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WAYNESVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES OF JULY 16, 2009

Mayor Hammock called the Waynesville City Council Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call

On roll call, seven Council members reported present.

Stanford  
Hardman  
Conley  
McDonald

O'Riley  
Mann  
Cordry

Absent – France

Invocation

Councilman O'Riley gave the invocation and Mayor Hammock led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Councilman Hardman made the motion to approve the Agenda as written and Councilman O'Riley seconded the motion.

Yeas: 7–Stanford, O'Riley, Hardman, Mann, Conley, Cordry, McDonald  
Nays: 0

Approval of Minutes

Councilman Cordry made the motion to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2009 meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Conley.

Yeas: 7–Stanford, O'Riley, Hardman, Mann, Conley, Cordry, McDonald  
Nays: 0

Approval of Bills

Councilman Hardman reported that the Finance Committee had met and reviewed the monthly bills in detail. Councilman Hardman made the motion to approve the payment of the monthly bills. Councilman O'Riley seconded the motion.

Yeas: 7–Stanford, O'Riley, Hardman, Mann, Conley, Cordry, McDonald  
Nays: 0

### Citizens Comments

Mrs. Jackson asked to speak to the Council concerning trouble she is having in the Waynesville Memorial Cemetery. Someone is removing flower arrangements from her husband's grave. So far this year approximately \$400.00 in arrangements and materials have been removed. She has talked to the Police Department previously but the losses are still occurring. Mayor Hammock expressed his concern and asked Police Chief Bob Carter to talk with Mrs. Jackson and look in to the matter and to patrol the cemetery on a more frequent basis.

### Board/Commission/Liaison Reports

Park Board – No Report  
No Meeting

Planning & Zoning – No Report  
No Meeting

### Standing Committee Reports

#### Roads and Grounds

Councilman Stanford reported on the July 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. The Committee discussed project updates, including the GW Lane Cost Share Grant; the future Park Building; the Highway H Project and street drainage issues.

Mrs. Lutes, a Waynesville resident who has had issues with storm water runoff, came to say that she was pleased with the repairs that had been made.

Councilman Stanford also discussed the issues with the Leaf Dump. She asked that residents using the dump to take the plastic bags that they brought the debris in back out when they emptied them. Due to some of the issues with the use of the dump, a new padlock has been installed and there was some discussion of possibly fencing off the front area.

#### Utility Committee

Due to the absence of Councilman France, Councilman McDonald reported on the July 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Committee received an engineering report on the Treatment Plant upgrade; the I&I study completed by C M Archer; the Natural Gas Reservation Rate Increase; and other projects. Optional Hours for the Utility Department was also discussed as an option to cut back on operating expenses. Mayor Hammock stated that the Natural Gas Rate Increase was a ridiculous increase. It could have a substantial impact on the City and its residents and that we will do what we can to fight the increase. City Administrator Harrill advised that protests have been filed.

City Administrator Harrill informed everyone that there would be a Public Hearing on Tuesday, August 11, 2009, at 5:30 p.m., concerning the Waste Water Rate Increase. The Public Hearing will be held at Waynesville City Hall.

Jeff Medow from Archer Engineering provided the Council with a project update on the Wastewater System Improvements. The project was initiated due to EPA requirements. Flow must pass thru the entire treatment process with no drainage discharge prior to treatment. The Wastewater Plant has not been updated since its original construction. With the passage of the June ballot, the City is now eligible for a low interest rate loan at the end of the year. Rates will have to be adjusted. There should be a step rate increase before we close on loan.

Councilman Hardman asked how this would impact utility bills. City Administrator Harrill stated that it depended on water usage. Not all residents will see the same increase. Councilman Stanford commented that the ones that are least able to afford the increase are probably senior citizens on fixed incomes and they would be the ones affected the most.

Mayor Hammock state that customers using the Pulaski County Sewer District would also be impacted but that we would try not to add additional burden.

#### Finance Committee

Councilman Hardman reported on the July 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Committee discussed the monthly bills. The budget looks good for this time of year. They also discussed adjusting the Police Department budget for the purchase of guns and recorders. Liberty Insurance has approached the Committee with providing free accidental life insurance for one year to city employees. The Committee was in favor of providing the employees with this information. They also discussed the PILOTS and agreed to discuss this program with the auditors. City Administrator Harrill asked the Committee to consider sending representatives to the MML Meeting in October, 2009. The committee was in agreement to do this.

#### Police

Councilman Conley reported on the July 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. The Committee discussed an update to the Liquor Control Ordinance; proposed traffic ordinances; leaf dump procedures and other departmental updates. Councilman Conley wanted residents to know that the Police Department does patrol the Cemetery on a regular basis. If anyone observes anything suspicious in the Cemetery they should notify the Police Department.

Waynesville Police Chief Bob Carter spoke with the Council concerning the proposed ordinances to be presented. There has been a 3% increase in accidents this year. Councilman Hardman stated that B J Walker was doing a great job at the Animal Shelter. She also asked residents for food and donations of money for medications for the animals taken in at the shelter.

**Proposed Ordinance No. 1428 requiring vehicles to drive on right half of roadway was presented as a bill and introduced to the City Council in writing. It was noted that copies of the proposed ordinance had been made available to public inspection prior to the time of this meeting of the City Council. The proposed ordinance was read by title two times and its final passage and adoption was moved by Councilman Conley and seconded by Councilman Stanford.**

**Yeas: 7–Stanford, O’Riley, Hardman, Mann, Conley, Cordry, McDonald  
Nays: 0**

**Proposed Ordinance No. 1429 prohibiting riding in open bed of truck was presented as a bill and introduced to the City Council in writing. It was noted that copies of the proposed ordinance had been made available to public inspection prior to the time of this meeting of the City Council. The proposed ordinance was read by title two times and its final passage and adoption was moved by Councilman Conley and seconded by Councilman Stanford.**

**Yeas: 7–Stanford, O’Riley, Hardman, Mann, Conley, Cordry, McDonald  
Nays: 0**

### **Airport**

**In the absence of Councilman France, City Administrator Harrill reported on the June 23, 2009 meeting. The Fly-In that was scheduled for June 27<sup>th</sup> had to be cancelled due to the unavailability of Jeff Schultz; however, the discount for fuel was given due to the late notice of the cancellation. Due to the Marketing grants, we have obtained advertising on billboards, in newspapers, and on radio stations to promote the use of the airport.**

**City Administrator Harrill also stated that the bid for the FBO and Community Hangers was awarded to Ireland Architects. Both cities have used the company in the past and were pleased with their performance.**

**At 7:15 p.m., Councilman Butch O’Riley had to leave the Council Meeting.**

### **Economic Development**

**Councilman Hardman reported on the July 7, 2009 meeting. The Committee discussed a Historical Newsletter and Presley Tours; the I-44 landscaping update; the concern of residents over local health clinics; the Economic Development Plan; the update of the demographic brochure by the Chamber of Commerce; the hiring of an Economic Developer by the Pulaski County Economic Development and the possibility of a new program coming to the Old Stage Coach Stop.**

### **Other Business**

- a. A public hearing was held on June 18, 2009 concerning the petition of Mr. Mike Sheeks to annex his property consisting of approximately 13 acres in to the City limits of Waynesville. There have been no comments or objections received after the Public Hearing. There has also not been any notice or correspondence received from the Pulaski County Sewer District relating to this annexation since the Public Hearing. At this time Proposed Ordinance No. 1427 extending the limits of the City of Waynesville was presented as a bill and introduced to the City Council in writing. It was noted that copies of the proposed ordinance had been made available to public inspection prior to the time of this meeting of the City Council. The proposed ordinance was read by title two times and its final passage and adoption was moved by Councilman Hardman and seconded by Councilman Conley.

Yeas: 6-Stanford, Hardman, Mann, Conley, Cordry, McDonald

Nays: 0

- b. Mayor Hammock presented the name of Dr. Jerry Brown, to serve on the Industrial Development Authority. No bio was given; however, Dr. Brown is a former Waynesville Councilman and ardent supporter of the City of Waynesville. His term will expire January 2011. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Cordry and seconded by Councilman Mann.

Yeas: 6-Stanford, Hardman, Mann, Conley, Cordry, McDonald

Nays: 0

### City Administrator Report

City Administrator Harrill reported that he had provided a written report for the Council. City Administrator Harrill provided information on the budget, Police-DWI saturation, an adjustment to the Police Department budget, new construction, and gave updates on all departments. He also advised the Council of the resignation of Nathan Carmon from the Building Department. Also, we have a VISTA volunteer and she is currently working on two new grant applications for the Animal Shelter and the Park.

### Council Comments

- a. Stanford – nothing
- b. Hardman – Thanks to the Planters Club for their work. We will be installing a plaque to recognize them for their service. Also, condolences to the family of Fay Howard.
- c. Mann – nothing
- d. Conley – nothing
- e. Cordry – nothing
- f. McDonald – nothing

### Executive Session

**At 7:30 p.m., Councilman Hardman made the motion to go in to Executive Session for the purpose of real estate and legal issues. Councilman Mann seconded the motion.**

**Yeas: 6-Stanford, Hardman, Mann, Conley, Cordry, McDonald  
Nays: 0**

**At 8:33 p.m., Councilman Hardman made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Councilman Conley seconded the motion.**

**Yeas: 6-Stanford, Hardman, Mann, Conley, Cordry, McDonald  
Nays: 0**

**Proposed Ordinance No. 1430 approving Contract of Sale of Real Estate between City of Waynesville and Waynesville R-VI School District was presented as a bill and introduced to the City Council in writing. It was noted that copies of the proposed ordinance had been made available to public inspection prior to the time of this meeting of the City Council. The proposed ordinance was read by title two times and its final passage and adoption was moved by Councilman Hardman and seconded by Councilman Conley.**

**Yeas: 6-Stanford, Hardman, Mann, Conley, Cordry, McDonald  
Nays: 0**

**Proposed Ordinance No. 1431 approving an agreement between City and Waynesville R-VI School District was presented as a bill and introduced to the City Council in writing. It was noted that copies of the proposed ordinance had been made available to public inspection prior to the time of this meeting of the City Council. The proposed ordinance was read by title two times and its final passage and adoption was moved by Councilman Hardman and seconded by Councilman Conley.**

**Yeas: 6-Stanford, Hardman, Mann, Conley, Cordry, McDonald  
Nays: 0**

### **Adjournment**

**There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Hammock adjourned this meeting at 8:38 p.m.**

**Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Carol Welch, Deputy City Clerk**