

MAY 12, 2021
WAYNESBORO, PA 17268
SPECIAL MEETING

Council President C. Harold Mumma called the special meeting (telemeeting via the Zoom computer platform) of the Waynesboro Borough Council to order at 6:30 p.m. with the following in attendance:

Borough Council Members – C. Harold Mumma, Jarred Knott, Patrick Fleagle, Jon Fleagle, Dade Royer and Michael Cermak

Mayor Richard Starliper

Borough Staff – Jason Stains, Borough Manager
Steve Coccoresse, Borough Solicitor (Salzmann Hughes, PC)

Borough Manager Jason Stains reviewed the Telemeeting Rules of Decorum for those individuals wishing to participate in the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS: Visitors desiring to comment on a particular agenda item will be recognized by the President to speak when the topic is being discussed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None.

NEW BUSINESS

ACCEPT RESIGNATIONS OF FIRE CHIEF, DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF AND ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF, EFFECTIVE MAY 24, 2021: Councilman Royer made a motion to accept the resignations of the Fire Chief, Deputy Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief, effective May 24, 2021. Councilman P. Fleagle seconded. A roll call vote was as follows: Jarred Knott – yes, Jon Fleagle – yes, Pat Fleagle – yes, Michael Cermak – yes, Dade Royer – yes and C. Harold Mumma – yes. The motion passed unanimously.

AUTHORIZE APPROVAL OF UPDATED FIRE CHIEF JOB DESCRIPTION AND ADVERTISEMENT FOR HIRING: Councilman Royer made a motion to approve the updated Fire Chief Job Description and Advertisement for Hiring. Councilman Cermak seconded.

Mr. Stains added that, since the Borough is moving toward a FT Fire Chief, several items in Waynesboro's Borough Code will need to be updated in accordance with the Civil Service Rules and Regulations and the Job Description as presented.

Accordingly, Councilman Royer amended his motion to include authorizing Salzman Hughes to prepare an ordinance to address these inconsistencies. Councilman Cermak seconded in agreement with the amended motion. A roll call vote was as follows: Jarred Knott – yes, Jon Fleagle – yes, Pat Fleagle – yes, Michael Cermak – yes, Dade Royer – yes and C. Harold Mumma – yes. The motion passed unanimously.

AUTHORIZE CORRESPONDENCE TO FULL-TIME FIRE APPARATUS DRIVERS AND WAYNESBORO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT OUTLINING OPERATIONAL STEPS OBSERVED IN THE ABSENCE OF FIRE CHIEF:

With regard to resignations of the Fire Chief, Deputy Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief, Mr. Stains explained that he would like to provide written guidance to the Waynesboro Professional Firefighters Association and Volunteer Fire Department, etc. regarding the resignations and established command structure, as follows:

- Those Officers will remain in place until 12:01 a.m. on 05/24/2021.
- Borough Council intends to follow the command structure which has been established by Borough Ordinance. Keeping in mind the absence of the three (3) Chief Officers, the structure is as follows –
 - Apparatus Drivers
 - Captains
 - Lieutenants
 - Relief Apparatus Drivers
 - Volunteer members of the Waynesboro Volunteer Fire Department
 - Fire Police of the Waynesboro Volunteer Fire Department
- In addition to accepting the resignations, Borough Council has approved the creation and advertisement of a FT Fire Chief's position. A job posting will be forthcoming. In the interim, all FT Apparatus Drivers and PT Firefighters/Relief Drivers will report directly to the Borough Manager.

Councilman Knott made a motion to authorize the correspondence as described by the Borough Manager. Councilman J. Fleagle seconded. A roll call vote was as follows: Jarred Knott – yes, Jon Fleagle – yes, Pat Fleagle – yes, Michael Cermak – yes, Dade Royer – yes and C. Harold Mumma – yes. The motion passed unanimously.

REQUEST FROM DOWNTOWN BUSINESS COMMITTEE (WARNER'S SODA SHOPPE) FOR DOWNTOWN EVENTS: Mr. Stains noted that he received requests from Whitney Warner regarding the following events –

- Use of Rotary Parking Lot (Back to School Carnival and Haunted Carnival) from August 19 through August 26, 2021
- 50's Summer "Grease" Themed Event on August 21, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Use of Rotary Parking Lot (Lead-in to Trunk-or-Treat Event) from October 21 through October 28, 2021
- Trunk-or-Treat Event on October 30, 2021

Mr. Stains explained that he contacted Ms. Warner because he was not aware of the establishment of a Downtown Business Committee -- she noted it is a group of people at this point, not a non-profit; however she is looking to create a non-profit in the downtown and community. He noted that, typically, Mainstreet Waynesboro is the non-profit organization that requests activities like these in the downtown.

Mr. Stains also asked about the Mont Alto Firemen's Carnival(s), as they have their own carnival grounds and typically hold carnivals on their grounds in Mont Alto. Concerns were also voiced that Council would be approving fundraisers for the Mont Alto Fire Department which would be located directly behind the Waynesboro Fire Department's Fire Station. Mr. Stains has been in contact with representatives of the Waynesboro Fire Department regarding their participation in such fundraisers, none of whom have had any contact from Ms. Warner's group. Additionally, it was noted that carnivals on the Rotary parking lot have been prohibited since it was repaved several years ago.

Councilman P. Fleagle suggested that this matter be tabled, and he would like Ms. Warner to attend the Economic Development Committee meeting to be held on 06/01 to discuss the events and activities in detail. He noted his appreciation for her efforts, but feels they should be appropriately coordinated with other organizations and the activities they have already planned.

Councilman J. Fleagle made a motion to table the request. Councilman Knott seconded. A roll call vote was as follows: Jarred Knott – yes, Jon Fleagle – yes, Pat Fleagle – yes, Michael Cermak – yes, Dade Royer – yes and C. Harold Mumma – yes. The motion passed unanimously.

Council then adjourned to executive session at 7:00 p.m. and reconvened at 7:21 p.m. with no further action.

Having no further business to discuss, Councilman Knott made a motion for adjournment at 7:22 p.m. Councilman P. Fleagle seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melinda S. Knott
Borough Secretary