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October 7, 2022

Subject: Town of Waynesville Ordinance O-32-22, snatching \$35,000 from **Nicole Kott** in Dark of Night.

Town of Waynesville Aldermen voted for a “Continuance” of the 9/13/2022 Meeting, to be held at 5:15pm on 9/15/2022, which nobody knew about, i.e., essentially having a meeting in the Dark of Night, and snatched the \$35,000 they had suspended disbursing to **Nicole Kott** as part of a grant from the American Rescue Plan, and shoved it into the General Fund, using an ordinance they concocted that evening, O-32-22. There is no telling what this \$35,000 will be used for now.

WTF?

The “Continuance” is Item N. in the minutes to be approved at the next meeting on 10/11/2022, pages 14-15 of (on www.haywoodtp.net)

[Agenda for the October 11, 2022 Waynesville Board of Aldermen meeting which will be held at 6:00 pm in the Town Hall Board room located at 9 South Main Street, Waynesville. 10/4/2022...](http://www.haywoodtp.net/pubII/221004-22-October11-1a-Agenda-BoAFull_compressed.pdf)

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I suppose all of this is legal, since it was a continuation of the 9/13/2022 meeting, and did not have to be re-noticed, but probably not ethical.

Who called for this “Continuance”?

- **Anthony Sutton.**

Who were absent from the “Continuance”?

- **Julia Freeman**
- **Anthony Sutton**

The very two Aldermen who were championing the cause for **Nicole Kott**.

Wait a minute. This funds transfer came about because Aldermen received money from a Government Grant, which usually have lots of strings attached, the American Rescue Plan.

So how is it that they can snatch the money that was supposed to be distributed to **Nicole Kott** for a very specific purpose (under the cover of a confidentiality contract signed by **Gary Caldwell**) and simply transfer it to the General Fund, where there is no accountability what-so-ever about where this money is now to be spent?

The two pages from the minutes for the “Continuance” are attached, along with Ordinance O-32-22 (which was like pulling teeth to get hold of), all signed off as legitimate by the Town Lawyer, **Martha Sharpe Bradley**.

I hope someone can explain this to me. Maybe at the next Aldermen meeting?

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Haywood County Taxpayer

M. CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Aldermen Anthony Sutton, seconded by Alderwoman Julia Freeman, to enter into closed session at 8:03 pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) to discuss: (1) pending litigation in the matter of 22-CVS-854 involving the following parties: Town of Waynesville, Haywood County, Register of Deeds of Haywood, David Lee Hall, Janice Sheehan Hall, Douglas Edward Gosnell, and Melissa Graves Gosnell; (2) potential litigation involving the following parties: Town of Waynesville and Dandy Dog Properties, LLC; and (3) to consult with an attorney to protect the attorney-client privilege.

A motion was made by Alderman Anthony Sutton, seconded by Alderwoman Julia Freeman, to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee; or to hear or investigate a complaint, charge, or grievance by or against an individual public officer or employee. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Alderman Anthony Sutton, seconded by Alderwoman Julia Freeman to go into open session at 9:05 pm. The motion carried unanimously.

N. CONTINUANCE

A motion was made by Alderman Anthony Sutton, seconded by Alderman Chuck Dickson, to continue the meeting until 5:15 pm on Thursday September 15th 2022 in the Town Hall Board Room located at 9 South Main Street. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Gary Caldwell called the continued meeting to order at 5:16 pm on Thursday September 15, 2022.

Members Present:

Mayor Gary Caldwell
Alderman Chuck Dickson
Alderman Jon Feichter

Members Absent:

Alderwoman Julia Freeman
Alderman Anthony Sutton

who was absent from the 9/15 meeting
[?]

Staff Present:

Rob Hites, Town Manager
Eddie Ward, Town Clerk
Byron Hickox, Land Use Administrator
Misty Hagood, Finance Director

1. Receive a request from the Historic Preservation Commission for a permit to hold a special event at Greenhill Cemetery on October 15, 2022 from 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm.
 - Byron Hickox, Land Use Administrator

Mr. Hickox presented the information for the 7th Annual Historic Preservation Commission Greenhill Cemetery Tour. He stated that the Cemetery Committee had met earlier in the day and approved the event. He explained to the Board how the tour works, about the shuttle bus, and parking.

A motion was made by Alderman Chuck Dickson, seconded by Alderman Jon Feichter, to approve the Special Permit Application for the Historic Preservation Commission to be held on October 15, 2022. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Approve the minutes of the Public Hearing regarding a CDBG Infrastructure Grant held on September 13, 2022
 - Misty Hagood, Finance Director

Ms. Hagood asked the Board to approve Ordinance O-31-22 to establish a budget for a project to be funded by the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds of H. R. 1319 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP/CSLFR).

A motion was made by Alderman Jon Feichter, seconded by Alderman Chuck Dickson, to approve O-31-22 to establish a budget for a project to be funded by the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds of H. R. 1319 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP/CSLFR.) The motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance O-32-22 was brought before the Board by Ms. Hagood to fund the Special Appropriations \$35,000.00 because of the suspension of the funding of Helping Hands of Haywood.

A motion was made by Alderman Chuck Dickson, seconded by Mayor Gary Caldwell to approve Or-32-22 in the amount of \$35,000.00 to fund the Special Appropriations due to the suspension of the funding of Helping Hands of Haywood. The motion passed with two yays (Alderman Chuck Dickson, and Mayor Gary Caldwell) and one nay (Alderman Jon Feichter).

With no further business a motion was made by Alderman Jon Feichter, seconded by Alderman Chuck Dickson, to adjourn the meeting at 5:34 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST:

Gary Caldwell, Mayor

Robert W. Hites, Town Manager

Eddie Ward, Town Clerk

Ordinance No. O-32-22

Amendment No. 28 to the 2021-2022 Budget Ordinance

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Waynesville, wishes to amend the 2021-2022 Budget Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Waynesville that the 2021-2022 Budget Ordinance be amended as follows:

General Fund:

Increase the following revenues:

Fund Balance Appropriation \$35,000

Total General Fund revenue increase \$35,000

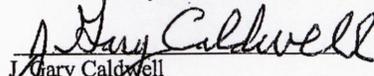
Increase the following appropriations:

Special Appropriations \$35,000

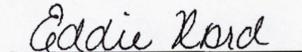
Total General Fund appropriation increase \$35,000

Adopted this 15th day of September 2022.

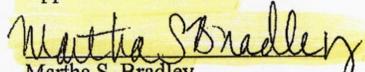
Town of Waynesville


J. Gary Caldwell
Mayor

Attest:


Eddie Ward
Town Clerk

Approved As To Form:


Martha S. Bradley
Town Attorney