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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. Boy Scout Troop 101 presented the colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Also present this evening were Jim Bagdonas, Administrator; Philip Dombey, Law Director; Steve Schult, Treasurer and Melissa Cook, Recording Secretary.

Staff Present:

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

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 April 9, 2018 Regular Council meeting. Mr. Frey seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Proclamation

A. Autism Awareness Month – April 2018

Mayor Brodie read a Proclamation proclaiming April 2018 as Autism Awareness Month in the City of Waterville in order to raise public awareness of autism and the myriad of issues surrounding autism, as well as to increase knowledge of the programs that have been and are being developed to support individuals with autism and their families. She then urged all residents to join in recognition of this significant occasion.

B. National Association of Letter Carriers 26th Annual Stamp Out the Hunger Food Drive – May 12, 2018

Mayor Brodie read a Proclamation recognizing the National Association of Letter Carriers in their 26th Annual Stamp Out the Hunger Food Drive on Saturday, May 12, 2018. She wished them much success in this important endeavor and encouraged all City of Waterville residents to participate generously in this worthwhile cause to the extent of their ability.

Citizens Comments

Nick Sargent, 439 N. River Rd., came to tonight's meeting to discuss Ordinance 08-18 which deals with the use of golf carts and low speed vehicles in the Waterville. He wanted to clarify which roads will be affected with this potential Ordinance. There are only six streets in Waterville that have 35 mph zones in whole or in part and four are excluded (Pray Blvd., all of Waterville-Monclova Rd., all of the 35 mph zone between Michigan Ave. and Farnsworth) so only North and South River Rd. would be added to the existing Ordinance. Both North and South River have 25 mph zones that border 35 mph zones in residential areas. He also wanted to add that it is actually statistically safer for him to drive his golf cart downtown than to walk or ride his bicycle on N. River Rd. where there are no sidewalks.

Safa Ali Ibrahim, Toledo-Lucas County Health Department – Tobacco 21 Initiative, asked to speak to Council regarding the Health Department's efforts to promote raising the legal sale age for tobacco products to 21. According to the Lucas County

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Community Health Assessment, the average age of onset for smoking is 12.5 years old among Lucas County youth. Statistics also show that those who don't begin smoking until age 21 are unlikely to begin smoking at all. She added that several cities and municipalities throughout Ohio have already adopted the Tobacco 21 Ordinance. Mayor Brodie questioned the process for gathering support from individual cities and townships. She added that she feels that they should go to the state level first. She stated that this process was successful in helping ban indoor smoking and suggested that she work with local state representatives.

Bryce Matney, 867 Cherry Lane/Boy Scout Troop 101, stated that he is currently working on his Eagle Scout project. He then stated that he and his family moved to Waterville in October and recently in the evening he heard someone at the front door jiggling the handle. A report was filed and he was wondering if the person responsible has been caught or if the police are still looking for them. Mr. Bagdonas stated that he would need a little more information and then he would forward his question on to the Police Chief.

Ted Kaczorowski, 8164 Donnington Dr. and the city's representative on the Toledo/Lucas County Health District Board, thanked Safa Ali Ibrahim for coming to tonight's meeting and speaking to Council. He added that he would like Council's support on Tobacco 21 in order to make Lucas County a little healthier.

Tom Birsen, 6661 Waterville-Monclova Rd. and Waterville Township resident, stated that he continues to have water issues/flooding from the ditch on Waterville-Monclova Rd. Mr. Bagdonas stated that we are aware of the problem and that the city has cleaned the ditch across from his home that runs east/west. He added that this ditch runs into another that runs north/south. The developer cleaned that ditch up to Dutch Rd. approximately 10 years ago. He added that the problem is north of Dutch Rd. which isn't in the city limits. We have done everything that we can with the two pieces that are in the city but if there isn't a good outlet then the water has nowhere to go. We have discussed this with the county but the problem lies downstream north of Dutch Rd. Mr. Dombey and Council suggested that he talk to the township or the county along with possibly filing a petition with the county to have the ditch cleaned since the area that is causing the issue is located in the township.

Randy Sikorski, Waterville Bodyworks, came this evening to ask Council what the current plan is for the park at the site of the old Waterville School and for the three homes that still remain on or near the site. Mayor Brodie stated that the Public Square Planning Committee has been meeting regularly and will present their recommendations for the park at a Public Meeting on Wednesday, May 23 at 7:00 p.m. at the Conrad Park Recreation Building.

Staff Reports

Administration: Mr. Bagdonas

- Attended the Northwest Ohio Tree City USA awards presentation ceremony in Upper Sandusky. He stated that this is the 22nd consecutive year that Waterville has received the Tree City USA designation. He congratulated and thanked the Tree Commission for all their hard work and dedication.
- Reported that he, along with the Mayor, the Fire Chief and representatives of several other area jurisdictions, attended a meeting to discuss the preparation of a fire district feasibility study. He stated that the City of Waterville along with Providence and Waterville Townships and Whitehouse, have agreed to commission the Ohio Fire Chiefs Association to conduct a feasibility study about a Regional Fire District. Council will vote on approving the cost of the study once the proposal and price information is received.
- Stated that the City has received a letter from the Ohio Department of Transportation stating that they are exploring options to address safety concerns

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associated with the Roche de Boeuf Interurban Bridge. Enclosed with the letter was an Application to become a Section 106 Consulting Party for the project which he added he is planning to fill out and submit.

- Stated that Waterville and Whitehouse have both met with Waterville Township about the possibility of forming a cemetery district, or what the Ohio Revised Code calls a “union cemetery.” The Village of Whitehouse has three cemeteries and the city owns one. The city has an agreement with Waterville Township to maintain Wakeman Cemetery in exchange for collecting fees for grave openings and other services. Council asked Mr. Bagdonas to continue discussions with the township trustees and gather more information on maintenance costs.

Law Director: Mr. Dombey – No report

Finance Director: Mr. Gochenour –

- Reviewed details from the March 2018 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 March 2018.

Communications from Council Members/Committees

Mr. Bruno – No report.

Mrs. Bruno –

- Stated that she was contacted by the organizer of the annual “Rock the Block” party held on Third St. who stated that he was asked by a member of the city staff to end the party at 11:00 p.m. instead of the 11:30 p.m. time that was approved by Council last year. She asked if he should come to their next meeting and address Council. Mr. Bagdonas stated that this is something that can be handled administratively.

Mr. Frey – No report.

Mr. Rozic –

- Reported that he has a client that lives on Noward Rd. who has offered his property to install a permanent air quality monitoring station for the NEXUS compressor station. He stated that he would give Mr. Bagdonas his client’s contact information.

Mr. Pedro –

- Reported that the Waterville Economic Development Corporation Spring Roundtable that was held on Tuesday, April 10 at the Browning Complex was a very successful and well-attended event.

Mrs. Duncan – No report.

Mayor Brodie –

- Stated that she wanted to touch again on Mr. Bagdonas’ report regarding the feasibility study and the forming a Joint Fire District. She stated that she feels that the meetings they held all went very well. Twenty years ago we didn’t always have such a good relationship with the surrounding villages and townships but that has changed. She added that right now is a prime opportunity to partner with them and be more efficient. All together we make up the Anthony Wayne area and with a lot of business-minded people who want to do the right thing for our residents.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. ORDINANCE 08-18 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 331.45 (c) (2) 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

Second Reading

The issue of expanding the permission for the use of golf carts and other low speed vehicles to certain 35 mph streets was discussed at the March 26 Council meeting. This Ordinance was prepared at Council's request to allow such vehicles on those portions of posted 35 mph City streets where all of the abutting properties are of a residential land use, farmland, or vacant.

Mr. Bagdonas thanked Mr. Gochenour and Mr. O'Rourke for putting together the map as requested by Council.

Mrs. Bruno thanked the Administration for taking the time to draft the map. She stated that she now agrees that the map is clearly confusing and would be an enforcement nightmare. She then stated that they are now proposing to completely eliminate Michigan Ave., Farnsworth Rd., Pray Blvd., and Waterville-Monclova Rd., from the map and add North and South River Road. She added the appropriate section of the proposed Ordinance would now be replaced with: WHEREAS, City Council now wishes to amend such permission for the use of golf carts and other low speed vehicles by also allowing these vehicles on the portion of North and South River Road from the northern City limits to the junction of South River Road and Hillside Drive. She also stated that Section 1. Section 331.45 (c) (2) of the Traffic Code would be replaced with: Vehicles shall not be permitted to travel on any City street where the posted speed limit is 35 mph or higher, except that vehicles shall be permitted to travel on the portions of North and South River Road between the northern City limits and the junction of South River Road and Hilltop Drive where the posted speed limit is 35 mph. These vehicles will be permitted to cross intersecting streets with higher posted speed limits, so long as they remain on a permitted street.

Discussion continued on the proposed Ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. RESOLUTION 23-18 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH PROUDFOOT ASSOCIATES INC. FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES TO PREPARE PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND BID DOCUMENTS FOR THE 2018 PAVING, CRACK SEALING AND ASPHALT REJUVENATION PROGRAMS

The Public Works Director and the City Engineer have completed their annual update of the City's Pavement Inventory. As listed in the March 12, 2018 letter from City Engineer Thomas Yurysta, 20 streets are recommended for rehabilitation work, 17 are recommended for crack sealing and four are recommended for asphalt rejuvenation. This Resolution would authorize the engineering work to prepare plans, specifications, and bid documents for this year's rehabilitation, crack sealing, and asphalt rejuvenation programs. After bids are received for the rehabilitation portion of the work, we will review the budget for the total program to determine the final scope of the remaining elements of the work relative to the \$200,000 currently appropriated for the program.

Mrs. Bruno moved to adopt Resolution 23-18. Mr. Pedro seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

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Other Business

Mrs. Bruno asked if it would be possible to invite the Lucas Co. Civil Engineer to one of our Council meetings to discuss the ditch maintenance and flooding issues that was brought up earlier this evening. It was the consensus of Council that this would not be necessary and that residents outside the city should contact their township trustees regarding this issue.

Executive Session

Mrs. Bruno made a motion to move into Executive Session for a Conference with the Law Director concerning ORC 121.22 (G) (3) Imminent Court Action at 9:00 p.m. Mayor Brodie seconded the motion.

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

Return to Regular Session

Mr. Pedro made a motion to come out of Executive Session and resume the regular Council meeting at 9:46 p.m. Mayor Brodie seconded the motion which carried by unanimous voice vote.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before Council, Mrs. Bruno made a motion to close the meeting at 9:46 p.m. Mr. Rozic seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous voice vote.

Jon D. Gochenour, Clerk of Council

Lori Brodie, Mayor