

## **JANUARY 2016 VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING (Unofficial copy)**

The Village of Waynesfield Council met in regular session on Monday, January 25, 2016. The meeting was called to order at 7:30p.m. with the following answering roll call: Mayor Ridenour, Earl, Ewing, Hardin, Knox, Miller, and Zimmerman.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Council members received copies of Financial, Receipts and Expenditure Reports. Fiscal Officer reported \$1,484,194.04 in all funds and \$214,260.45 in the General Fund. A motion was made by Zimmerman, seconded by Earl, to adopt Resolution 16-1-2 to pay the bills presented.

VOTE: Zimmerman, yes; Earl, yes; Ewing, yes; Hardin, no; Knox, yes; Miller, yes.

GUESTS: NONE COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Streets: Councilman Hardin would like to be on record inquiring about crack sealing until streets are repaired. The Village Administrator once again explained an order has been placed and the Village is currently waiting on the company to set a time and date to complete the sealing.

POLICE REPORT:

(a). The Police Chief reported that he has seen a comeback in community oriented policing. He would like to see that implemented and believes the strong relationship he has with WG Schools is a great start.

(b). There are also plans to increase law enforcement in the Village. The Chief will come back to Council as more details are worked out.

(c). Chief Motter also reported on the drug issues that the Village has and his goal is to make a significant impact on halting those problems.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

(a). The Village Administrator reported that he has checked in with ODOT and the light poles for N. Westminster Street are on back order at this time. The next phase of the project will progress in the spring.

(b). Shinn Brothers, out of Celina, OH, have been awarded the bid for the WWTP Lagoon Project.

(c). After flooding issues, the storm sewer was fixed from Perry Street to Earl Street.

(d). Auglaize County Solid Waste Management is in the process of converting the recycle center into a 24/7 operational facility. They are currently waiting on a grant to go through to proceed with the transition. The goal is to have it operational in July.

Councilmember Knox recommended a note be printed on the utility bill to allow residents to be aware, the recycling center will not be operational until further notice.

#### MAYOR'S REPORT:

(a). A check for \$809.00 was presented from the Mayor's Court account into the General Fund for the month of November and \$1157.00 for the month of December.

(b). The Mayor announced that Boards and Commissions will be decided at next month's meetings.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

(a). Councilman Hardin asked about the selling of equipment, primarily the military equipment. The Police Chief responded that some items are not allowed to be sold and he would have to go through his inventory to see what the Village has no use for and would be allowed to sell. Chief Motter stated that he would provide a list to Council when it is formulated.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

(a) A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Earl, to suspend the rules of three readings.

VOTE: Miller, yes; Earl, yes; Ewing, yes; Hardin, no; Knox, yes; Zimmerman, yes.

A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Zimmerman, to adopt Ordinance 16-1-1, the 2016 Permanent Appropriations, and to declare an emergency.

VOTE: Miller, yes; Zimmerman, yes; Earl, yes; Ewing, yes; Hardin, yes; Knox, yes.

(b) A motion was made by Earl, seconded by Miller, to suspend the rules of three readings.

VOTE: Earl, yes; Miller, yes; Ewing, yes; Hardin, no; Knox, yes; Zimmerman, yes.

A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Zimmerman, to adopt Ordinance 16-1-2, and Ordinance approving, adopting and enacting American Legal Publishing's Ohio Basic Code, 2016 Edition, as the Code of Ordinances for the Municipality of the Village of Waynesfield, Ohio and to declare an emergency.

VOTE: Miller, yes; Zimmerman, yes; Earl, yes; Ewing, yes; Hardin, yes; Knox, yes.

(c) A motion was made by Earl, seconded by Zimmerman, to enter into Executive Session to discuss

Employee Evaluations.

VOTE: Earl, yes; Zimmerman, yes; Ewing, yes; Hardin, yes; Knox, yes; Miller, yes.

\*Time out at 8:11 p.m.

\*Time in at 8:39 p.m.

**(d)** The Mayor recommends amending and updating the Payroll Ordinance (07-9-3) for the Police Chief raising the pay scale from \$17.00 an hour to \$20.00 an hour.

A motion was made by Knox, seconded by Ewing, to amend Payroll Ordinance 07-9-3, and update in the pay scale for the Police Chief from \$17.00 to \$20.00

**(e)** After reviewing the Employee Evaluations and receiving a recommendation letter, the Mayor recommends to Council to consider giving the employee's an annual pay raise.

A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Ewing, to approve an annual pay raise to the employees including: Police Chief (Nathan Motter), Geraldine Stone, Fred Rowe, Scott Hicks, Brandon Goodin and Kyle Wildermuth, at a rate of a \$1.00/hr.

VOTE: Miller, yes; Ewing, yes; Earl, yes; Hardin, no; Knox, yes; Zimmerman, yes.

**(t)** The Mayor also recommends for Council to look at the wage of the Fiscal Officer, and transition the wage from a temporary to a permanent position wage.

A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Ewing, to change the pay rate of the Fiscal Officer from \$24,960.00/yr. to \$28,960.00/yr.

VOTE: Miller, yes; Ewing, yes; Earl, yes; Hardin, yes; Knox, yes; Zimmerman, yes.

**SOLICITOR REPORT:** Bob Fitzgerald handed out a copy of the Ohio Revised Code, Section 122, to the Mayor, Council Members and the Fiscal Officer. He discussed Ohio's open law meetings and how to properly enter and exit Executive Session.

Mr. Fitzgerald also spoke on the Municipal Income Tax Ordinance that was passed and made retroactive to December 31, 2015. He advised the Village to contact the CCA to seek their advice on the matter.

A motion was made by Earl, seconded by Zimmerman, to adjourn the meeting.

VOTE: Earl, yes; Zimmerman, yes; Ewing, yes; Hardin, yes; Knox, yes; Miller, yes.