

WAYNESVILLE CITY COUNCIL

MAY 21, 2020

5:30PM

Call to Order: Mayor Hardman called the May 2020 meeting of the Waynesville City Council to order at 5:30pm.

Roll Call: On roll call, Mayor Hardman and eight (8) council members were present:

PRESENT: Farnham, Davis, Wilson, Curtis, Brown, Liberty, Conley, France

ABSENT: None

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

Approval of Consent Agenda: Mayor Hardman called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. A motion was made by Councilman France and seconded by Councilman Davis to approve the Consent Agenda.

YEAS: Farnham, Davis, Wilson, Curtis, Brown, Liberty, Conley, France

NAYS: None

Motion passed.

Special Guests:

- a. *Proclamation for Historic Route 66* – Mayor Hardman recognized Jax Welborn, Laura Huffman and Representative Jim Mitchell for their work involving Historic Route 66. Mr. Mitchell addressed the Council and spoke about Missouri's portion of Route 66 being proclaimed a Historic Byway with the bill being signed in Waynesville.
- b. *Business Spotlight* – Odyssey Scuba was acknowledged as the City's Business Spotlight of the month of May.

Board – Commission – Liaison Reports

Park Board

- a. *Park Board Special Guest* - Mr. Lorenzo Valdivia of Team RWB addressed the Council concerning a special event scheduled for Memorial Day weekend. The event is a walk/run marathon to honor our fallen soldiers.
- b. *Report on the May 14th Meeting* - Park Board Chairman Lawrence Beamer gave an update on the Youth Sports Program and the RV Park due to a needed evacuation because of flood waters.
- c. *Re-appointment of Board Members* – Mayor Hardman asked for a motion to reappoint members Lawrence Beamer and Smith Cade to the Park Board. Councilman Liberty made a motion and Councilman Curtis seconded.

YEAS: Farnham, Davis, Wilson, Curtis, Brown, Liberty, Conley, France
NAYS: None
Motion passed.

Citizens Comments:

Mr. Keith Pritchard – Thanked the City for working in such a harsh environment trying to get the City Cemetery ready for Memorial Day, especially with all the rain we have had. Mr. Pritchard stated he believed that there was no need for proposed Ordinance #2412. Mr. Pritchard stated that his family had over 400 acres and used ATV's on a regular basis. He also stated that he fills his ATV's up at the gas station on a regular basis and with the passing of this ordinance he would have to pay for a permit to do so. Mr. Pritchard stated that he believes the City has been able to maintain order just fine without the addition of this ordinance and asked the Council to vote no on the proposed legislation.

Planning and Zoning

- a. *Report on May 12th Meeting* – Mr. Harrill stated that a Public Hearing regarding a Conditional Use Application was held. Mr. Harrill stated that the application was in regards to a single chair Hair Salon. Mr. Harrill stated that all members present were in favor of accepting the conditional use. The Planning and Zoning Commission approved the Conditional Use Permit to move forward to Council.
- b. **PROPOSED ORDINANCE #2418** – An Ordinance Granting Approval for a Conditional Use Permit for a Single Chair Hair Salon to be Located at 101 Glen Haven Drive, Waynesville, MO. The proposed ordinance was read by title two (2) times and its adoption and passage was moved by Councilman Farnham and seconded by Councilman Conley.

YEAS: Farnham, Davis, Wilson, Curtis, Brown, Liberty, Conley, France
NAYS: None
Motion passed.

Standing Committee Reports

Roads and Grounds

- a. *Report on May 7th meeting.* Councilman France stated that problems at the Leaf Dump with illegal dumping are still occurring. The Committee discussed several options on how to mitigate the dumping and asked staff to bring back a draft policy at the June meeting. Councilman France stated they received an update on projects for 2020 and an update regarding the Street Department
- b. **PROPOSED ORDINANCE #2419** – An Ordinance Giving Approval to the Mayor to Execute a Contract for the Sale of an Easement to ATC Sequioa LLC, for Property Located on State Hwy F, Waynesville, Missouri. Mr. Harrill stated that this proposed sale had been discussed at several committee meetings and involved a small portion of land where the cell tower on Hwy F stands. The proposed ordinance was read by title two (2) times and

its adoption and passage was moved by Councilman Wilson and seconded by Councilman France.

YEAS: Farnham, Davis, Wilson, Curtis, Liberty, Conley, France
NAYS: Brown
Motion passed.

Utility Committee

- a. *Report on May 5th meeting* - Councilman France reported that the Committee received an update regarding the COVID-19 response and the suspension of utility disconnects and penalties due to non-payment and also the steps the City has taken to safeguard City staff. Eliminating the convenience fee for online utility payments was discussed with an initial proposal regarding adjusting the fees and availability charges for services along with amending the solid waste hauling ordinance to include permit fees.

Finance Committee

- a. *Report on May 14th Meeting* – Councilman Liberty reported that a review of the budget was presented by Mr. Harrill. Mr. Harrill stated that as of this date we had \$3.6 million in the bank. As of May 1st, we were at 38% of budget projections in expenses and 35% in revenue with a positive year to date net income of \$184, 382 with the consideration of grants and draws. Councilman Liberty stated the Committee received an update regarding the Westgate Community Improvement District and Annual City Audit. Councilman Liberty stated that the virtual audit is complete and that our auditors will be on site in the middle of May to complete the audit. The City has also received payments from FEMA regarding 2019 Storms.

Police & Emergency Services Committee

- a. *Report on May 7th Meeting* – Councilman Liberty reported that the committee discussed the ordinance on the use of ATV's on City streets and the policy on Police Pursuits was discussed along with receiving a Police Department update. After closed session, a motion was made to accept an amendment to the Promotion Board Policy by Councilman Conley and seconded by Councilman Brown. Motion passed.
- b. **PROPOSED ORDINANCE #2412** – An Ordinance Amending Title III – Traffic Code of the City Municipal Code to Prohibit All-Terrain Vehicles from Operating on City Streets Except with a Special Permit. After much discussion regarding the need for public safety and the conditions regarding the issuing of permits, the Mayor asked for the Ordinance to be taken back to Committee and be amended. However, Councilman Conley made a motion to accept the Ordinance as is and Councilman France seconded. The proposed ordinance was read by title two (2) times. Mr. Harrill asked the for the motion and second to be reaffirmed since they came before the readings of the Ordinance. Councilman Conley and Councilman France both reaffirmed their motions. After a roll-call vote, the Ordinance failed, 5-3. Mayor Hardman asked for the ordinance to be taken back to Committee for amendment.

YEAS: Curtis, Conley, France
NAYS: Farnham, Wilson, Brown, Liberty, Davis

Motion defeated.

Waynesville/St. Robert Joint Airport

- a. No Meeting Held
- b. **PROPOSED ORDINANCE #2420** – An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Execute Supplemental Agreement #3 to the Airport Aid Agreement. Mr. Harrill stated the proposed amendment would increase grant funding by \$38,125. The proposed ordinance was read by title two (2) times and its adoption and passage was moved by Councilman Liberty and seconded by Councilman Brown.

YEAS: Farnham, Davis, Wilson, Curtis, Brown, Liberty, Conley, France

NAYS: None

Motion passed.

Economic Development & Government Affairs

- a. *Report on the May 5th meeting* – Councilman Farnham reported that his committee received an update on the City’s response to COVID-19 and that City Clerk Michele Brown was working on a major upgrade to the City’s website. Councilman Farnham stated that most special events have been cancelled to include National Kids to Park Day.

Other Business

None

City Administrator’s Report

City Administrator Bruce Harrill stated that the auditors completed their on-site visit portion of the audit and he congratulated Finance Officer Amber Box for how well she worked with the auditors considering this was her first audit and we expect a good report from them. Mr. Harrill also stated that the budget has not felt a major impact thus far due to COVID-19, but we may see a decline in the coming months. Mr. Harrill stated that even though the City adhered to the Governor’s orders concerning the shut-down and social distancing, he is extremely proud that City crews have been able to complete as much work as they have. That work included the sidewalks on GW Lane, providing mutual aid to Lebanon for severe damage they received in last week’s storms, the installation of the SCADA system on the City’s wells and towers and several other projects.

Council Comments

- Davis - Watch out for people going back to work after the stay-at-home order.
- Farnham - Would like everybody to take a moment and remember those that have gone. Family and Friends, just take a little time.
- Wilson - Be sure to spend quality time with friends and family this weekend.

- Curtis - Think about the freedom we have and remember those who gave their lives this weekend for that freedom.
- Brown - Remembered our friend Billy Fenton who passed last weekend. Billy was a friend to many and he will be missed greatly by the community.
- Liberty - Thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting and thanked Mr. Harrill, Mr. Doyle and City staff for their hard work for an excellent job making things safe for.
- Conley - No comment.
- France - Summer is on us and it's going to be great. It's going to be a beautiful one.
- Mayor Hardman - Gave a city coin to one of the upcoming graduates of WestPoint. John Lowe, son of David and Kim Lowe was one of 5 graduating this year. Mayor Hardman stated she has been so proud to serve with her Councilmembers. Mayor Hardman read a letter to her Council:
- Dear Council:*
- I hope that our new administration does not forget promises made to our citizens.*
- I hope we build a Roubidoux bridge in the same vein as our historical bridge and that we don't hesitate to invest some money in a structure that will be here long after we are gone.*
- I hope we continue to wisely plan and use the self-imposed Parks Capital Improvement Tax citizens thoughtfully passed in the 90's. It has given us a walking trail, bathrooms, spray pad and playgrounds.*
- I hope we don't forget that the citizens overwhelmingly passed the collection of the Internet use tax and were promised it would be designated to the maintenance of our streets and storm water issues.*
- I hope the land at Lowe's Chevrolet develops quickly, as we complete Risky Road and connect West Waynesville to our business center.*
- I hope we continue with a focus on downtown and tourism and we never forget our unique history.*
- I hope that a promise by MoDOT for an automated cross walk will come to our downtown area quickly. Don't let them forget. I hope we continue our program to make Waynesville "walkable" with sidewalks.*
- I hope we continue to mitigate the issues of flooding and storm water in our community.*

I hope we continue to improve, enhance and expand our utility infrastructure to stay ahead of regulations.

I hope we continue our friendship and partnerships with our neighbors.

I hope we continue to communicate daily with our citizens, be transparent and always explain our decisions.

I hope our police department continues to be supported to the level our citizens deserve.

I hope we continue to involve citizens in their local government.

I hope we continue to plan for the future and update our Comprehensive Plan. I hope we continue to put our trust in our Capital Improvement Plan. Planning works!

The City Council will be important during this major transition for our city. Take charge and thank you all for your service, your support and your friendship.

Sincerely,

Mayor Luge Hardman

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before this session of the Waynesville City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:54pm by Mayor Hardman. The next scheduled session of the Waynesville City Council is June 18th, 2020 at 5:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Brown
City Clerk