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The Village of Waynesfield Council met in regular session on Monday, January 25, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. with the following answering roll call: Mayor Luma, Earl (absent), 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 \$1,626,695.90 in all funds and \$188,008.41 in the General Fund.

A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Newland, to adopt Resolution 21-1-1 to pay the bills presented.

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

GUESTS: Solicitor Richard Reese introduced attorney Jeff Williams to village council.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance –

a. 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, absent; Knox, yes; Neeley, yes; Zimmerman, yes.

A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Newland, to adopt Ordinance 21-1-1, the Permanent Appropriation Ordinance, and to declare an emergency.

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

POLICE REPORT:

a. Police Chief Motter reported that there were nearly 90 residential properties that participated in the annual Village Holiday Lights Competition. The Winners of the competition were the Darnell's on West Wapakoneta Street (First Place), The Wittenbrink's on Wayne Street (Second Place), the Caster's on Morning Glory Drive (Third Place) and the Carter's on North Westminster Street (Fourth Place). The Judges for 2020 were Blake Glossett, David Braunwarth, and Kandee Shook.

b. Police Chief Motter stated that on January 15, 2021, Auxiliary Police Officer Steve Humes was sworn into a part-time patrolman's position. Chief Motter stated he is still accepting applications for a second part-time position.

c. Police Chief Motter provided his annual report and his vision for 2021. He stated that his goals for 2021 largely depend on how the pandemic plays out. Chief Motter would like to see the community positively interacting with the police department. He would also like to put a greater focus on the drug problems within the village.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

a. The Administrator stated several employees have been out due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

b. The Administrator gave a recap of all things accomplished in 2020.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

a. A check for \$747.00 was presented from the Mayor's Court account into the General Fund for the month of December 2020.

b. The Mayor announced all committee updates and the delegate and alternate for the Auglaize County Regional Planning Commission for 2021.

Committees are as followed:

Building: Ronda Knox and Robert Miller

Finance: Robert Miller and Vicki Zimmerman

Park: Barb Earl and Vicki Zimmerman

Safety: Rob Neeley and Scott Newland

Storm Sewer: Ronda Knox and Rob Neeley

Streets: Barb Earl and Scott Newland

Property Maintenance: Ronda Knox, Barb Earl and Rob Neeley

Auglaize County Regional Planning Commission:

Robert Miller (delegate) and Vicki Zimmerman (alternate)

d. The floor was opened up for nominations of Council President Pro Tempore for 2021.

Councilwoman Knox nominated Councilman Robert Miller. Councilman Neeley seconded. No other nominations were made.

A motion was made by Knox, seconded by Neeley, to close all nominations.

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

A motion was made by Knox, seconded by Neeley, to elect Robert Miller as Council President Pro Tempore for 2021.

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

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

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

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

A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Newland, to adopt Ordinance 21-1-2, an Ordinance approving, adopting, and enacting American Legal Publishing's Ohio Basic Code, 2021 Edition, as the Code of Ordinances for the municipality of the Village of Waynesfield, Ohio.

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

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- b. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Newland, to suspend the rules of three readings and to declare an emergency for regulating junk and abandoned motor vehicles.
 VOTE: Miller, yes; Knox, yes; Earl, absent; Neeley, yes; Newland, yes; Zimmerman, yes
 A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Newland to adopt Ordinance 20-1-3, an Ordinance regulating junk and abandoned motor vehicles
 VOTE: Miller, yes; Newland, yes; Earl, absent; Knox, yes; Neeley, yes; Zimmerman, yes.
- c. Council discussed the need for a policy pertaining to the COVID-19 pandemic and guidelines for village employees. Council discussed compensation of employees. Councilman Newland insisted all village full and part-time employees should receive some sort of payment for leave due to COVID-19.

A motion was made by Neeley, seconded by Newland, to enter into executive session to discuss personnel with all present parties.

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

In: 8:00 p.m. Out: 8:20 p.m.

A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Newland, to adopt Resolution 21-1-2, a resolution adopting FFCRA 2020 language for the Village of Waynesfield employees in 2021.

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

SOLICITOR REPORT:

- a. The solicitor stated that he had spoken to Attorney Dale Vandemark about the title work in regards to the Dollar General.
- b. The solicitor stated the deed for the village alley case still needs finalized. He stated this process is taking longer than expected due to the unexpected death of the surveyor Clayton Bacon who would have provided the legal information for the deed.
- c. The solicitor provided revised copies of the proposed zoning.
- d. The Village Administrator provided surveys to the council and the mayor. He asked for them provide them to residents to filled out in hopes to qualify for grant funding. He informed them this funding would be for the West Wapakoneta Street Project.

A motion was made by Newland, seconded by Neeley, to adjourn the meeting.

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



Mayor



Fiscal Officer