

WAYNESVILLE CITY COUNCIL

SPECIAL SESSION

JULY 9, 2018 – 5:00 P.M.

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Call to Order: Mayor Hardman called the special session of the City Council of the Waynesville City Council to order on July 9, 2018 at 5:30pm.

Roll Call: On roll call, Mayor Hardman and eight (8) council members were present:

PRESENT: Folkert, Davis, Clark, Curtis, Brown, Liberty, Conley, France
ABSENT: None

Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance: Invocation was given by Michael Curtis with the Pledge of Allegiance being led by Mayor Hardman.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Mayor Hardman called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. A motion was made by Councilman France and seconded by Councilman Conley.

YEAS: Folkert, Davis, Clark, Curtis, Brown, Liberty, Conley, France NAYS:
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Motion passed.

Mayor Hardman stated that last year, the city was asked by the former Mayor of Dixon, Shawn Wethington to assist them with billing and utility problems. Mayor Hardman stated that the City of Waynesville presented many options to the City of Dixon in order to help them. Mayor Hardman stated she believed that this is why the current administration has turned against the City of Waynesville. They seem to be shooting the messenger. Mayor Hardman stated that throughout the relationship, we have observed several instances of extremely troubling behavior and noted that certain members of Dixon's administration have done the following: not attending arranged meetings, refusing to communicate (sometimes for weeks), snide remarks at their meetings about the City of Waynesville. The staged phone incident involving the Dixon Mayor which was disrespectful to Waynesville employees. Their behavior towards their own council members. Lying to other cities about the City of Waynesville, disregarding DNR and MoDOT regulations, appointing the wife of the City Clerk to the City Council when in fact the City Clerk may be part of the problem. Accusations that the City of Waynesville is corrupt and dishonest.

Mr. Harrill stated that the main purpose of tonight's meeting was to correct several misleading and inaccurate statements made against the City of Waynesville by the City of Dixon. Mr. Harrill stated that we have always tried, in good faith, to assist the City of Dixon including offering to help last week at the request of Mayor Pro-Tem Betty Thilges. However, at the July 3rd meeting of the Dixon Council, several allegations were made by Dixon officials including Mayor Brown and Alderman Barbara Thomas and others against the City of Waynesville. One of these allegations included Mayor Brown stating a "moratorium" was on the mutual aid between our two cities until they had time to speak with the Prosecuting Attorney regarding possible corruption and fraud. In the video of the meeting posted on YouTube, these words seem to be definitely aimed at the City of Waynesville. Mr. Harrill stated that later it appeared that Mayor Brown retracted his statement, claiming to have been referring to corruption within the City of Dixon. However, many, including members of the Board of Alderman and those in the audience that night, believe those statements were indeed aimed at us. Mr. Harrill stated

that we dispute that very strongly and we offer full assistance to the Prosecuting Attorney to turn over any information we may have regarding corruption and fraud in the City of Dixon. Another allegation involved the condition of their treatment plant after the City of Waynesville left. Their current employee Josh Lachowicz stated “he won’t talk about that on the record”. That was basically a slap in our face. To tell the truth, the City of Waynesville never operated their treatment plant. Mr. Harrill stated that we never got to that stage with the agreement and didn’t believe Mr. Lachowicz was even there during this time. The only thing that was offered was advice. Mayor Brown and Alderman Thomas also made misleading statements regarding a “bill” for \$24,000. The bill they were claiming came from the City of Waynesville was merely one option of five in a cost estimate document to aid them in the repair of a leak that spanned Highway 28. The \$24,000 option was the “Cadillac” version on how to fix the leak. This option did not include cost for labor or equipment use from the City of Waynesville. This was for materials and the cost for the bore under the highway. This was not a bill or bid. Mr. Harrill stated that we have not sent any invoice to the City of Dixon nor have we requested any reimbursement for our administrative research. Mr. Harrill stated that he explained all of this to Mayor Brown and Mayor Brown had thanked him for not including labor and equipment. Mr. Harrill stated Mayor Brown has misled his citizens into thinking we have billed the City of Dixon. Mr. Harrill stated we have also received negative comments regarding a jet-truck we had sold Dixon several years ago. When the truck was sold to Dixon, it had just gone through maintenance with the pump and hoses being replaced. Mr. Harrill stated that we received good reports from the employees at that time that the truck was working well. Former City of Dixon Engineer John Doyle stated that the truck had been used to jet out sewer lines, clean out culverts, used it to wash down the streets after Cow Days and also allowed the City of Crocker to use it in their time of need. Mr. Harrill stated that during the City of Dixon’s recorded meeting they spoke about lack of maintenance on the truck, so we here at the City of Waynesville do not know what might be wrong with the truck at this time. Mr. Harrill stated that we are concerned about violations of DNR and MoDOT regulations including not getting the proper permits, sewer overflows not being reported with employees staging some of these overflows. Another concern is the continued lack of financial management going back to their 2012 Audit. Money coming into the City of Dixon is not matching the amounts deposited into the bank. One of their Alderman stated that mutual aid is used only in times of disasters. Mr. Harrill stated we have used mutual aid with several cities, emergency and non-emergency. Mutual aid is about cities helping cities. Mr. Harrill stated this is a very unusual resolution and we are not happy in presenting it. Mr. Harrill stated that we have to protect the City of Waynesville and its citizens. Why work to support an unethical staff that throws us under the bus?

Mayor Hardman stated she had some suggestions for the administration of the City of Dixon. If it was our situation here in Waynesville, we would hire a City Administrator, even for six months. Give them authority over operations and personnel and you will see a difference. The City of Dixon needs to make some hard decisions regarding personnel. Work at getting your citizen’s confidence back and have a better working relationship with your city council. Prepare for an audit in order to make bond payments and procure loans, even if you have to start from scratch. When there is an internal problem, you call for outside help. You do not investigate it yourself.

COMMENTS FROM THE CITIZENS OF DIXON

Mayor Pro-Tem Betty Thilges – Ms. Thilges stated that having served as Mayor, Mayor Pro-Tem and as a council member she’s had many occasions to appreciate the relationship between our communities. Ms. Thilges also stated she was not speaking for the council, but she believed they would be relieved if the City of Waynesville chose to continue the mutual aid agreement. Mayor Hardman stated that Ms.

Thilges did speak for the council, that she was indeed the Mayor Pro-Tem and she should step up and let her council know that.

Alderman Paul Watson – Alderman Watson stated that he greatly appreciated the City of Waynesville’s effort towards the City of Dixon. Alderman Watson believed the communities could come together in the future. Mayor Hardman stated that she was appalled at the fact that Alderman Watson had been stifled by his council. Alderman Watson stated that an informed council is an educated council. Mayor Hardman stated that how he has been treated was very unethical.

Former Mayor Quentin Davis – Mayor Davis thanked the council for their time. Mayor Davis stated that he loves mutual aid and has been doing it his entire life. Mayor Davis understood where the council was coming from but asked the council to not pass the resolution. Mayor Davis thanked the council for all of the City of Waynesville’s help.

Former Alderman Wayne Brandt - Mr. Brandt stated he was a former Alderman of Ward III and was voted out last fall. Mr. Brandt stated that the entire time he was on the council they voted to pay bills yet he has found out those bills were never paid. Mr. Brandt stated his city has lots of problems. Mr. Brandt stated he was there when mutual aid was initially discussed and was hopeful that they would receive help. Mr. Brandt stated that everyone he spoke with was encouraged that Waynesville was going to help and wanted to thank the council for that help.

Former Mayor John Thilges – Mayor Thilges stated he would like to put Mayor Brown in a better light. Mayor Thilges stated Mayor Brown may be in an uncomfortable spot and requested he be given a little leeway to get his bearings. Mayor Thilges thanked the council but requested we give them some leeway.

William Carter – Mr. Carter stated he is a long-time resident of Dixon. Mr. Carter stated he was glad he came since he learned more at this meeting than he has in the last three months. Mr. Carter stated he appreciated all the time Waynesville has put into helping Dixon by giving us options and your assistance. Mr. Carter stated that he hoped that in the future, the bridge isn’t entirely in the river. Mayor Hardman stated that this suspension is with the current administration, not the citizens of Dixon.

Proposed Resolution #2018-012 – Authorizing the Mayor to suspend mutual aid efforts with the City of Dixon’s current Mayor and city administrative staff.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS –

Councilwoman Folkert – Councilwoman Folkert stated she understood the citizens of Dixon were in need of assistance and as much as she hated to pull that assistance away it was needed in order to protect the City of Waynesville and its employees.

Councilman Davis – Councilman Davis was concerned about any financial liability concerning this mutual aid agreement. Councilman Davis stated that he was concerned about leaving Dixon residents with sewer in their homes. Councilman Davis stated he wanted to make sure that in the case of emergencies, the City of Waynesville will respond.

Councilman Curtis – Councilman Curtis urged the citizens of Dixon to utilize the Sunshine Law and start going to their council meetings and get involved. Councilman Curtis stated that the citizens have a right to know what their council is up to.

Councilman Brown – Councilman Brown stated that the citizens of Dixon needed to get their house in order and that once they do that Waynesville will always be there for them.

Councilman Liberty – Councilman Liberty agreed with Councilman Curtis. The council must provide the citizens with requested information and he urged them to make the council do their jobs.

Councilman Conley – Councilman Conley stated that he has close ties to Dixon but when your hand gets burnt repeatedly when you extend it in friendship, it's time to back off.

Councilman France – Councilman France stated he sat through three (3) meetings with the City of Dixon and we worked several hours on documentation and options for the them. Councilman France was appalled when he found out how Mayor Brown had treated one of our employees after one of those meetings. That being said, he would not deny the City of Dixon aid in times of emergency.

Councilman Clark - Councilman Clark stated that he was personally embarrassed for those from the City of Dixon that came in order to speak with the City Council. Councilman Clark stated that it was very evident to him that since the municipal elections in April, the newest members of the Dixon council do not work well with other members of their council and are extremely disrespectful of their citizens and of the City of Waynesville. Those new members need to step back and remember why they ran for office instead of focusing on the ax they seem to have to grind.

It was noted that copies of the proposed resolution were made available for public inspection prior to the time of this City Council meeting. The proposed resolution was read by title once and its adoption and passage was moved by Councilman France and seconded by Councilman Curtis.

YEAS: Folkert, Davis, Clark, Curtis, Brown, Liberty, Conley, France

NAYS: 0

Motion passed.

Other Business – None.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before this session of the Waynesville City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:56pm by Mayor Hardman. The next scheduled session of the Waynesville City Council is July 19, 2018 at 5:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Brown

City Clerk

WAYNESVILLE CITY COUNCIL

JULY 19, 2018

5:30PM

Call to Order: Mayor Hardman called the July 2018 meeting of the Waynesville City Council to order at 5:30pm.

Roll Call: On roll call, Mayor Hardman and six (6) council members were present:

PRESENT: Folkert, Clark, Curtis, Brown, Liberty, Conley

ABSENT: Davis, France

Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance: Invocation was given by Councilman Curtis with the Pledge of Allegiance being led by Mayor Hardman.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Mayor Hardman called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. A motion was made by Councilman Clark and seconded by Councilman Conley.

YEAS: Folkert, Clark, Curtis, Brown, Liberty, Conley

NAYS: 0

Motion passed.

Special Guests – Presentations – Brenda Doyle with the Waynesville Senior Center addressed the council and stated that the center services over 340 seniors in our area. Ms. Doyle stated that several programs are offered and she greatly encourages anyone who can play an instrument and can volunteer with the center would be appreciated. Ms. Doyle also thanked the Waynesville R-VI School district and its students for being so supportive of the center. Ms. Doyle stated that kind of involvement is a rarity in her experience.

Board – Commission – Liaison Reports

Park Board - Report on June 14th Meeting - Park Board Member Amanda Koren reported that fall registration for sports is underway. Also, WSR is hosting a field day on the 21st at the Roubidoux Park. Park Superintendent Randy Brown stated we continue to make progress on the ADA bathroom located next to the Little Heroes Playground and work with the fence poles is almost complete. Ms. Koren stated that the volunteer work completed by Stonebrooke Church was very much appreciated, that what took them a few hours would have taken our Parks staff months. Ms. Koren stated that concerns regarding our parks included recommendations to accommodate the turning radius of a vehicle at the new parking lot in Roubidoux Park, trimming trees and the handicap pad at Laughlin Park and informing the residents of The Summit of the amenities of their park. Ms. Koren stated that compliments about the BAM event keep coming in.

Citizen Comments – Ms. Patricia Jones stated she was there to check in about the paving of Booker Road. Mayor Hardman stated that her concern was addressed in the July meeting of Roads and Grounds.

Planning and Zoning – No Meeting held.

Standing Committee Reports

Roads and Grounds - Report on July 5th Meeting – Chairman Clark gave the report on the Roads and Grounds meeting. Chairman Clark stated that due to a citizen’s request, the addition of Booker Road to the street paving budget had been researched and will be added to the Capital Improvement Plan in the future. A parking issue on N. Benton Street had been discussed in Police Committee so no action was taken in Roads & Grounds. Councilman Clark also reported that the Street Department staff will be training on the machines that lay crack sealer in order to save the city money.

Utility Committee

- a. Report on July 12th meeting - In the absence of Chairman France, Councilman Conley reported that Mr. Harrill gave an update on the MoGas rate increase. He also stated that the Bollinger Hill Water project was progressing. Councilman Conley stated that Daniel Sheldon informed the committee about a free program that will track power outages and Mr. Harrill briefed the committee on Solar Community Programs. Department updates were also discussed.
- b. Update on MoGas Rate Increase – Mr. Harrill stated that the MoGas pipeline has put in a request to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to raise our transportation rate 137%. They are proposing to raise our rate from \$26 a dekatherm to \$56. Mr. Harrill stated that several cities have joined together to fight this increase.
- c. PROPOSED RESOLUTION #2018-013 – Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a memorandum of understanding for customer renewable energy product between the Missouri Joint Municipal Electric Commission and the City of Waynesville. Mr. Harrill stated that this program would be an investment opportunity for the city’s residents to invest in solar energy with 610 blocks being made available. Additional information would be released via social media and the newsletter. It was noted that copies of the proposed resolution were made available for public inspection prior to the time of this City Council meeting. The proposed resolution was read by title once and its adoption and passage was moved by Councilman Clark and seconded by Councilman Conley.

YEAS: Folkert, Clark, Curtis, Brown, Liberty, Conley

NAYS: 0

Motion passed.

- d. PROPOSED ORDINANCE #2323 – Establishing a Solar communities Program for the City of Waynesville. It was noted that copies of the proposed ordinance were made available for public inspection prior to the time of this City Council meeting. The proposed ordinance was read by title two (2) times and its adoption and passage was moved by Councilman Brown and seconded by Councilman Curtis.

YEAS: Folkert, Clark, Curtis, Brown, Liberty, Conley

NAYS: None

Motion passed.

Finance Committee

- a. Report on July 12th meeting. – Chairman Liberty reported on the Finance committee. Chairman Liberty stated that the committee reviewed and approved the bills and reviewed the monthly budget. Chairman Liberty reported that the committee discussed and approved the need to implement a “per diem” policy that would govern the reimbursement of travel expenses for employees doing city business and also discussed an amendment to the uniform reimbursement policy for employees.
- b. PROPOSED ORDINANCE #2324 – Amending the City of Waynesville Employee Personnel Manual regarding the procurement and/or reimbursement of funds for city uniforms and equipment. Mr. Harrill stated the main reason for this amendment is to save the city money over utilizing the Uniform Service the city currently uses. Some departments are dissatisfied with the service and prefer to buy their own uniforms. It was noted that copies of the proposed ordinance were made available for public inspection prior to the time of this City Council meeting. The proposed ordinance was read by title two (2) times and its adoption and passage was moved by Councilman Clark and seconded by Councilman Liberty.

YEAS: Folkert, Clark, Curtis, Brown, Liberty, Conley

NAYS: 0

Motion passed.

- c. PROPOSED ORDINANCE #2325 – Establishing per-diem rates for reimbursement of travel expenses incurred while conducting City of Waynesville business. It was noted that copies of the proposed ordinance were made available for public inspection prior to the time of this City Council meeting. The proposed ordinance was read by title two (2) times and its adoption and passage was moved by Councilman Liberty and seconded by Councilman Curtis.

YEAS: Folkert, Clark, Curtis, Brown, Liberty, Conley

NAYS: 0

Motion passed.

Police Committee – Report on July 5th meeting - Councilman Conley reported that a resolution to suspend mutual aid efforts with the City of Dixon was approved to go to council. That resolution passed on the 9th of this month. Progress on updating the municipal code book is pending review by City Attorney Ralph Muxlow. Councilman Conley stated that the committee discussed a possible ordinance on privately owned drones, the uniform reimbursement ordinance and the distribution of weather alert radios to the seniors within the city.

Waynesville/St. Robert Joint Airport – No meeting held.

Economic Development & Government Affairs

- a. Report on the July 3rd, 2018 meeting - Chairwoman Folkert reported that city staff had researched the cost of a digital billboard but work on this project has tabled due to the high cost. Councilwoman Folkert stated we have submitted a Letter of Intent regarding the Missouri Partnership certification for the Industrial park. Privately owned drones were discussed in relation to Fort Leonard Wood. The abatement ordinance is still in the process of being researched.

City Administrator's Report

City Administrator Bruce Harrill provided a written report to City Council for review. Mr. Harrill reported on the budget stating that the city has completed 50% of the 2018 fiscal year with revenue at 52% and expenses at 52%. The city's construction crew is making good progress building the new bathroom in the city park. The electric department is continuing work on reconductoring Feeder Line A. Work is proceeding on the new Kum and Go site and DNR has approved the construction permit for the water line extension to High Point subdivision.

Council Comments

Conley – Wished his wife a happy 50th anniversary.

Liberty - Thank the city staff and encouraged citizens to attend Park Board meetings.

Brown - Urged citizens to keep an eye on neighbors and pets during the heat.

Curtis – Congratulated all those who participated in organizing the Big BAM. Waynesville is still receiving compliments on our hospitality.

Clark - No comment.

Folkert – No comment.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before this session of the Waynesville City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:27pm by Mayor Hardman. The next scheduled session of the Waynesville City Council is August 16, 2018 at 5:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Brown
City Clerk