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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 Mrs. Duncan. 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
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

Mrs. Bruno moved to approve the minutes of the August 27, 2018 Regular Council meeting. Mr. Frey seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Citizens Comments

None

Staff Reports

Administration: Mr. Bagdonas

- Stated that he called the consultants on the Fire and EMS feasibility study to discuss the status of their work. Providence Township has not signed the Memorandum of Understanding on the feasibility study and representatives have not responded to e-mails or a telephone message inquiring about their participation. He then stated that the consultant and the Providence Township Fire Chief have been informed that we can only conclude from this lack of communication that Providence Township is no longer interested in participating in the study. We will be moving forward with the Village of Whitehouse and Waterville Township. He added that the consultant is working on gathering data to put the study together.
- Reported on that Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week, beams for the first three spans of the new Waterville Bridge will be delivered and set into place.
- Responding to a question from Mayor Brodie, replied that the Lucas County Engineer's office is looking at the speed limit on the Anthony Wayne Trail between Dutch and Canal Roads. The speed limit is both 50 mph and 55 mph as the road zigzags between the city limits and the township. A township resident had asked that the County Engineer to look into this.

Mayor Brodie asked Mr. Bagdonas to give Council an update on the discussions with Waterville Twp. and the Village of Whitehouse on the possible formation of a Union Cemetery District.

Mr. Bagdonas stated that he recently met with a Waterville Twp. Trustee and the Village of Whitehouse Administrator regarding the formation of a Union Cemetery District. At this meeting, the following items were discussed: for both Waterville and Whitehouse, whether the work is contracted or done in house, the funds would have to

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come from our respective general funds; if the three jurisdictions work together, we would all benefit by taking advantage of shared services; the City of Perrysburg and Perrysburg Twp. have been running the Fort Meigs Union Cemetery successfully for over 100 years; the setting up a joint meeting of the elected officials from all three jurisdictions could be useful for questions and discussion to move this issue forward; and an annual meeting is required for jurisdictions participating in a Union Cemetery District to establish a budget and adjust the tax millage of the district if necessary. Mr. Bagdonas then stated that the Village of Whitehouse is holding their Council meeting tomorrow and will be having discussions on this matter. He added that both he and Brett Warner, Waterville Twp. Trustee, will be in attendance. If Council has an interest in holding a joint meeting he will pass that along. After discussion, Council stated that they are interested in such a meeting. Mr. Bagdonas stated that he will work on setting this up.

Law Director: Mr. Dombey –

- Stated that contrary to an article that appeared in the Toledo Blade regarding air monitoring and the Nexus Pipeline, time is not running out. We have already undertaken the appropriate contracting to get that set up in plenty of time to deal with the potential compressor station. He added that he also has checked with numerous other parties in the lawsuit that was previously wrapped up and it appears that Nexus may not have all their capacity sold. As a result, out of the four compressor stations that were approved, there may be only a need for three at the present time. The fourth station planned for the Waterville area, is apparently the one that is not under construction at this time. This will allow more time to deal with any air monitoring issues.

Finance Director: Mr. Gochenour

- Reviewed details from the July 2018 Month End Finance Report highlighting fund balances, investments and income tax revenues.

Treasurer: Mr. Schult – No report.

Police Chief: Dave LaGrange

- Reported that the new patrol vehicle was delivered to the dealership and they have received all the equipment which was removed from the old Crown Victoria to be installed in the new vehicle. The car should be ready within a couple weeks.
- Stated that the speed signs are in and will be installed permanently on Mechanic Street as you come over the bridge into town and on Michigan Ave. for traffic coming into town from Waterville-Swanton Rd.
- Stated that the Roche de Boeuf Festival is on Saturday, September 22. Police presence will be the same as always.
- “Coffee with a Cop” will be held at Chowders on Saturday, October 20 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Fire Chief: Patrick Wambo – Absent

Public Works Director: Ken Blair

- Stated that Council received a copy of his report and could answer any questions they have regarding his report.

Communications from Council Members/Committees

Mr. Bruno – No report.

Mrs. Bruno – No report.

Mr. Frey – No report.

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Mr. Rozic – No report.

Mr. Pedro –

- Thanked Chief LaGrange for his report and stated that he was happy to hear that we will be holding “Coffee with a Cop” here in Waterville. He is looking forward to attending.
- Reminded all about the Roche de Boeuf Festival and Parade to be held on September 22; adding that he will be praying for good weather.

Mrs. Duncan – No report.

Mayor Brodie –

- Reported that she received a letter from eighth-grader Elizabeth Freytag, who has ideas for adding bike stations at Kroger and around the city. She stated that she will be forwarding this on to the Parks and Recreation Committee for discussion.

OLD BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION – POSSIBLE FORMATION OF A UNION CEMETERY DISTRICT WITH WATERVILLE TOWNSHIP AND THE VILLAGE OF WHITEHOUSE

On May 31, Mr. Bagdonas 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. There are currently five public cemeteries within the three jurisdictions (1- Waterville City, 1 – Waterville Township, 3 – Whitehouse). Waterville Township is in favor of the formation of a District. A memo with more detailed information on this issue was included in the June 25 Council Packet. Information on Fort Meigs Union Cemetery in Perrysburg City and Township was included in the July 23 Council packet.

This agenda item was discussed earlier under Staff Reports.

B. ORDINANCE 15-18 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF WATERVILLE BY GRANTING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT A SELF-STORAGE FACILITY ON A 5.1 ACRE PARCEL OF LAND ON THE EAST SIDE OF PRAY BLD. SOUTH OF STATE ROUTE 64 ZONED C-4 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
Third Reading, Public Hearing and Legislative Action

An Application has been received from Doug Howard Building Company for a Special Use Permit to construct a self-storage facility on property currently owned by Midland Agency of Northwest Ohio, Inc. on the east side of a southerly extension of Pray Bld. south of State Route 64. At the August 6 meeting, the Planning Commission approved a motion by a vote of 5-0 to recommend the granting of this Special Use Permit as described in the Ordinance and approval of the site plan for this project, subject to the conditions noted in the Planning Commission meeting minutes.

Mayor Brodie opened the Public Hearing at 7:49 p.m.

Mr. Don Feller, Feller Finch and Associates, was in attendance to answer questions from Council. He stated that they are proposing 197 storage units in Phase I and 192 units for Phase Two of construction. The storage facility will be built on a segment of the S. Pray Blvd. extension that is currently under construction. He added that they requested a variance that reduced the number of parking spaces that were required for

the storage facility from 44 to 18 for both phases; 26 less than what is required. This was approved by the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Mr. Rozic stated that this project is the first development along the new part of Pray Blvd. and he is concerned that it doesn't fit into the city's master plan. He added that he is not opposed to the storage facility but isn't sure if this is what we are looking for in this area.

Mr. Pedro stated that the existing storage facility across the street on Waterville-Swanton Rd. will be coming down and will be replaced by this new facility. He added that it is tucked into a business/commercial area and he trusts the Planning Commission's recommendation. He stated that he believes that this is a solid plan and supports it.

Mayor Brodie stated that storage units are in demand and that this is a modern, nice looking development that will fit in. She also supports the project as long as it is well done.

After a period of discussion, Mayor Brodie closed the Public Hearing at 7:59 p.m.

Mayor Brodie made a motion to suspend the rules to allow for the passage of Ordinance 15-18 as an emergency measure. Mr. Pedro seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mayor Brodie – yes, Mr. Frey – abstained, Mr. Bruno – yes, Mrs. Duncan – yes, Mr. Pedro – yes, Mrs. Bruno – yes, Mr. Rozic - no. The motion passed.

Mayor Brodie made a motion to move for the passage of Ordinance 15-18 as an emergency measure. Mr. Pedro seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mr. Rozic – no, Mrs. Bruno – yes, Mr. Pedro – yes, Mrs. Duncan – yes, Mr. Bruno – yes, Mr. Frey – abstained, Mayor Brodie - yes. The motion passed.

C. ORDINANCE 17-18 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART THREE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WATERVILLE – SCHEDULE II OF THE TRAFFIC SCHEDULES: SPEED LIMITS BY ADDING PRAY BOULEVARD

Second Reading

Pray Boulevard was designed for a speed of 35 miles per hour and signs advising drivers of that speed limit have been posted since the roadway was first opened to traffic in 2014. It was recently noticed that this speed limit has not been added to the Traffic Schedules. The Public Safety Committee and the City staff recommend the passage of this Ordinance to add the 35 mph speed limit on Pray Blvd. to the Traffic Schedules.

D. ORDINANCE 18-18 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART THREE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WATERVILLE – SCHEDULE 1 OF THE TRAFFIC SCHEDULES: STOP AND YIELD STREETS BY REMOVING THE STOP SIGNS FOR BOTH DIRECTIONS OF ROYAL HAMPTON LANE AT BUCKEYE LANE

Second Reading

The Public Safety Committee recently reviewed the all-way stop at the intersection of Royal Hampton Lane and Buckeye Lane. Based on the traffic volumes on the two streets, the Committee has recommended the removal of the stop signs on Royal Hampton Lane. This Ordinance would authorize such removal by deleting the stop signs on Royal Hampton Lane from Schedule 1 of the Traffic Schedules.

E. ORDINANCE 19-18 AN ORDINANCE ENACTING SECTION 521.13 OF CHAPTER 521 – HEALTH, SAFETY AND SANITATION OF THE GENERAL OFFENSES CODE WITH RESPECT TO THE REGULATION OF EMERGENCY ALARM SYSTEMS

Second Reading

The issue of false alarms resulting in unnecessary Police and/or Fire Department emergency responses was recently discussed by the Public Safety Committee. False alarms reduce the ability of the City's safety forces to efficiently respond to actual emergency incidents and increase the possibility of accidents during travel to the false alarm location. The Committee recommends the enactment of fees for false alarms. This Ordinance would establish the regulatory language for the fees. The amount of the fees would be determined by the passage of a Resolution amending the City's schedule of Fines, Fees, and Deposits at the Council meeting when the third reading and passage of this Ordinance would occur. The staff recommendation for the fee schedule is no charge for the first false alarm in a calendar month, \$25 for the second false alarm from the same alarm system in a calendar month, and \$50 for each false alarm occurring after the second false alarm from the same alarm system in a calendar month.

NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTION 49-18 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF CASH FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND (100) TO THE PARKS AND GREEN SPACE FUND (225) AND THE FIVE YEAR CAPITAL FUND (325)

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 approved Resolution 49-18. Mr. Rozic seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

B. RESOLUTION 48-18 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH MEYER HILL LYNCH CORP. FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF A NEW TELEPHONE SYSTEM FOR THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, FIRE STATION, AND PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

The City's current Centrex telephone system in the Municipal Building, Fire Station, and Public Works Department is approximately 20 years old. Replacement equipment is becoming more difficult to obtain and the system lacks basic features such as conference calling. Meyer Hill Lynch has provided technical expertise to the City on the City's internal computer network for quite a few years and has submitted a quote for the purchase and installation of a new telephone system. The new system would utilize Voice over Internet Protocol and Session Initiation Protocol trunk lines. The computer server for the new telephone system will be compatible with the City's existing computer system and therefore will add redundancy to the City's current computer server. The cost of the purchase and installation of the new system is within the \$50,000 included in the 2018 appropriations for this project.

Mr. Rozic moved to adopt Resolution 48-18. Mrs. Bruno seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

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Other Business

None

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 at 8:06 p.m. Mr. Rozic 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

Mrs. Bruno made a motion to come out of Executive Session and resume the regular Council meeting at 8:40 p.m. Mr. Rozic seconded the motion which carried by unanimous voice vote.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before Council, Mr. Pedro made a motion to close the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Mrs. Bruno seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous voice vote.

Jon D. Gochenour, Clerk of Council

Lori Brodie, Mayor