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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. Rozic. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited.

Present at roll call were Mr. Bruno, Mrs. Bruno, Mr. Frey, 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.

Presentations:

- A. Waterville Fire Association – David Beakas
 1. Waterville Fire Association Scholarships
 - Lian Shoviak
 - Eve Sroczynski
 - Grant Yoder
 2. Carl Conrad Memorial Scholarship
 - Elizabeth Hill

Chief Wambo welcomed everyone and then introduced David Beakas. Mr. Beakas, along with members of the Waterville Fire Association, presented the Waterville Fire Association Scholarships as well as the Carl Conrad Memorial Scholarship to the selected recipients.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Pedro moved to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2018 Regular Council meeting. Mr. Bruno seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Citizens Comments

Raegan Sawyer, 215 S. River Rd., came to this evening's meeting to again ask Council to reconsider establishing a Public Oversight Committee as a step to maintain accountability within the Waterville Police Department. She stated that the citizens should be able to be heard in a safe and constructive environment. She also stated that she has been approached by many people in the community that tell her about their experiences with the Police Department.

Staff Reports

Administration: Mr. Bagdonas

- Reported that a Public Meeting on the Public Square Master Plan will be held on Wednesday, May 23 at 7:00 p.m. at the Conrad Park Recreation Building.
- Stated that ODOT will be holding an Open House type Public Meeting on the Waterville Bridge closure on Monday, May 21 from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. at the Waterville Branch Library. The 45-day bridge closure is scheduled to begin on Monday, June 11.

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Law Director: Mr. Dombey

- Reported that the Northwest Ohio Aggregation Coalition (NOAC) is intervening before the Ohio Public Utilities Commission as a result of the “investigation” of the financial impact of the Tax Cut and Jobs Act of 2017. He stated that Toledo Edison and First Energy are trying to figure out a way not give the rate payers and the users their money back. We have intervened in the case and will do everything possible to get the consumers money back.

Finance Director: Mr. Gochenour

- Reviewed details from the April 2018 Month End Finance Report highlighting fund balances, investments and income tax revenues.
- Stated that the Finance Committee will hold their next meeting this Friday, May 18 at 7:30 a.m. in Council Chambers.

Treasurer: Mr. Schult

- Reviewed details of the Treasurer’s Report for the month of April 2018.

Police Chief: Dave LaGrange

- Reported that the county-wide Drug Take-Back Day was held on Saturday, April 28. The city’s drop off box produced 78 lbs. of pills and 48 lbs. were collected at the Kroger store. This is a total of approximately 126 lbs. collected from the Waterville area. He added that from the 20 countywide sites over 800 lbs. of prescription pills were collected.
- Reminded Council and the public that this year’s Safety City will be held June 18 through 22 at Zion Lutheran Church due to construction at the Waterville Primary School. He added that there are still morning and afternoon slots available.

Fire Chief: Patrick Wambo

- Reported that the Fire Department runs are down from this time last year. He also stated that starting with his May report he will be adding a section on month-to-date and year-to-date figures on double tone runs.
- Stated that on May 3, 2018 the Fire Department and Police responded to a call on a stroke victim. The Police Department arrived on scene and found an unconscious male who had no pulse and was not breathing. Officer Kyle Whited used the AED from his patrol car while Sgt. Steve Hallett and Officer Jake McConnell performed CPR and brought the man back. He congratulated and thanked the Waterville Police Department for their quick and responsive actions.

Public Works Director: Ken Blair

- Reported that a bid opening was held on May 9 for the salt storage building at the Public Works facility. A bid opening will also take place on May 30 for the downtown street lighting project.
- Introduced Tom Yurysta, City Engineer, who briefly went over the rating system that he and Mr. Blair use to determine the condition of streets in town. The paving conditions that they look for to make their determinations are cracking, pot holes, ride ability and standing water. He added that the city has 34 miles of streets and of those 34; eight miles are on the Federal Aid Highway System. These roads are the major streets in Waterville and include: SR64, Anthony Wayne Trail, Waterville-Monclova Rd. and Farnsworth Rd. These streets are treated differently because they qualify for Federal and ODOT funding. He then stated that a mill and fill of a mile of a two lane street cost approximately \$400,000 and typically needs to be done every 25 years.

Communications from Council Members/Committees

Mrs. Duncan – No report.

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Mr. Pedro –

- Reported that he attended the 3rd Grade Mock Council Meeting that was held this morning at the Waterville Primary School.

Mr. Rozic – No report.

Mr. Frey – No report.

Mrs. Bruno – No report.

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Mayor Brodie -

- Stated that she also attended this morning's Mock Council meeting at the Waterville Primary School. She thanked the Council members and staff that were able to attend today.

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

Third Reading and Legislative Action

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. As a result of subsequent discussions, the Ordinance was amended to apply the expanded permission only to the portions of North and South River Road between the northern City limits and the junction of South River Road and Hillside Drive where the posted speed limit is 35 mph.

Mrs. Bruno moved to adopt Ordinance 08-18. Mrs. Duncan seconded the motion.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. RESOLUTION 24-18 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO THE DOTSON COMPANY TO CONSTRUCT A SALT STORAGE BUILDING FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Due to the bidders' confusion about the City's intent to award a single contract or multiple contracts for the various bid items, this project was rebid. Resolution 24-18 would authorize a contract with The Dotson Company for the construction of a new salt storage building at the Public Works Department. The existing salt storage building was constructed in 1991 and only has a capacity of 500 tons. The City currently uses approximately 1,200 tons in an average winter season. The small capacity of the existing salt storage building has caused concern in recent severe winters when salt providers were unable to deliver salt when requested due to supply shortage. The new salt storage building will have a capacity of 1,500 tons, which will give the City greater flexibility in managing the inventory. After the new building is constructed, repairs will be made to the existing salt storage building and it will be used for unheated storage of various pieces of equipment. This construction project was advertised and we received five competitive bids for the building, which were

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opened on May 9. It was determined by the City Engineer and administrative staff that The Dotson Company submitted the best and most responsible bid, therefore the recommendation to award them the contract for the building. A & B Construction Inc. did not acknowledge the addendum as required, and therefore was not considered for the contract award. The engineer's letter of the bid summary and recommendation was included with the copy of the legislation.

Mr. Pedro moved to adopt Resolution 24-18. Mr. Rozic seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

B. RESOLUTION 25-18 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PRELIMINARY PLAT FOR MILL CREEK FARMS PLATS 7 AND 8 SUBDIVISIONS

John Hanifan has submitted a preliminary plat for the Mill Creek Farms Plats 7 and 8 subdivisions. The City Engineer and the Planning Commission have reviewed the proposed preliminary plat and have recommended that it be approved. All of the comments stated in the March 22, 2018 review letter from City Engineer Proudfoot Associates have been addressed.

Mrs. Bruno moved to adopt Resolution 25-18. Mr. Frey seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

C. RESOLUTION 26-18 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF CASH FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND (100) TO THE SCMR FUND (210), THE EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT BENEFITS FUND (275) AND THE STORM SEWER FUND (660)

Although various inter-fund transfers were authorized by the 2018 appropriations as amended, the State Auditor has issued a bulletin requiring specific legislative action to ratify such actions. This Resolution would meet that requirement.

Mrs. Duncan moved to adopt Resolution 26-18. Mr. Rozic seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Other Business

Mr. Rozic asked Mr. Bagdonas if "Watch for Golf Carts" signage would be necessary at both ends of the permitted area on River Rd. Mr. Bagdonas stated that he discussed this with the Police Chief and he believes that since there is only one 35 mph street in Waterville where golf carts are permitted that this wasn't necessary. He added that we are not planning the addition of signs at this time but the situation can be monitored and they can be added if needed in the future.

Mr. Pedro asked Mr. Bagdonas if he had any more information regarding cemetery services now provided by Waterville Twp. other than what was provided in Council's packet. Mr. Bagdonas stated that he has nothing new to report at this time. He added that he is anticipating a meeting in the future with the City of Waterville, Waterville Township and the Village of Whitehouse to discuss this. Mr. Pedro then stated that in light of continued conversation and Ms. Sawyer's comments regarding the addition of a Public Oversight Committee for the Police Department, there will be additional conversation with the Public Safety Committee within the next 30 days.

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Adjournment

There being no further business to come before Council, Mrs. Duncan made a motion to close the meeting at 8:27 p.m. Mrs. Bruno seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous voice vote.

Jon D. Gochenour, Clerk of Council

Lori Brodie, Mayor