Rice, Conley, Koren
NAYS: None
OTHER: Liberty unable to vote due to lack of video.
Motion passed

Waynesville/St. Robert Joint Airport Board

- a. Report on March 23rd, meeting. City Administrator John Doyle stated the Board received an update regarding the budget, operations and fuel sales.

Other Business

- a. Re-Appointment of Kris York to Board of Adjustments. Mayor Brown did not recommend. Councilman Farnham made a motion to postpone the appointment to May's meeting. Councilman Rice seconded.

YEAS: Farnham, Wilson, Rice, Liberty, Conley, Koren

NAYS: None

Motion passed

Certification of Election Results – Councilman Conley made a motion to accept the election results. Councilman Wilson seconded.

YEAS: Farnham, Wilson, Rice, Liberty, Conley, Koren

NAYS: None

Motion passed

City Clerk Michele Brown sworn in members Rob Rice, Cecil Davis, Ed Conley and Mike France to Ward IV.

Election of Mayor Pro-Tem – Councilman Koren nominated Councilman Wilson. Councilman Liberty nominated himself.

Those for Councilman Wilson – Farnham, France, Wilson, Conley, Koren

Those for Councilman Liberty – Liberty, Rice

Councilman Wilson named Mayor Pro Tem – 2022

Committee Appointments – Mayor Brown presented Committee appointments to Council. Councilman Koren presented an alternative list. City Counsel stated that the committee list provided by the Mayor is the only list to be approved. Councilman Farnham made a motion to accept the Mayor's list Councilman Rice seconded.

YEAS: Farnham, France, Rice

NAYS: Wilson, Liberty, Conley, Koren

Motion did not pass

City Counsel stated the committee list could be taken up at the next meeting of City Council or have a special meeting. Council decided to have special meeting on Wednesday the 27th of April.

City Administrators Report – City Administrator John Doyle stated that considering the current state of Council it was important for all of us to work together to work through this.

Council Comments

Koren -	If you want change be the change.
Conley -	People need to get out and vote.
Liberty -	None
Rice -	Congratulated those who were promoted in the Police Department
France -	Stated he was appalled by Council tonight and he would tender his resignation in the morning.
Wilson -	Disagrees with comments made tonight. Ethics should always be followed.
Farnham -	None

Mayor Comments – None

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before this session of the Waynesville City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:04pm by Mayor Brown. The next regularly scheduled session of the Waynesville City Council is May 19th, 2022 at 5:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Brown
City Clerk