

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 Mr. Pedro. 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 Melissa Cook, Recording Secretary.

Staff Present:

Jon Gochenour – Director of Finance and Administration, Clerk of Council

David LaGrange – Police Chief

Patrick Wambo – Fire Chief

Ken Blair – Public Works Director

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 January 23, 2017 Regular Council meeting as amended. Mr. Valtin seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Citizens Comments

- A. Presentation on Proposed U.S. Numbered Bicycle Route through Waterville, Request for Resolution of Support – Christine Connell, TMACOG

The Ohio Department of Transportation and the Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments (TMACOG) have been working with members of the bicycling community to establish a network of numbered routes as part of a state and national system. To date, over 11,000 miles have been designated across 23 states and Ohio is joining this growing trend. The routes are a means to connect communities. TMACOG is seeking resolutions of support from local jurisdictions where the routes will be located as an important step in officially designating these routes. Copies of a map showing the proposed routes in Lucas and Wood Counties, narrative descriptions of the routes and a resolution template were included in Council's packet.

Christine Connell, representing TMACOG, was present at this evening's meeting and gave a brief presentation on the proposed bike routes for our region. She then answered questions from Council and asked for their support in the form of a resolution.

Council agreed to have the administration draft a resolution for their consideration at the next scheduled Council meeting.

Mike Simpson of 1445 Riverwalk Ct. came to tonight's meeting to share his ideas for the future park at the old school site. He suggested that the two matching doorways be saved before the school is demolished and be used in the future park in some capacity.

Mr. Larkins stated that Jim Conrad, president of the Waterville Historical Society, will be giving a presentation on the history of the old Waterville School on April 19 at the Browning Masonic Community. He added that the Historical Society also went through the old school and took out items that will be displayed permanently at the Robbins House.

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David Bourland, 105 N. Fourth St., was present on behalf of P.A.W. (Protecting Air in Waterville). He asked Council if Nexus has been in contact with the city regarding the project. Mr. Bagdonas stated that the City did receive a letter from Nexus concerning their desire to cross River Rd. Mr. Bourland then asked if anyone from the city has attempted to contact the Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund or Terry Lodge to defend the Community Bill of Rights as the Nexus pipeline is set to cross the Maumee River in Waterville. Law Director Dombey responded that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) does not have enough appointed members to have a quorum to make a decision on whether to grant Nexus a permit. He added that the City will have to wait to see what Washington does before we move forward.

Andy Pollack, Metro PC Soccer, was present to ask Council to consider a five-year extension of their contract with the city for the use of Prairie Trail Park for soccer. In exchange, the club will expand the parking lot at an estimated cost of \$15,000 and also add some picnic tables. Mr. Valtin stated that the Parks and Recreation Committee has discussed the contract and stated that their only concern is parking along Royal Hampton. Council took no action on the proposed lease extension request and stated further discussion would continue at future meetings.

Marshall Gill, 25366 W River Rd., Perrysburg, Ohio 43551, came to this evening's meeting to present additional research with the members of the Festival Bridge Committee, which includes Mrs. Bruno and Mr. Rozic, on how the old Waterville Bridge could be utilized as a venue for parties, festivals and other community events. He stated that during a recent meeting with ODOT representatives, they were informed that the \$1.45 million being set aside for the demolition could possibly be put into an escrow account in case the city needed to demolish the bridge at a later date. He added that the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant program could be used to cover as much as 95% of the estimated \$500,000 needed to paint the bridge in the future. Mr. Gill and Mrs. Bruno then presented a PowerPoint presentation on existing "festival" bridges throughout the United States and answered questions from Council. Afterwards, Mayor Brodie stated that it all comes down to who will own the bridge and how much it would cost to operate and insure it. She asked the committee to come back to Council with more cost details in order to provide ODOT with an answer from the city by July 1, 2017.

Gabriel Garcia, representing Hanks Plumbing and Heating (HPH), was present at tonight's meeting to ask Council to grant them a 45-day contract extension for the completion of the Bowling Green Waterline Transmission Project allowing a completion date of February 6, 2017 and waiving the provision for liquidated damages. Ted Bennet, of Jones and Henry Engineers, was also present and discussed the timelines involved in the review and approval of equipment used in the project. After the discussion, Council agreed to make a decision on this matter at their next meeting on February 27.

Staff Reports

Administration: Mr. Bagdonas

- Reported that he is planning on attending the Ohio Attorney General's Training Seminar on Ohio's Public Records law hosted by TMACOG at Owens Community College on April 7. Attendance at one of the three hour sessions is required by Ohio law for all elected officials or their "appropriate designees" during each member's term of office. He stated that if Council members are not planning to attend one of these training seminars, he suggested that Council designate him by motion as the designee of the Council members for the purpose of this training.

Mayor Brodie moved that the City Administrator be appointed as Council's designee for the upcoming training seminar on Ohio Public Records law. Mr. Larkins second the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

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Finance Director: Mr. Gochenour

- Reviewed a copy of the Ohio Ethics Commission's Financial Disclosure Statement enclosed in Council's meeting packet. This statement must be completed and filed by members of Council with the State of Ohio by Monday, May 15, 2017.
- Reviewed details from the January 2017 Month End Finance Report highlighting fund balances, investment earnings and income tax revenues.
- Reported that the Regional Income Tax Agency of Ohio (RITA) will be holding a taxpayer assistance day at the Lodge at Strawberry Acres Park located at 950 S. McCord Rd, in Holland, Ohio on Thursday, March 23 from noon to 7:00 p.m. to offer free assistance with municipal income tax return preparation. RITA collects municipal income taxes on behalf of the City of Waterville.
- Stated that the Finance Committee will meet this Friday, February 17 at 7:30 a.m. in Council Chambers.

Treasurer: Mr. Schult – No report.

Police Chief: Mr. LaGrange

- Reported that instead of ordering two sport utility type vehicles this year, the Police Department is looking into ordering one utility vehicle and one all-wheel drive vehicle that is based on the Ford Taurus.
- Stated that Waterville along with the Waterville Township and Whitehouse Police Departments are teaming up to offer a Citizens Police Academy every Thursday for 10 weeks beginning September 14. The application and details will be posted on the three communities' websites.

Fire Chief: Mr. Wambo

- Reported that the Fire Department has had a total of 104 EMS in 2017.
- Stated that the Waterville Fire Department recently received their Insurance Services Office (ISO) rating. The ISO auditors give department ratings on a scale of 1 to 10 with 1 being the best possible. He then stated that Waterville's rating has improved from a Class 5 to a Class 3.
- Reported that a copy of his Annual Report was included in Council's packet.

Public Works Director: Mr. Blair

- Reported that a copy of his Public Works Department Year End Council Report for 2016 was included in Council's packet.
- Reported that in 2016, the city collected 3,300 total cubic yards of leaves during its collection program. The total man hours combined was 561 hours.
- Stated that as of January 28, the city has used 727 tons of salt. The total man hours combined is 212 hours.
- Reported that the new St. Rt. 64 flashing beacon light for Conrad Park has arrived. It will be installed when the weather improves.

Communications from Council Members/Committees

Mr. Larkins – No report.

Mrs. Bruno – No report.

Mr. Valtin – No report.

Mr. Rozic – No report.

Mr. Pedro –

- Attended the Public Safety Committee meeting on Thursday, February 2.
- Attended the Tree Commission meeting on Thursday, February 9.

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Mrs. Duncan – No report.

Mayor Brodie -

- Pointed out an article that was published in today's Blade that discussed changing municipal primary elections in Lucas County from September to May. The candidate filing deadline would move from July to February.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. RESOLUTION 54-16 A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE CITY OF WATERVILLE FY2017 FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL PLANNING PROGRAM FOR ALL MUNICIPAL FUNDS AND DEPARTMENTS

This is the annual 5-Year Capital Planning Program. The Finance Committee discussed and recommended approval of the program at a meeting on October 21, 2016.

Mr. Larkins moved to adopt Resolution 54-16. Mr. Rozic seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. RESOLUTION 08-17 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH PROUDFOOT ASSOCIATES INC. FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES TO PREPARE PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, COST ESTIMATES AND BID DOCUMENTS FOR THE STATE ROUTE 64 URBAN PAVING PROJECT

The City has secured approximately \$280,000 in State funds toward the total estimated project cost of \$422,000 for this project along State Route 64 on portions of Mechanic Street, Farnsworth Road and Michigan Avenue between North River Road and Waterville-Monclova Road including: removing and resurfacing the existing pavement surface, performing full-depth pavement repairs at locations as needed, removing and replacing broken/deteriorated curb, upgrading curb ramps to current ADA standards, flattening the approaches to the railroad crossing, replacing the pavement within the railroad crossing and installing new pavement markings. The City has also secured an \$80,000 grant from the Ohio Public Works Commission to use toward the local cost of this project. In order to meet the schedule that anticipates construction in 2018, design work should begin at this time. This Resolution authorizes an Agreement with Proudfoot Associates for this work.

Mr. Valtin moved to adopt Resolution 08-17. Mr. Rozic seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Other Business

None

Executive Session

Mr. Pedro made a motion to move into Executive Session for Conference with the Law Director concerning ORC 121.22(G)(2), Purchase or Sale of Property for Public Purposes, at 9:35 p.m. Mr. Larkins seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Valtin was excused from the Executive Session meeting at 9:40 p.m.

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Return to Regular Session

Mr. Pedro made a motion to come out of Executive Session and resume the regular Council meeting at 10:27 p.m. Mr. Rozic seconded the motion which carried by unanimous voice vote.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before Council, Mr. Larkins made a motion to close the meeting at 10:27 p.m. Mr. Pedro seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous voice vote.

Jon D. Gochenour, Clerk of Council

Lori Brodie, Mayor