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The Village of Waynesfield Council met in regular session on Monday, August 28, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. with the following answering roll call: Mayor Ridenour, Earl, Ewing, Hardin, Knox, Miller, and Zimmerman.

Minutes of the previous meeting were corrected and approved. Council members received copies of Financial, Receipts and Expenditure Reports. Fiscal Officer reported \$1,674,950.68 in all funds and \$351,756.26 in the General Fund. A motion was made by Earl, seconded by Zimmerman, to adopt Resolution 17-8-1 to pay the bills presented.

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

**GUESTS:**

(a.) Lisa Nickles – Ms. Nickles approached Council to discuss delinquent utility bills of tenants. Currently the Village has made payment arrangements with tenants that are behind on their utility bills. However, if the bill is left unpaid after a tenant leaves the property, the unpaid balance is assessed to the property owner's taxes. Lisa explained how, as a landlord, she has no way of knowing if her tenants are delinquent or not and then may have the unpaid balance applied to her taxes. She asked Council to come to some kind of decision to remedy the issues. The Village Administrator explained the process works and offered several recommendations to Council. An ordinance will be drafted by the Solicitor and presented to Council at next month's meeting.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Streets:** Councilman Hardin asked about the barricade on Tussing Street and reported there were now parked cars, pallets and other miscellaneous items being stored there. The Police Chief will look into the situation.

**POLICE REPORT:**

(a.) A new school year has begun and the Chief reported there has only been one issue so far. The Waynesfield PD along with the Auglaize Sheriff's Department have frequently been present in the school.

(b.) Chief Motter also reported a spike in narcotics cases in the Village and surrounding areas that the Waynesfield PD has assisted with.

(c.) The Police Department along with the Auglaize County Prosecutor's Office will be looking into upgrading to a software program that will allow agencies to directly upload pictures, reports, and videos to the Prosecutor directly. This software will also save the Village money in the future.

(d.) Councilman Hardin inquired about the Chief's body camera. Chief Motter gave details of his body camera.

**VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:**

(a.) The Village Administrator requested Council enter into executive session to discuss personnel issues. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Earl, to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues.

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

Time out: 8:43 p.m.

Time in: 9:20 p.m.

A motion was made by Hardin, seconded by Miller, to adopt Resolution 17-8-2, a Resolution

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

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

(a.) A check for \$919.00 was presented from the Mayor's Court account into the General Fund for the month of July.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

(a.) Councilman Hardin inquired about TSC running lines throughout town. The Administrator explained they are running fiber optic lines. TSC is currently providing services to business in town with the expectation to offer the same opportunity to the residents. The Administrator will try to have an update for next month's meeting.

(b.) Councilwoman Knox suggested the signs at the Industrial Park be updated. The Mayor advised the Village Administrator to get in touch with IPS West to see about repairing or replacing the signs.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

(a.) Councilman Miller would like to see the Council pass legislation on prohibiting businesses that produce or sell marijuana from entering the Village. The Solicitor will look into drafting an Ordinance for next month's meeting.

**SOLICITOR REPORT:**

(a.) The Solicitor reported that AMP Ohio has currently sued a contractor for a project in Southern Ohio regarding wind turbines. Mr. Searcy believes this will have no impact on the Village, but just wanted to make Council aware.

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.

  
Mayor

  
Fiscal Officer