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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. Larkins. The Pledge of Allegiance was then 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. Rozic moved to approve the minutes of the November 27, 2017 Regular Council meeting as amended. Mr. Larkins seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Citizens Comments

Jacob Verner and Blake Hood, Waterville Boy Scout Troop 101, were in attendance at this evening's meeting in order to meet a requirement for their Communications Merit Badge.

Staff Reports

Administration: Mr. Bagdonas

- Stated that included in Council's packet was a copy of the bid tabulations for the Waterville bridge replacement project. Seven bids were received with the lowest being very favorable.
- Reported that he has been re-elected as the Vice-Chair of the TMACOG Transportation Board.

Law Director: Mr. Dombey

- Reported that Judge Adams at the Akron Federal Court took the Nexus case under advisement and indicated that he will issue a decision. He added that hopefully that will be given before the holiday.

Finance Director: Mr. Gochenour

- Reviewed details from the November 2017 Month End Finance Report highlighting Fund Balances and Income Tax Revenues.

Treasurer: Mr. Schult-

- Reported that the State of Ohio recently wrapped up the audit of the City's 2016 financial Statements. He added that the six main points from the audit are: (1) that we received a "Clean" Opinion; (2) that the State did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that they consider material weaknesses; (3) the State had no Management Letter Comments; (4) Reviewed the Management's Discussion and Analysis (pages 3-11 of the audit report) which is a good explanation in layman's terms of how the audit is built and it's reporting details; (5) reviewed Detail of Debt and (6) stated that the General Fund balance at 12/31/16 was very healthy. He added that the audit

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report will be reviewed and approved by the Finance Committee at their next meeting.

- Reviewed details from the Monthly Treasurer's Report for the month of October 2017.

Police Chief: David LaGrange

- Reported Josh Malone will be joining the Waterville Police Department taking the place of Officer Mike Shaneyfelt who recently retired. He added that Mr. Malone has been with the Whitehouse Police Department for the past 2 years and served 20 years in the U.S. Navy. We are expecting that he will only have to go through a very brief training period.
- Reported that Officer Art Linger unexpectedly retired which will leave a vacancy to fill. He stated that we will use the top six candidate list from the Civil Service Test from the previous hire to draw from and will interview the top candidate this coming Wednesday.

Fire Chief: Patrick Wambo

- Reported that the Fire Department is up 86 incidents from this time last year. There have been 654 total runs year to date.
- Stated that he has applied for an Ohio BWC Grant for firefighter's personal protective equipment. The grant is valued at over \$4,600.00. No matching funds are required.

Public Works Director: Ken Blair

- Reported that the Public Works Department has been very busy the past few weeks hanging holiday lights and with finishing leaf pick-up.

Communications from Council Members/Committees

A. Appointments to Various Commissions, Boards and Committees

A list of appointments proposed by the Mayor for Council's approval is included in the Council packet.

Mayor Brodie made a motion to approve the list of proposed appointments. Mr. Larkins seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Mrs. Duncan – No report.

Mr. Pedro –

- Thanked all again who were involved in putting together the Light Up Waterville event on December 2. He added that it was a great evening.

Mr. Rozic –

- Attended the Light Up Waterville event downtown on December 2. He also added that it was a nice event and was well attended.

Mr. Valtin – No report.

Mrs. Bruno –

- Reported that the Public Safety Committee met on Thursday, December 7. Reagan Sawyer was in attendance and again asked members of the Committee to recommend to Council the formation of a Police Oversight Committee. Mrs. Bruno stated that the Mayor responded to Ms. Sawyer's original request by letter. She indicated that the city already has systems in place such as the Public Safety Committee and Council if any resident feels that they need to voice concerns about the Police Department.

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Mr. Larkins –

- Reported that he also attended the Light Up Waterville event and that it was a great success.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. RESOLUTION 51-17 A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE CITY OF WATERVILLE FY2018 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 special meeting on October 20. This item is for ongoing discussion throughout the budget preparation process. According to the typical annual budget schedule, Council action to approve this Resolution would not be taken until the second Council meeting in January.

Mr. Bagdonas stated that Mr. Gochenour placed an updated vehicle list with mileage in front of Council prior to this evening's meeting.

- B. ORDINANCE 25-17 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND ENACTING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 931 OF THE STREETS, UTILITIES AND PUBLIC SERVICES CODE WITH RESPECT TO WATER REGULATIONS

Second Reading

Section 931.14(e) of the City's current water regulations makes reference to the "Lucas County transmission line(s)" as the City's water supply source. This Section should be amended to reflect the change in the City's water source. In reviewing Chapter 931, several other Sections were identified for updates as well. These other Sections include a clarification of the billing and payment schedule, the change from remote meter readers to radio meter reading devices located in meter pits, and a policy on testing the accuracy of a water meter. These changes will be reviewed by the Public Works Committee at their December meeting.

- C. ORDINANCE 26-17 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 172 OF THE WATERVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES REGARDING MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX IN COMPLIANCE WITH OHIO HOUSE BILL 49

Second Reading

The Ohio General Assembly has passed House Bill 49 (HB 49), which makes changes to municipal income tax laws. The Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA) has prepared an update to local income tax ordinances to comply with the provisions of HB 49. This Ordinance would adopt the changes as recommended by RITA.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. ORDINANCE 27-17 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF WATERVILLE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018, AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 28-17, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

First Reading

A copy of the proposed FY 2018 Appropriations is included in your packet. The Finance Committee reviewed the budget at their November 17 meeting and unanimously recommends approval. A Public Hearing on the appropriations is scheduled for the January 8, 2018 Council meeting.

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B. ORDINANCE 28-17 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF WATERVILLE FOR THE MONTHS OF JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2018, REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 29-17, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

According to the Municipal Charter, the permanent appropriations are not required to be adopted until March 1. The passage of temporary appropriations to allow the City to meet its financial obligations during the months of January and February is therefore necessary. This Ordinance would adopt the temporary appropriations to cover those months.

Mayor Brodie made a motion to suspend the rules to allow for the passage of Ordinance 28-17 as an emergency measure. Mr. Valtin 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.

Mayor Brodie made a motion to move for the passage of Ordinance 28-17 as an emergency measure. Mr. Rozic seconded the motion.

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

C. ORDINANCE 29-17 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 24-17, THE AMENDED FY 2017 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

This is the annual end-of-the-year “clean-up” legislation, which will adjust all department line-item budgets to conform to approved appropriations and allow any appropriation adjustments as needed.

Mayor Brodie made a motion to suspend the rules to allow for the passage of Ordinance 29-17 as an emergency measure. Mr. Valtin seconded the motion.

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

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

D. RESOLUTION 55-17 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO PATROLMEN’S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION – SERGEANTS UNIT AND AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO SAID COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

E. RESOLUTION 56-17 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO PATROLMEN’S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION – PATROL UNIT AND AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO SAID COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

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The collective bargaining agreements for the Sergeants Unit and the Patrol Unit are attached to these Resolutions for City Council’s authorization. These tentative agreements have been ratified by each bargaining unit. The proposed agreements contain wage increases for each of the next three years of 2.5%, 2.5%, 2.0% (Sergeants) and 3.25%, 3.25%, 3.0% (Patrol). Thanks to all of the individuals who were directly involved in the negotiations on both sides for the professional manner in which they conducted the negotiating sessions. The parties were able to reach these agreements without going to fact-finding or conciliation. In particular, I would like to commend Jon Gochenour, Chief Dave LaGrange, and legal counsel Dave Smigelski for their diligence in handling this process.

Mr. Rozic moved to adopt Resolutions 55-17 and 56-17. Mr. Valtin seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Presentation

A. Chuck Larkins – Council Member (4 Years)

Mr. Larkins received a Certificate of Commendation and the City’s Carruth presentation piece for his service to the citizens of Waterville.

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)(3) Imminent Court Action at 8:08 p.m. Mrs. Duncan seconded the motion.

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

Return to Regular Session

Mr. Larkins made a motion to come out of Executive Session and resume the regular Council meeting at 8:35 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 8:35 p.m. Mr. Rozic seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous voice vote.

Jon D. Gochenour, Clerk of Council

Lori Brodie, Mayor