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The Village of Waynesfield Council met in regular session on October 25, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. with the following answering roll call: Mayor Luma, Earl, Knox, Neeley, Newland (absent), Miller, and Zimmerman.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Council members received copies of Financial, Receipts and Expenditure Reports. Fiscal Officer reported \$1,689,928.91 in all funds and \$208,191.74 in the General Fund. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Knox, to adopt Resolution 21-10-(1) to pay the bills presented.

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

**GUESTS:** Leatrice Runkle addressed council regarding putting a “Slow Children at Play” sign in the alley by her house. Police Chief Motter stated the placement of the sign was referred to the safety committee at the August meeting. Ms. Runkle asked if the meter reads are done on certain days. The village administrator stated they are usually done between the 21<sup>st</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> depending on the weather and workload of the maintenance crew. Ms. Runkle stated her bill service period states the 23<sup>rd</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup> of the next month and the last bill she received the meter wasn’t read until the 28<sup>th</sup>. The Village Administrator stated he would look into the service period. Ms. Runkle also stated that all village updates should be put in the utility bills. Police Chief Motter stated this is not a Forum, a forum needs to be schedule separately.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Finance:**

a. The fiscal officer stated there is a need to move funds to prepare for the upcoming months.

b. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Earl, to suspend the rules of three readings and to declare an emergency to amend appropriations.

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

A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Earl, to adopt Ordinance 21-10-(1), an Ordinance amending Appropriation Ordinance 21-1-1.

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

c. A motion was made Miller, seconded by Neeley, to enter into executive session to discuss personnel matters to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion and compensation of public employees or officials.

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

In: 7:51 p.m. Out: 7:58 p.m.

A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Earl, to adopt Resolution 21-10-(2), A resolution to increase wages for village employees.

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

**Street:**

a. Councilwoman Earl was asked by a couple residents on Ohio Street about road repairs.  
 b. Councilwoman Earl also stated she received a call from Diana Dulebohn regarding a dirt pile down by the alley. Diana had concerns about safety issues regarding the dirt pile. She also had concerns about gas trucks, trash trucks and emergency personnel getting down the alley. The Village Administrator did confirm with the fire chief that they will get down the alley if they need to. Councilwoman Earl stated Diana did text her and stated they did get a load of stone brought in and the delivery service did maneuver the alley.

c. Councilwoman Earl provided information about the alley and Dulebohn lawsuit.

**POLICE REPORT:**

a. Police Chief Motter gave an update on property maintenance issues.

b. Police Chief Motter stated the Waynesfield Police Department built a relationship with members from the Alliance for Community Partnership. This relationship the police department built with the alliance help get a \$5,000.00 donation for W-G Schools for emotional and social aspects for the students.

c. Police Chief Motter stated that the Waynesfield Police Department and Washington Township Police Department recently conducted K9 sniffs at W-G and Indian Lake Schools.

d. Police Chief Motter stated that the office would be closed on Wednesday, October 27, 2021 for police department purposes.

e. Police Chief Motter stated that he met with the Park Committee regarding large gatherings. Council was presented with proposed changes made to the ordinance, application and the shelter house rental agreement. The Park Committee recommended that the village allow both the gazebo and shelter house to be rented out at an increased rate of \$50.00 per site. They also recommended that if an event is canceled for any reason, no refunds will be issued. The applicant can however, reschedule the reservation to an available date within the next twelve months from the original event date at no additional cost.

f. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Neeley, to do the first reading of Ordinance 21-10-(2) an ordinance amending an ordinance to address parades, public gatherings and special events.

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

g. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Neeley, to adopt Resolution 21-10-(3), a resolution updating the shelter house rental agreement.

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

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**VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:**

- a. The Administrator gave a power supply update.
- b. The Administrator stated the village be doing an electrical upgrade at the end of Mulberry Street.
- c. The Administrator stated the maintenance crew has been working on potholes.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

- a. A check for \$448.00 was presented from the Mayor's Court account into the General Fund for the month of September 2021.
- b. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Neeley, to adopt Resolution 21-10-(4), a resolution granting a variance for zoning at 201 East Ohio Street.  
VOTE: Knox, yes; Newland, absent; Earl, yes; Miller, yes; Neeley, yes; Zimmermann, yes.
- c. Mayor Luma appointed Brian Hardin to the open seat on the zoning board. Councilwoman Earl voiced her opposition on the appointment of Brian Hardin. Councilman Neeley agreed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. Annexation of Spangler Property  
A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Earl, to adopt Resolution 21-10-(5), A resolution to authorize the mayor to execute the annexation agreement.

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Councilman Neeley made a statement about his time on council and things that occurred in his four-year term.
- b. Councilman Neeley questioned Mayor Luma on several situations. Councilman Neeley asked council to pass a resolution to suspend without pay Mayor Luma until an ethics investigation can be completed. Council agreed to table the issue until they speak with the solicitor.
- c. Council President Miller asked council to consider doing something to honor Mr. Pfister long time W-G Schools superintendent.

**SOLICITOR REPORT: NONE (ABSENT)**

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

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



Mayor



Fiscal Officer