

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. Bruno. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited.

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

Mayor Brodie made a motion to excuse the absence of Mrs. Bruno. Mr. Pedro seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Also present this evening were Jim Bagdonas, Administrator; Philip Dombey, Law Director 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 May 14, 2018 Regular Council meeting. Mr. Frey seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Presentation:

- A. Larry Albright – Retiring from Police Department, 32 Years of Service

Mayor Brodie presented Lieutenant Albright with a Certificate of Commendation and the City's Carruth presentation piece for his service to the citizens of Waterville.

Citizens Comments

Dawn Biery of Vision Ministries stated that her church will once again sponsor the Red, White and Boom Festival at the Waterville Primary School on July 4 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Face painting, inflatables, a Toledo Zoo tent, photo booth, food vendors and live entertainment will be featured.

Raegan Sawyer, 215 S. River Rd., came to tonight's meeting to ask Council to consider forming a police cooperative between Waterville, Whitehouse, Waterville Township, Monclova and Providence Townships similar to what is being considered with the Fire Department. She stated that her research indicates that surrounding communities are interested in this type of endeavor. Mayor Brodie stated that this idea was briefly discussed during their fire district meeting, but all agreed that it should be considered once the framework for the fire department is worked out. Ms. Sawyer then stated that at the last Council meeting, Mr. Pedro stated that a meeting would occur with the Public Safety Committee in order to discuss again the possibility of setting up a Citizen Oversight Committee for the Police Department. She stated that was 21 days ago and she has not heard anything about when this would be happening. Mr. Pedro stated that the Public Safety Committee is not scheduled to meet again until August but that it could possibly be moved up.

Staff Reports

Administration: Mr. Bagdonas

- Attended the May 21 Waterville Bridge Closure Public Meeting conducted by the Ohio Department of Transportation. The 45-day bridge closure is scheduled to begin on Monday, June 11.

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- Reviewed the effect of the recently announced City of Bowling Green water rate increases of 6-percent each year over the next five years. Waterville's September 2016 Water and Sewer Rate Study included a 2.5-percent increase in 2017 and five-percent increases each year from 2018 through 2021. In reviewing the differences between the assumptions in the rate study and the announced increases, the City's bulk water expense for the period from 2017 through 2021 will be approximately 2.4-percent less than the rate study projects. He stated that considering all of the variables involved, no changes in the City's water rates are recommended at this time.
- Announced that the city's Zoning Inspector Patrick O'Rourke has resigned. His last day with the City will be June 8. We are currently advertising for a replacement for this part-time position.
- Reported that he attended a meeting concerning cemetery maintenance and the possible formation of a Union Cemetery District as provided in Section 759.27 of the Ohio Revised Code by the City of Waterville, Waterville Township and the Village of Whitehouse. He added that there are currently five public cemeteries within the three jurisdictions; three in Whitehouse, one in Waterville Township and one in the City of Waterville. Waterville Township has stated that they are no longer interested in maintaining these cemeteries and is in favor of the formation of a District. He stated that since this is a complex subject, Council may want to consider scheduling a special meeting to discuss the matter. After discussion, Council agreed to meet at 6:30 p.m. prior to the June 25, 2018 Council meeting.

Law Director: Mr. Dombey –

- Reported that the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio sided with the Northwest Ohio Aggregation Coalition and ruled that Toledo Edison and FirstEnergy should not retain a substantial portion of taxes that it collected from their customers. Refunds will be coming to consumers.

Finance Director: Mr. Gochenour –

- Reviewed details of the First Quarter FY2018 Budget and Financial Report highlighting Fund Balances, Investments and Income Tax Revenues. The First Quarter Budget was outlined in a detailed cover memo included in Council's packet and was presented and approved by the Finance Committee at their May 18 meeting.

Communications from Council Members/Committees

Mrs. Duncan –

- Stated that the Red, White and Boom Calendar Committee did present a check to the City in order to help cover the expense of the annual fireworks display. She added that she would like to publicly thank our sponsors who placed advertisements in the calendar.

Mr. Pedro –

- Wanted to congratulate all of the area high school graduates and the Anthony Wayne Softball and Baseball teams on their great seasons.

Mr. Rozic –

- Attended the Public Meeting on the Public Square Park Master Plan on May 23. He congratulated and thanked all involved in putting together this plan.

Mr. Frey – No report

Mr. Bruno –

- Reported that he recently talked to a Waterville resident who asked if the City could monitor the height of the plantings and trees in the city's roundabouts this

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year. The resident stated that last summer the height of this vegetation obstructed the driver's view. Mr. Bagdonas stated that the roundabouts are maintained by Lucas County. The vertical aspect of the vegetation is intentional and is meant to partially obstruct the view so people are not tempted to drive through the middle of the roundabout.

Mayor Brodie –

- Reported that the Public Square Public meeting went very well. They received great comments from the approximately 20-25 people in attendance.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. REQUEST FOR CONTRACT TIME EXTENSION, WATER SUPPLY TRANSITION IMPROVEMENTS – ZEE CONSTRUCTION CO., INC.

The contractual completion time for this project was 240 days. The Notice to Proceed specified a Final Completion Date of March 27, 2018. Zee Construction Co., Inc. has requested an extension of 64 calendar days to May 30, 2018. The contract specified liquidated damages at the rate of \$500 per day. At that rate, 64 days would total \$32,000.

Mr. Alireza Ziakam of Zee Construction Co., and Mr. Robin Haley representing Jones and Henry were both in attendance at this meeting to present information and answer questions from Council. After a lengthy discussion, Mr. Pedro made a motion to not impose liquidated damages. Mrs. Duncan seconded the motion, which passed with Mr. Pedro, Mr. Frey, Mr. Bruno, Mayor Brodie and Mrs. Duncan voting “yes” and Mr. Rozic voting “no.”

B. DISCUSSION OF OHIO DITCH CLEANING PETITION PROCEDURE

Mr. Bagdonas recently attended a meeting concerning drainage issues in the Waterville/Whitehouse areas of Lucas County. Representatives from the Lucas County Engineer's Office, the Lucas Soil and Water Conservation District, the Village of Whitehouse, Monclova Township, Waterville Township and the City of Waterville were present. The best long-term solution for improving and maintaining the natural watercourses in the area would be to utilize the petition process to improve the channels. Funding for the improvements is derived from assessments upon all of the properties within the tributary drainage area. After the initial improvement, the County performs ongoing maintenance of the watercourse as needed with funds assessed periodically upon the benefitted properties. A copy of an informational bulletin, “The Ohio Drainage Laws Petition Procedure”, was included in Council's packet. In the Waterville area, Blystone Ditch should be considered for the petition process. The City itself can be the petitioner. Council had a brief discussion on the ditch cleaning petition procedure. No action was taken.

C. RESOLUTION 27-18 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO LAKE ERIE ELECTRIC OF TOLEDO, INC. FOR THE DOWNTOWN LIGHTING – PHASE 5 PROJECT

This Resolution would authorize a contract with Lake Erie Electric of Toledo, Inc. for the replacement of six streetlights in the downtown area (2 on N. Second St. and 4 in the Municipal Building Parking Lot). This construction project was advertised and we received three competitive bids, which were opened on May 30. It was determined by the City Engineer and administrative staff that Lake Erie Electric of Toledo, Inc.

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submitted the best and most responsive bid, therefore the recommendation to award them the contract.

Mr. Rozic moved to adopt Resolution 27-18. Mr. Pedro seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

D. RESOLUTION 28-18 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO BRAUN INDUSTRIES, INC., VAN WERT, OHIO, FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2018 AMBULANCE FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Funds in the amount of \$210,000 for a new ambulance to replace a 2009 unit are included in the FY 2018 Annual Appropriations and Five-Year Capital Program. The purchase would be made through the State of Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Program. Considering discounts and options, the net cost of the vehicle is \$194,120.64, not including computer installation and vehicle lettering. Since the City's 2000 ambulance is in better mechanical condition than the 2009 ambulance, the 2000 will be retained as the second medic unit and the 2009 will be repurposed as an equipment truck. A 1990 former ambulance will be sold through GovDeals.

Mr. Pedro moved to adopt Resolution 28-18. Mr. Rozic seconded the motion, which passed with Mr. Rozic, Mr. Bruno, Mr. Pedro and Mr. Frey voting "yes" and Mayor Brodie and Mrs. Duncan voting "no."

Other Business

Mr. Pedro stated that at a previous Council meeting there was discussion about road replacement and repair within the City of Waterville and the costs involved. He added that since then he had a discussion with Mr. Bagdonas and in the future he would like to revisit the discussion because there was information that was shared that needed more detail.

Mayor Brodie stated she received a letter from the Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce commending the City for exploring the potential for a Regional Fire and EMS Department to serve our residents and businesses.

Executive Session

Mr. Pedro made a motion to move into Executive Session for a Conference with the Law Director concerning ORC 121.22 (G) (2), Purchase or Sale of Property for Public Purposes and ORC 121.22 (G) (3), Imminent Court Action at 8:56 p.m. Mr. Rozic seconded the motion.

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

Return to Regular Session

Mr. Rozic made a motion to come out of Executive Session and resume the regular Council meeting at 10:15 p.m. Mrs. Duncan seconded the motion which carried by unanimous voice vote.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before Council, Mayor Brodie made a motion to close the meeting at 10:15 p.m. Mr. Rozic seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous voice vote.

Jon D. Gochenour, Clerk of Council

Lori Brodie, Mayor