

Held October 22, 2018

The Village of Waynesfield Council met in regular session on Monday, October 22, 2018. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. with the following answering roll call: Mayor Ridenour, Earl, Knox, Neeley, Newland, Miller, and Zimmerman.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Council members received copies of Financial, Receipts and Expenditure Reports. Fiscal Officer reported \$1,544,730.15 in all funds and \$227,537.27 in the General Fund. A motion was made by Knox, seconded by Newland, to adopt Resolution 18-10-1 to pay the bills presented.

VOTE: Knox, yes; Newland, yes; Earl, yes; Miller, yes; Neeley, yes; Zimmerman, yes.

GUESTS:

a. Danielle Ridenour – Mrs. Ridenour addressed Council regarding her prior proposal, fencing around the walking path. She proceeded to read a letter she had written to Council. She explained that she asked for a response from Council and had concluded that from the previous meeting, no action is being taken at this time. She encouraged Council members to handle matters differently in the future.

b. Craig Hibner – Mr. Hibner with Burnham and Flowers Insurance Agency prepared a property, fleet and liability insurance proposal for Council. He explained the services they provide. The Mayor advised that the Finance Committee and Fiscal Officer will look further into the proposal.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a. **Finance** – A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Newland, to suspend the rules of three readings and to declare an emergency.

VOTE: Miller, yes; Newland, yes; Earl, yes; Knox, yes; Neeley, yes; Zimmerman, yes.

A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Newland, to adopt Ordinance 18-10-1, an Ordinance to amend Appropriation Ordinance 18-1-1.

VOTE: Miller, yes; Newland, yes; Earl, yes; Knox, yes; Neeley, yes; Zimmerman, yes.

POLICE REPORT:

a. On September 26, Hunter successfully re-certified as a police canine. This is an annual certification he must achieve through the State of Ohio and National Association of Police Canine Handlers Association in order to continue working as a police dog.

b. Chief Motter took a moment to speak against State Issue 1, which is set to be voted on November 6th. He explained his views from a law enforcement perspective and how scary decriminalizing illegal drugs would affect our local community in various ways. He urged voters to vote NO on Issue 1.

c. The Waynesfield Police Department has seen a tremendous amount of use on the new walking path at the park. Chief Motter has addressed a few motorized vehicles on the path. He also urged Council to pass the pending legislation for Multi-Use Paths.

d. The annual Christmas Lights Competition notification on social media will be going out very soon. The Village will again be seeking three volunteers who reside outside of the Village to be judges.

e. Chief Motter explained to Council that he had the opportunity to read over the proposed Zoning Ordinance. He mentioned a few areas that were not addressed in the Ordinance such as fences, mowing of properties, new and used car lots, responsibilities of the Property Maintenance Committee, and parking in tree lawns and grass.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

a. The Administrator announced that the Village will most likely be switching to new utility software at the beginning of 2019. He explained the benefits of the new program to Council.

b. Blacktopping took place over the last month. The walking path at the park and some streets were paved. The Administrator reminded Council these were two separate projects and funds, but had the same company complete both projects in order to save money for the Village. He also went on to thank the employees and the Mayor for helping with the projects.

c. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Newland, to adopt Resolution 18-10-2, a Resolution authorizing the approval and execution of a first amendment of the power sales contract to American Municipal Power.

VOTE: Miller, yes; Newland, yes; Earl, yes; Knox, yes; Neeley, yes; Zimmerman, yes.

d. The Administrator recommended employees for a pay raise per the annual evaluations.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

a. A check for \$1,355.00 was presented from the Mayor's Court account into the General Fund for the month of September.

b. Annual employee evaluations have taken place. The Mayor asked Council to enter into executive session at the end of the meeting to discuss pay raises.

c. The Mayor updated Council on the progress that has taken place at the park and informed them of some future plans that will benefit the community.

d. The Mayor informed Council that he had received a letter asking for a zoning variance. The Solicitor informed Council they could discuss the letter in executive session, as it pertains to pending litigation.

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OLD BUSINESS:

- a. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Newland to have a second reading on proposed Ordinance 18-9-2, "Multi-Use Paths".
VOTE: Miller, yes; Newland, yes; Earl, yes; Knox, yes; Neeley, yes; Zimmermann, yes.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Council was presented with proposed Zoning Ordinance. They will take time to look over the proposed Ordinance.
 - b. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Newland, to enter into executive session to discuss pending litigation and personnel pay raises.
VOTE: Miller, yes; Newland, yes; Earl, yes; Knox, yes; Neeley, yes; Zimmermann, yes.
Time out: 8:19p.m.
Time back in session: 8:35 p.m.
A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Newland, to adopt Resolution 18-10-3, a Resolution authorizing a \$.50 pay increase to all full-time employees.
VOTE: Miller, yes; Newland, yes; Earl, yes; Knox, yes; Neeley, yes; Zimmermann, yes.
- SOLICITOR REPORT:**
- a. The Solicitor reaffirmed what the Police Chief stated earlier regarding State Issue 1. He also believes, from a legal standpoint, that Issue 1 was poorly written and will only offer more problems.
 - b. Attorney Reese also updated Council stating that his office was just waiting to hear from the court regarding the pending litigation.
A motion was made by Newland, seconded by Knox, to adjourn the meeting.
VOTE: Newland, yes; Knox, yes; Earl, yes; Miller, yes; Neeley, yes; Zimmermann, yes.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer