

WAYNESVILLE CITY COUNCIL

APRIL 15TH, 2021

5:00PM

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

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

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

ABSENT: None

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

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

NAYS: None

Motion passed

Council moved to closed session at 5:00pm.

Councilman Wilson out at 5:24pm.

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 Councilman Wilson.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Mayor Brown requested an amendment to the Agenda. HB2021-17 Amending Chapter 110 – Council Committees. Mayor Brown called for a motion to approve the amended Consent Agenda. A motion was made by Councilman France and seconded by Councilman Conley to approve the amended Consent Agenda.

YEAS: Davis, Rice, Liberty, Conley, France, Rice

NAYS: Farnham, Curtis

Motion passed.

Citizens Comments – None

Special Guests – Citizen Comments:

- a. Business Spotlight – Price Cutter – Mayor Brown presented Jeff Adkins of Price Cutter with a proclamation naming Price Cutter the Business Spotlight for March.

Board – Commission – Liaison Reports

Park Board

- a. Report on April 8th, meeting. Chairman Militi stated the Board received an update from Parks Supervisor Trey Haragan. Chairman Militi stated that efforts to repair flood damage in and around both Roubidoux & Laughlin Park was underway. Also, there was

a discussion regarding signage to prevent trespassing on the Roubidoux Stage due to continual damage.

Planning and Zoning

- a. Report April 13th, meeting. Councilman Davis stated that an ordinance regarding construction of infrastructure by the City for new subdivisions was discussed. The Commission voted to approve sending the ordinance to Council for consideration.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE #HB2021-16 – Amending Chapter 420 of the Municipal Code regarding Subdivision Requirements. City Administrator John Doyle stated that the City would enter a cost share agreement with contractors to install infrastructure in new subdivisions. 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, Curtis, Rice, Liberty, Conley, France, Rice

NAYS: None

Motion passed.

Standing Committee Reports

Utility Committee

- a. Report on April 6th, meeting. Councilman France stated the Committee received comments from resident Butch O’Riley regarding Budget Billing and Mr. Vannie Williams regarding the installation of a gas line. Councilman France stated that the Utility & Natural Gas Departments are working with both residents to resolve their issues. Councilman France stated that new Directors for certain Utility Organizations were discussed with recommendations being approved to go to Council for consideration. Councilman France stated they received information regarding the COP 2021A & 2021B project list and long with department updates.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION – Approving the Director and Alternate Director for Certain Utility Organization. The proposed resolution was read by title and its adoption and passage was moved by Councilman France and seconded by Councilman Conley.

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

NAYS: None

Motion passed.

Economic Development & Government Affairs

- a. Report on the April 6th, meeting. Councilman Farnham stated the City had received updates regarding several grant opportunities including information regarding the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 which would provide payments to the City for the current fiscal year.

Police & Emergency Services Committee

- a. Report on April 8th, meeting. Councilman Liberty stated the committee received an update on grant funding and also discussed opening interviews for a patrolman position and lease purchase options for new patrol cars.

Roads and Grounds

- a. Report on April 1st, meeting. Councilman France stated the Committee discussed parking around the square and on North Lynn Street. Councilman France stated the Committee also received a department update from Street Supervisor Jason Chapman.

Finance Committee

- a. Report on April 8th, meeting. Councilman Liberty stated the Committee received an update on City accounts. As of the end of March, the City has completed 25% of the Fiscal year with revenues ending at 31% and expenses at 26%. Councilman Liberty stated the Committee reviewed the City's Fund Balance Reserve Policy and approved a resolution offering COP 2021A & 2021B for sale to be sent to Council for consideration.
- b. **PROPOSED RESOLUTION** – HB2021-10 – Authorizing the Sale of Tax Exempt Certificates of Participation – Series 2021A and 2021B. The proposed resolution was read by title and its adoption and passage was moved by Councilman Curtis and seconded by Councilman Davis.

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

Waynesville/St. Robert Joint Airport

- a. Report on January 26^h, Meeting. Councilman Wilson stated the Committee received updates on fuel sales and Contour airlines. Councilman Wilson stated the Board received several updates regarding current projects at the airport and the Board was looking forward to the EAS bid proposals that were due April 15th.

Other Business

- a. **APPOINTMENT** – Mayor Brown called for a motion to approved the re-appointment of Mike Dunbar to the Board of Adjustment. Approval was moved by Councilman Conley and seconded by Councilman Davis.

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

- b. **APPOINTMENT** – Mayor Brown called for a motion to approved the appointment of City Administrator John Doyle and City Clerk Michele Brown to the Central Ozarks Utility Services Alliance Board of Directors. Approval was moved by Councilman Conley and seconded by Councilman Wilson.

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

- c. **PROPOSED ORDINANCE #HB2021-1** – Amending Chapter 110 of the Municipal Code in Regards to Council Committees. City Administrator John Doyle stated that the ordinance limited the number of committees a Councilmember could Chair. Councilman Farnham stated he didn't believe the ordinance should be on the agenda due to the fact the agenda was not amended until tonight and he believed this violated Sunshine Law. City Clerk Michele Brown stated that notice of the meeting should be posted at least 24 hours but that the agenda itself could be amended anytime with Council approval. Councilman Davis stated that he believed our citizens expect the Council to be able to choose their own leaders. Mayor Brown stated he agreed with the ordinance. Mayor Brown stated that in the past, new councilmembers, who may have wanted to lead, were unable to do so because they felt pressured to vote for veteran Councilmembers who may have chaired certain committees for years. Mayor Brown stated this ordinance would allow freshman Councilman to fill leadership roles more easily. 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: Wilson, Curtis, Conley, France
NAYS: Farnham, Davis, Liberty, Rice
MAYOR: Yea
Motion passed.

Mayor Brown presented Councilman Mike France with a plaque honoring his years of service to the City Council and to the Utility Department.

Certification of Election Results - Mayor Brown called for a motion to approve the election results of the April 6th, 2021 election. Councilman Davis made a motion to approve and Councilman Rice seconded.

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

Swearing in of City Officials – City Clerk Michele Brown swore in incumbents Farnham of Ward I, Liberty of Ward II, Wilson of Ward III and newly elected Councilmember Amanda Koren of Ward IV.

Election of Mayor Pro Tem – Councilman Rice made a motion to elect Councilman Clarence Liberty as Mayor Pro Tem. Councilman Davis seconded.

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

Committee Appointments – Mayor Brown presented the list of Committee appointments.

City Administrator's Report

City Administrator John Doyle stated that staff continued to work through the effects of the large utility bills the City received in March. Mr. Doyle stated staff was currently in the process of evaluating the City's utility rates through a rate study being completed by Toth Engineering. Mr. Doyle stated that several key projects were being planned for the proposed COP funding and urged citizens to check out the City's new website.

Council Comments

Koren -	Stated she was honored to be a part of the Council.
Conley -	Welcomed Councilman Koren and stated he will miss Councilman France.
Liberty -	Thanked those in Ward II for re-election.
Rice-	Thanked city staff and welcomed Councilman Koren.
Curtis -	Reminded everyone that April is the Month of the Army Child.
Wilson -	Thanked Ward III for re-election and urged citizens to respect other people's property. Please report vandalism.
Davis -	Wanted to thank the man who sits on Route 66 and plays guitar. His music makes everyone happy.
Farnham	Thanked his opponent for running and wanting to get involved.

Mayor Comments – Was proud of the citizens for getting out and voting. It was the most votes cast for Waynesville in a long time.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before this session of the Waynesville City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:56pm by Mayor Brown. The next scheduled session of the Waynesville City Council is May 20th, 2021 at 5:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Brown
City Clerk