

**WAYNESVILLE CITY COUNCIL**

**MARCH 24, 2021**

**5:00PM**

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

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

PRESENT: Farnham, Wilson, Curtis, Rice, Liberty, Conley, France

ABSENT: Davis

There was a need for closed session. Councilman France made a motion to move to closed session, seconded by Councilman Liberty.

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

NAYS: None

Motion passed

Council moved to closed session at 5:00 pm.

Councilman Liberty returned to open session at 5:28 pm.

**Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance:** Invocation was given by Councilman Wilson with the Pledge of Allegiance being led by Councilman France.

**Approval of Consent Agenda:** Mayor Brown called for a motion to approve the consent agenda. A motion was made by Councilman Liberty and seconded by Councilman France to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

NAYS: None

Motion passed.

**Citizen Comments** – Wayne Gifford addressed the Council concerning the trash can that used to sit in front of his business located at 322 Historic 66 E in Downtown Waynesville and is no longer there and his goal was to get trash cans back in the downtown area. Mayor Brown stated that he believed they belonged to the Downtown Business Association. City Administrator John Doyle stated that the City of Waynesville is contracted with City of St Robert for residential trash pickup only at this time. Councilman Liberty asked the City Administrator to see if he could get with the Downtown Business Association and see if there is something that could be worked out with getting trash cans again in the downtown area. Mr. Gifford thanked the Council.

Vannie Williams – Resident came in stating he observes City workers driving along Historic 66 – Highway 17 and wanted to know why when there is a dead animal in the road, they cannot pick it up? Mayor Brown stated that our employees also have other jobs in the City to so and cannot strictly do animal pickups. Councilman Liberty also asked if he addressed this issue to MoDOT? Mr. Williams stated he did. Councilman Curtis replied that the City didn't have the man power or resources to do everything such as clean the ditches, keep the roads, dead animals and so on. If we could, we would and the same would be for MoDOT and it just comes down to all of us are stretched. Councilman France mentioned that a lot of these animals carry diseases and need to be handled with proper equipment.

Mr. Williams also asked why didn't Animal Control pick up live snakes? And who would he call if a dog was barking loud at night like after 10:00 pm? Councilman Liberty stated they only pick up stray dogs. Mayor Brown also stated that he could call the Police Department on the dog barking, due to there is an ordinance on this issue. Mayor Brown said at the next committee meeting it would be mentioned to maybe make a better effort to get the dead animals or at least a little more aware of them. Mr. Williams thanked the Council.

- b. Business Spotlight – BLISS-Beauty, Laughter, Inspired Salon & Spa – Mayor Brown read a Proclamation in Honor of BLISS as Business Spotlight Winner for March 2021, for the City of Waynesville, MO.

## **Board – Commission – Liaison Reports**

### Park Board

- a. Report on the March 12<sup>th</sup>-Meeting - Park Board Chairman Jeff Militti stated that the Master Gardner Fundraiser will be held May 15<sup>th</sup> at the Farmers Market. Sports Program-Summer Registration is open and will close April 16<sup>th</sup>, which will consist of T-Ball, Baseball and Softball. Current fundraiser "Egg My Yard", which places eggs in your yard the night before Easter and three lucky winners will receive a free registration voucher for any sport. Contact Erin by Mar 31<sup>st</sup>. A local citizen Roni Jeter, who is also a relative to one of our board member Bonnie Wilson, came up with the idea of painting a Muriel on the old pump station in the Roubidoux Park to help defer graffiti. Councilman Liberty asked the cost estimate. Militti stated \$350. City Administrator stated this amount is for supplied only and no labor.

### Planning and Zoning

- a. No Meeting Held

## **NATURAL GAS DISCUSSION**

City Administrator John Doyle presented a slide show the "Impacts of the February 2021 Winter Storm", City of Waynesville Natural Gas System.

Administrator presented the discussion on the natural gas and the effects of the users from the City can expect from the February 2021 winter storm. The City has a plan that is aligned with our ordinance and is individualized for each user. There is action that is needed on the customer's part, if needed which is to complete a pay agreement.

*MPUA Natural Gas Invoice* Feb 2021 Cost of Gas: Usage=23,824 Dth  
Rate= \$37.141850 \$ 884,867.43  
Reservation Charges= \$ 33,187.50 Feb Total = \$ 924,687.33  
Min. Payment Due \$120,342.62 Est. Feb Relief = \$ 804,344.71  
Avg. Feb 2021 Cost of gas delivered per dkt \$38.7742

*Historical Natural Gas Invoices* Feb. 2021, Jan. 2021, Jan. 2019, Jan. 2018, Jan. 2014, Feb. 2015

### *City of Waynesville Natural Gas Customers*

Four-Types of Customers: Regular Payment, ACH Payment, Online Payment, Level Payment

*Regular Payment Customers* – Pay Agreement form will be mailed with your bill. Minimum amount for pay agreement will be \$25. This means the current bill amount plus an additional \$25. Signature REQUIRED on all pay agreements. The pay agreements MUST be returned to City Hall ensuring the agreement is on file for the account

*ACH Payment Customers*- If ACH customers are unable to make the full payment, they will need to complete a pay agreement form. The use of a pay agreement will “temporarily” remove this customer from ACH payment until the terms of the pay agreement have been satisfied.

*Online Payment Customers* – If online payment customers are unable to make the full payment, they will need to complete a pay agreement form.

*Level Payment Customers* – Level payment customers must be aware of the balance as the level payment program continues through the year. Monitor the account as the cost of the utilities will be extended to the end of the level pay term. The remaining balance will be due and collected at that time

*All Customers* – If you are unable to make full payment, it is the responsibility of the CUSTOMER to ensure that a pay agreement form is completed, signed and on file at Waynesville City Hall no later than April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021. If you enter into a pay agreement with the City of Waynesville, the payment agreement amount is in addition to the current bill amount. Interest will not be charged or collected by the City for the amount due or unpaid balances. If the customer leaves the address, the remaining balance of the pay agreement will be assessed to the final bill of the account. Failure to follow the procedures set forth by the City of Waynesville can/will result in utility shutoff for the account.

If at any time the customer should have questions, please contact the utility billing department at 573-774-6171.

*Also included a sample Utility Billing Statement and Utility Billing Pay Agreement.* These all will be available as a slide show on the City of Waynesville’s Facebook Page and other resources. City Administrator also stated that the City would not like to exceed three years for the terms of the pay agreement.

## **Standing Committee Reports**

### Utility Committee

- a. Report on March 9<sup>th</sup>, meeting. Councilman France stated that City Utility Bill Increases for Natural Gas and Electric due to Winter Storm. The Natural Gas was approximately \$1 M for the month of February and the Electric was approximately \$1.33 M. The Utility Committee was presented with a customer utility bill recapture plan to help utilize funds within utility reserve accounts for the initial payment and the City would then charge a monthly recapture fee over a period of months to recapture the reserve funds expended during this time. Councilman France also stated that utility committee moved forward to finance committee a letter of intent from Sho-Me to include a facilities use agreement with an annual cost of \$150,000 until the City reaches a triggering point of 19.3 MW and then the use charge will increase to \$285,000 for 35 years. The other feature is a service agreement in which the City is contracting with Sho-Me to service the substation. The first year the City was looking at around \$650,000 for wheeling costs and now looking at \$211,000, for a savings of around \$400,000 in the first year. Councilman Wilson made the motion to move to finance committee and Councilman Conley seconded and all were in favor.

### Economic Development & Government Affairs

- a. Report on March 9<sup>th</sup>, meeting. Councilman Farnham stated that the Committee received an update on FEMA COVID Relief Funding and Biden’s \$1.9 Trillion COVID Relief funding.

Business Spotlight for March 2021- BLISS and Committee nominated Price Cutter for April, Rocky Top Pets for May and Drachenfutter for June.

#### Police & Emergency Services Committee

- a. Report on March 11<sup>th</sup>, meeting. Councilman Liberty stated that Citizens Comments were made by Bill and Michele Lippy that every winter they have a complaint from a neighbor about their dog being left outside and tethered for more than ten hours a day. Per the City ordinance it states that tethering shall be allowed on occasions but shall not be for more than 10 continuous hours in a 24-hour period. The Lippy's provided pictures of the living conditions so it could be seen that Sarge is not being neglected and lives a very happy life. Sarge is an outside dog and is on a tether, his dog house is heated and insulated. Sarge is well taken care of. Chairman Liberty doesn't think that anything is wrong with their dog being outside and suggests looking at the ordinance and updating the verbiage for situations like this. Councilman Liberty gave a grant update and an employee and personnel update. City of Waynesville's newest Officer Casey Chapman has been removed from field training operations and is now able to patrol on his own and Josh Hazel has been moved to swing shift. Kyle Prock has completed supervisor training. Chief Cordova gave a Police Department Update stating that the 2021 St Patrick's Day Campaign runs from March 13<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> and this a DWI focused campaign to keep drunk drivers off the streets. Mr. Doyle would like to thank the Police Department and the Animal Shelter for all their hard work. Councilman Liberty wanted to also extend his thanks for Mr. & Mrs. Lippy for attending the meeting today and encourages citizens to attend committee meetings.

#### Roads and Grounds

- a. Report on March 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. Chairman France stated that the Committee received an update on the snow storm and snow removal in the City of Waynesville. The City of Waynesville's road crew and police department were commended on their hard work making sure the roads were safe during the recent snow storm. Councilman France stated that the committee received bids on fence quotes for GW Lane which is a requirement by MoDOT when the third lane was installed. A motion to accept the low bid from Huckaby Construction for a 9-gauge fence in the amount of \$ 38,249.78. Street Department updates were given and other business that will be addressed at the April 1 meeting to include parking at the Courthouse and around the square, parking and traffic on Lynn and School St.

#### Finance Committee

- a. Report on March 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. Chairman Liberty stated the Committee received an update on City accounts. As of the end of February, the City has completed 16.6% of the Fiscal year with revenues ending at 15% and expenses as 19%. Committee discussed the Winter Storm 2021 and the impact it had on the demand charge for natural gas and electric bills. Committee discussed a plan to spread the increase over several months to help ease the financial burden on the citizens. Committee forwarded the following Resolutions to City Council for approval: Resolution 2021-002 and Resolution 2021-003 for Electric and Natural Gas Services to utilize reserve funds for the repayment of these services. Councilman Liberty also stated the committee forwarded the following ordinances to council for approval: to establish recapture fees for costs for natural gas and electric services provided by the City of Waynesville. Councilman Liberty also stated that the City audit was currently in progress and to comply with State Statutes regarding municipal budgets, the committee forwarded an Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget to City Council for final approval. Committee also forwarded an agreement with MyNetworks to provide IT services

to the City of Waynesville and also forwarded a Letter of Intent from Sho-Me Power Electric Cooperative that would decrease the operational cost of wheeling power for the City of Waynesville.

- b. **PROPOSED RESOLUTION – 2021-002** – To Utilize Reserve Funds for the Repayment of Natural Gas Services Received by the City of Waynesville from the Missouri Gas Commission. The proposed resolution was read by title once and its approval and passage was moved by Councilman Conley and seconded by Councilman Rice.

No Discussion.

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

NAYS: None

Motion passed.

- c. **PROPOSED RESOLUTION - 2021-003** – To Utilize Reserve Funds for the Repayment of Electric Services Received by the City of Waynesville from the Missouri Public Electric Pool. The proposed resolution was read by title once and its approval and passage was moved by Councilman Wilson and seconded by Councilman France.

No Discussion.

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

NAYS: None

Motion passed.

- d. **PROPOSED RESOLUTION - 2021-004** – The City of Waynesville to Support A Letter of Intent with Show-Me Power Electric Cooperative For a Facilities Use Agreement. The proposed resolution was read by title once and its approval and passage was moved by Councilman France and seconded by Councilman Curtis.

No Discussion.

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

NAYS: None

Motion passed.

- e. **PROPOSED ORDINANCE** – Bill No. 2021-13. An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget.

No Discussion.

The proposed ordinance was read by title two (2) times and its approval and passage was moved by Councilman Curtis and seconded by Councilman Wilson.

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

NAYS: None

Motion passed.

- f. **PROPOSED ORDINANCE** – Bill No. 2021-14. An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with MYNETWORKS, LLC for information technology services.

No Discussion

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

NAYS: None

Motion passed.

### **Waynesville/St. Robert Joint Airport**

- a. Report on February 23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting – Councilman Wilson stated the fuel sales were good for the month considering bad weather. Contour Airline Update – January 2021 enplanements are much higher than January 2020. February will be less due to cancellations because of weather. These extra flights will be added to July, August and September. SOP Marketing Report – Marketing for the airport has picked back up with social media and Google ads. There were 1,500 users on the website for the month of February. Contour airline ticket giveaways will start in March.

### **Other Business**

Mayor Brown wanted to extend his personal thanks on the hard work by several Councilman and Employees who had worked with getting the Letter of Intent with Show-Me and the City of Waynesville. This will be one of those beneficial things that the City has seen in many years and we are very excited for this to come together. Mayor Brown would also like to keep the every Council member better informed and in areas where members are not normally involved in and is hoping to get that accomplished this year.

### **City Administrator's Report**

Mr. Doyle wanted to announce again that will all of the things that are going on, everything that you see with COVID, storms, extra-curricular things going on, we still run a city and this team runs it very well. Mr. Doyle extended credit to the employees at the City and all it takes to make a City run and operate smoothly and sometimes it gets taken for granted.

Mr. Doyle also stated that the auditors have completed the onsite portion of the financial audit. The City of Waynesville has selected to enter into an agreement with Sho-Me Power for local transmission charges/wheeling services provided by Sho-Me Power. The agreement is estimated to save the City approximately \$400,000 per year for this service resulting in potentially \$15M over the life of the agreement. The City of Waynesville received elevated utility bills as a result of the winter storm in February 2021. While the demand/use was noticed to be slightly higher than usual, the rates charged for the demand was unprecedented. Potentially the City of Waynesville is designated to receive \$975,273.65 from CARES Act Monies from the recent \$1.9T Stimulus. The Waynesville Police Department experienced professional development and growth within its employees. This month the department observed two employees moving forward.

### **Council Comments**

- France - Stated that when you receive your utility bills, please when you come to City Hall not to take out frustration on the ladies up front. They are not responsible for the bill and are here and willing to assist you. Also, ACH customers, please contact City Hall as quickly as possible after you get your bill because it could be devastating to your account. Energy audits can be done on your home to help identify energy efficiency measures to help lower utility bills. Depending on your income level, MOCA is there to also help with utility bills.

- Conley - No Comment
- Liberty - Thanked the City Employees for the job they continually do. Encourages citizens to come to the different committee meetings and also with the warm weather, kids are out playing now, some in the road so be careful.
- Rice - Stated that there are a lot of big things on in the City and a lot of people to thank for making these things happen. Also glad that winter is coming to an end and a good time to get outside.
- Curtis – Stated that until he started on the Council he didn't realize how many things are juggled by the City, but sometimes it's the little things as well that mean a lot. He had a citizen text him about her mom going to the hospital during the snow storm and lived on a street that the city could not get to with a big truck. The City got a small truck up there and cleaned her driveway, so yes it's the little things that matter too.
- Wilson – Thanked the Staff for all the hard work they are doing. If you think about things that affect families, its resources and money especially during this time. The Staff and Councilman have spent time and resources trying to help citizens meet their responsibility as far as paying these bills and hopes that once citizens hear what is being done to try and help, the complaints will subside. Kudos to all the hard work that the employees continue to do and the unseen fights and battles that are gone through, he thinks are commendable. Also make sure your respecting your neighbors property and also keeping your property looking respectable and if we want this community to grow, we have to learn to live together in a community and make them feel welcome.
- Farnham - Stated that if you have a neighbor or a friend in the hospital, somebody have to make sure that their utility bill is taken care of. Also wanted to thank the City workers and especially the ladies here in the office and all they have to put up with and Mr. Doyle.

**MAYOR COMMENTS:** Mayor Brown stated that we have had more vandalism in our Park and it gets really tiresome to keep repairing this stuff. He is asking for folks to watch their kids, correct them, and teach them to be good citizens. The City Council will be launching our new website which will start in the morning. The address is [www.waynesvillemo.org](http://www.waynesvillemo.org) You can subscribe and get updates by email or text and we welcome everyone to sign up on the website. Also would like to congratulate our City Clerk Michele Brown on the arrival of a new grandson.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before this session of the Waynesville City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm by Mayor Brown. The next scheduled session of the Waynesville City Council is April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tracey York  
Deputy City Clerk