

Regular Council

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The regular meeting of the Waterville Council was called to order by Mayor Lori Brodie at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Waterville Municipal Building.

A prayer was offered by Mrs. Bruno. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present at roll call were Mr. Larkins, Mrs. Bruno, Mr. Valtin, Mayor Brodie, Mr. Rozic Mr. Pedro and Mrs. Duncan.

Also present this evening were Jim Bagdonas, Administrator; Phil Dombey, Law Director; Steve Schult, Treasurer; and Shellie McCann Recording Secretary.

Citizens Present:

Please see Citizens' Sign-In Sheet, Exhibit A, Page 1 for a list of people present.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Pedro moved to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2017 Regular Council meeting. Mr. Larkins seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Citizens Comments

Nick Sargent, 439 N. River Rd. came to this evening's meeting to comment on proposed Ordinance 14-17. This Ordinance would enact Section 331.45 of the Traffic Code with respect to permitting the use of golf carts and other low speed vehicles on public streets. He asked Council to consider an exemption from the proposed golf cart ordinance so that those living his portion of N. River Rd. that is 35 mph (approximately ½ mile) could use golf carts in the roadway.

Staff Reports

Administration: Mr. Bagdonas

- Reported that new equipment was recently added to the Council Chamber which will complete our audio/video system upgrade. He added that starting tonight, Council meetings will be available for live viewing on YouTube. A link is available on the City's website.
- Stated that bids were recently opened for the new salt storage building at the city's Public Works facility. Unfortunately, the lowest combination of the bids was significantly higher than what we have in the budget. After meeting with the Public Works Director, it was decided that this project will be postponed. He added that we will try to supplement the money we had set aside this year with additional money in the 2018 budget.
- The Sylvania Township Trustees voted against the TARTA proposal to add Lucas County as a TARTA member and to place a 0.5-percent sales tax issue on the November ballot. Since all seven of TARTA's member communities must approve the proposal, there is no longer a need for Waterville City Council to take action and therefore no related agenda item on this issue.

Law Director: Mr. Dombey – No report.

Finance Director: Mr. Gochenour

- Reviewed details from the June 2017 Month End Finance Report highlighting fund balances, investments and income tax revenues.

Treasurer: Mr. Schult –

- Reviewed details of the Treasurer's Report for the month of June 2017.

Police Chief: David LaGrange –

- Reported that he heard from the dealership in VanVert, Ohio who stated that our two replacement cars are now in production.

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- Stated that Safety City went very well this year. He thanked the Public Works and Fire Departments for their participation.

Fire Chief: Patrick Wambo –

- Reported that there were no issues at the Pre-Fireworks Festival at the Waterville Primary School or with this year's display.
- Stated that the Fire Department will be working closely beginning at the end of July through August with the Whitehouse and Monclova Fire Departments on several joint training programs. He added that we work with them four times a year on structural firefighting and that it definitely helps on building a great working relationship with both departments.

Public Works Director: Ken Blair –

- Stated that Council has a copy of his report and asked if there were any questions.

Communications from Council Members/Committees

Mrs. Duncan – No report.

Mr. Pedro –

- Stated that he placed a copy of a job announcement for a part-time position with the Waterville Economic Development Committee in front of Council. He briefly went over the ad.

Mr. Rozic –

- Reported that he attended this year's Safety City graduation.
- Wanted to acknowledge the Waterville Rotary Club for their trash removal efforts on the Anthony Wayne Trail between Canal and Mechanic Streets.

Mr. Valtin -

- Thanked all who had a hand in putting together this year's fireworks.

Mrs. Bruno –

- Thanked Joy Hester with Vision Ministries for all the work they did in putting together the Fireworks Festival at the Waterville Primary School.

Mr. Larkins –

- Stated that he has heard positive feedback on this year's fireworks and added that the festival was a great success.
- Reported that the Parks and Recreation Committee will meet on Tuesday, August 1 in Council Chambers.

Mayor Brodie –

- Wanted to thank Joy Hester and Vision Ministries as well for the outstanding job they did with this year's festival. She also wanted to thank the Council members who started the "Bring Back the Boom Committee" including Mr. Larkins, Mrs. Bruno and Mrs. Duncan.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. ORDINANCE 08-17 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE ANNEXATION OF THE TERRITORY PROPOSED FOR ANNEXATION BY THE PETITION FILED BY PHILIP L. DOMBEY, AGENT (ANTHONY WAYNE TRAIL/DUTCH ROAD AREA), ON SEPTEMBER 21, 2016 WITH THE LUCAS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Third Reading and Legislative Action

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On September 21, 2016, a petition was filed for the annexation of 19.8 acres in the vicinity of the Anthony Wayne Trail and Dutch Road. The Lucas County Commissioners approved the petition on December 6, 2016. The City Clerk received the written notice of the Commissioners' approval on May 3, 2017. The City must accept the annexation not less than 60 nor more than 120 days from the day the written notice was received. The July 24 City Council meeting will be the first meeting after the 60 days have elapsed. This Ordinance would formally accept the annexation as approved by the Commissioners.

Mrs. Duncan moved to adopt Ordinance 08-17. Mr. Larkins seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mr. Pedro – yes, Mrs. Duncan – yes, Mr. Valtin – yes, Mayor Brodie – yes, Mr. Larkins – yes, Mrs. Bruno – yes, Mr. Rozic – yes. The motion passed unanimously.

B. ORDINANCE 14-17 AN ORDINANCE ENACTING SECTION 331.45 OF THE TRAFFIC CODE WITH RESPECT TO PERMITTING THE USE OF GOLF CARTS AND OTHER LOW SPEED VEHICLES ON PUBLIC STREETS WITHIN THE CITY OF WATERVILLE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Second Reading

In 2013, the Ohio General Assembly passed legislation with an effective date of January 1, 2017 allowing golf carts and other low speed vehicles to operate on public streets within certain criteria if the local authority has granted permission for such operation. The criteria established by the City may be more restrictive than the State's, but cannot be less restrictive. This Ordinance would allow the use of golf carts and other low speed vehicles on City streets if they are operated in accordance with the State requirements and with two additional City requirements. The additional requirements are that the vehicles cannot travel on any City street where the speed limit is higher than 25 miles per hour (the state requirement is 35 mph) and that the vehicles shall display lighted headlights and tail lights at all times when operating on a City street. This action was unanimously recommended to Council by the members of the Public Safety Committee at the June 22 meeting. The Ordinance did not receive the minimum five votes specified by the City Charter to be passed as an emergency measure at the June 26 Council meeting.

C. RESOLUTION 37-17 A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF WATERVILLE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF WATERVILLE REGARDING APPOINTED BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, FINANCIAL PROCEDURES, NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS, AND GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 10.03 of the City Charter requires the formation of a Charter Review Commission every five years. Resolution 37-17 reflects proposed Charter amendments as recommended by the Charter Review Commission.

A five-page document "Proposed Changes to the Waterville Municipal Charter as Recommended by the Waterville Charter Review Commission June 6, 2017" which describes each of the proposed changes was included in the June 26 Council packet. The filing deadline to place issues on the November 7 election ballot is August 9.

Mr. Larkins moved to adopt Resolution 37-17. Mr. Valtin seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

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NEW BUSINESS:

The Sylvania Township Trustees voted against the TARTA proposal to add Lucas County as a TARTA member and to place a 0.5-percent sales tax issue on the November ballot. Since all seven of TARTA's member communities must approve the proposal, there is no longer a need for Waterville City Council to take action and therefore no related agenda item on this issue.

A. RESOLUTION 39-17 A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF WATERVILLE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF WATERVILLE REGARDING TERM LIMITS FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS AND THE MAYOR

At the June 26 Council meeting, Council members requested the preparation of legislation to place a City Charter amendment on the November ballot to change the two-term limit for Council Members and the Mayor to a three-term limit, as described in this Resolution. The filing deadline to place issues on the November 7 election ballot is August 9.

Mayor Brodie stated that she feels that the Mayor position should be limited to two-terms but would support Council having a three-term limit. She added that she believes that this is a good compromise for Council members whose term limits in the past was unlimited and is now two terms which seems a little restrictive.

After discussion of term limits, Mayor Brodie made a motion to amend Resolution 39-17 and strike item number two under section one for the Mayor's term. Mrs. Bruno seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Larkins moved to adopt Resolution 39-17 as amended. Mayor Brodie seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Other Business

Mr. Pedro wanted to remind Council that the third Annual Waterville Rotary Blues, Brews and Brats will be held this Saturday, July 29 in Downtown Waterville.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before Council, Mr. Larkins made a motion to close the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Mrs. Duncan seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous voice vote.

Jon D. Gochenour, Clerk of Council

Lori Brodie, Mayor