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The Village of Waynesfield Council met in regular session on Monday, July 25th, 2016. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. with the following answering roll call: Mayor Ridenour, Earl, Ewing, Hardin-absent, 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 \$1,533,760.65 in all funds and \$235,159.58 in the General Fund. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Earl, to adopt Resolution 16-7-1 to pay the bills presented.

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

GUESTS:

(a). Leatrice Runkle expressed concern to Council regarding tall grass and weeds at the former pallet shop. She understands the current zoning is agricultural/industrial, but believes the property should still be maintained or zoning should be changed. The Village Administrator explained the agreement the Village and the property owner had regarding fill dirt and how the Village would be taking care of cleaning up that part of the property at this time. The Administrator also explained the maintenance crew had sprayed the weeds the past week at that property. Ms. Runkle asked about possibly changing the zoning laws. The Administrator informed Ms. Runkle and Council if the zoning laws were changed it would be for all agricultural/industrial properties, as "spot-zoning" is not legal.

Councilwoman Zimmerman also asked about miscellaneous items such as refrigerators sitting outside of the property. The Mayor explained that he had a conversation with the property owner regarding both issues. The Police Chief also updated Council on the information that was relayed to him from the property owner regarding the miscellaneous items outside of the property. At Council's request, the Police Chief can check with the Solicitor as to the legal options the Village has.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: NONE

POLICE REPORT:

(a). The Police Chief has been in contact with Mr. Duggins' auctioneer. The auction is set to take place Saturday, July 30th. A continuance regarding the criminal charges was filed. The trial has been set to August 9th, pending the results of the auction and clean-up of the property between now and then.

(b). Donations are still coming in for the K9 Fundraising Program. Chief Motter is tentatively scheduled to begin training in August, with the aspirations of having a new K9 ready in September. Food and veterinarian care will still be provided to the Police Department at no cost.

(c). The new school year will begin in just a few weeks. Chief Motter has currently been working with school administration and teachers on safety issues and also plans on holding an Active Shooter Training later in the year.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

(a). The Administrator reported the North Westminster Street Project and Lagoon Project are still underway and moving along. He also conveyed the County Engineer relayed information to him that the Northtown Storm Sewer Project should begin in the fall.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

(a). A check for \$770.00 was presented from the Mayor's Court account into the General Fund for the month of June.

(b). The Mayor reported the audit for fiscal years 2014 and 2015 have been completed and the Village once again received a good audit. Suggestions from the auditors were made on ways to be more proficient. The Fiscal Officer has already begun to implement some of those ideas.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

(a). The Mayor reported the maintenance crew will be putting on a new roof and spouting on the restrooms at the park. The garage by the house will be torn down and the small storage building by the concession stand will be removed. It was also announced that Time Warner Cable donated their old building along with a nice generator to the Village. That building will be used for storage for the Ball Association. The generator will be used at the maintenance garage.

(b). Dan Wilson asked if the light posts will be straightened on North Westminster Street. The Village Administrator explained the project is an ODOT project and at this point they still need to put the light heads on. The Administrator has been in contact with ODOT and they have assured him the Village will be happy with the end results.

(d). Leatrice Runkle also asked the Administrator how long it would take for the residents who annexed into the Village to receive utilities. She informed him that they have been paying taxes and waiting. Mr. Rowe confirmed she was speaking of her daughter and son-in-law's property and explained that he had been in contact with her son-in-law and that the sewer has been ran and the Village is currently waiting for the property owner to connect to the Village's sewer line.

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(e). Councilman Miller asked for a thank you letter to be sent to the Girl Scouts for their service and time of painting the buildings and bleachers at the park.

(f). Dan Wilson also reported that soccer season is underway. He thanked the Village for letting them use the facilities once again. He will be ordering new goals and may need a place to store them. The Village Administrator suggested speaking with the Ball Association on possibly sharing storage space. Mr. Wilson also requested the restrooms stay open until after the soccer season is over. He will inform the Village of the last date of the season.

SOLICITOR REPORT:

(a). The Solicitor also updated Council on the proposal that was sent to Mr. Duggins. Basically, if the property is cleaned up before the August 9th court date, the charges will be dropped.

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

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

Mayor

Fiscal Officer