

Regular Council

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The regular meeting of the Waterville Council was called to order by Mayor Brodie at 7:35 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Waterville Municipal Building.

A prayer was offered by Mrs. Bruno. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited.

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

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

Also present this evening were Jon Gochenour, Administrator, Director of Finance and Administration and Clerk of Council; Phil Dombey, Law Director; Steve Schult, Treasurer and Melissa Cook, Recording Secretary.

Staff Present:

David LaGrange – Police Chief

Doug Meyer – Deputy 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. Pedro moved to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2019 regular Council meeting and the April 3, 2019 Special Council meeting. Mr. Rozic seconded the motion, which passed by a voice vote. Mrs. Bruno abstained from the March 25, 2019 vote.

Citizens Comments

Nick Sargent, 439 N. River Rd., stated that he serves on the Public Safety Committee which unfortunately hasn't met in months. He stated that the next public Joint Fire District Feasibility Study meeting is scheduled for April 29 and the Safety Committee is tentatively scheduled to meet the first week of May. He asked that a meeting be held prior to April 29 so that the Committee has time to read and discuss the Fire District Study and is able to make an informed recommendation to Council. He asked that he be provided a copy of the study ahead of the meeting and was informed that the study is also available on Waterville's website.

Susan Meyer, 274 N. River Rd., provided the Mayor with a Citizens Request to Address Council that listed questions that she would like her to read regarding the feasibility study. She asked if the cost to Waterville taxpayers for a Joint District will be more than for our City Fire Department, will this solve our staffing problems and if City Council has considered asking taxpayers for additional funds for the City Fire Department rather than for a District. Mayor Brodie went over the rationale behind the feasibility study and its purpose.

Todd Boatfield, a Waterville "Rock the Block" organizer, came to Council to ask that the time for the annual party be extended from 5:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. He stated that they had previous approval from the city for the 11:30 p.m. ending time but last year that time was crossed off on the road closure request form and replaced with 11:00 p.m. He then stated that all funds raised this year will be donated to the Aurora House. \$74,000 has been raised over the course of this event and over \$49,000 has been donated to local charities. This year's event will be held on Saturday, June 15. Chief Lagrange stated that the reason behind the 11:30 p.m. cut off for the block party itself was due to complaints from residents who live in the downtown area. The cutoff of 11:00 p.m. was for alcohol sales. We feel that when you cut this off the crowd tends to

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disperse. We would like to stay with that same time frame for this year's block party.

Corina Pfliegaar, Waterville Area Chamber of Commerce, thanked Council for supporting their "Rock the Block" event. She also asked if there is a way that the alley behind Shawn's Irish Tavern could be put on the repair list. She added that it is really starting to deteriorate and that there are quite a few pot holes that need to be filled in. Mr. Blair stated that the alley has been recently graded.

Julia Rothweiler, Maureen Connelly, Crystal Lewis, Jaden Fink, Julia Webb, Mariah Mattison and Rachel Allison, all students from Notre Dame Academy, were in attendance at this evening's meeting to work on getting hours required for their government class.

Staff Reports

Administration: Mr. Gochenour

- Reported that the city received a letter from the State Division of Liquor Control informing us that all of the liquor licenses in the city will expire on June 1, 2019. The city has the right to request a hearing to object to any license renewal if it feels that there are any problems with a license holder. He stated that the Police Department has not had any serious issues to report and have no objections to any of the renewals. The city has until May 2 to file any objections.
- Reminded Council that the Ohio Ethics Commission Financial Disclosure Statement must be completed and submitted to the State of Ohio by Wednesday, May 15, 2019 for those Council members who are not on the ballot for election in November. If you are on the ballot, then your filing deadline is October 7, 2019.
- Reported that the State of Ohio did raise the gas tax by 10.5 cents per gallon and the diesel tax to 19 cents per gallon. This will work out to about \$126,000 more per year to the city. In the 2019 budget, we are transferring \$100,000 from the General Fund to the Street Fund so this transfer will hopefully not be necessary in future years. The increase takes effect July 1, 2019.
- Reported that the tentative date for the next Joint Fire Feasibility Study meeting is Monday, April 29 at the Village of Whitehouse. A time has not yet been determined.

Law Director: Mr. Dombey – No report.

Finance Director: Mr. Gochenour – No report

Treasurer: Mr. Schult –

- Reviewed details of the Treasurer's Report for the month of January 2019.

Police Chief: David LaGrange

- Reported that Safety City will be held July 15 – 19, 2019 at the Waterville Primary School. Registration will begin on May 1 and the cost is \$30.00 per student.
- The new computers for our police vehicles are currently at the 911 Center being programmed. Once this is completed they will be installed.
- Announced that he handed in his letter of retirement to the City Administrator. His last day on the job will be Friday, August 23, 2019

Deputy Fire Chief: Doug Meyer

- Thanked the Police Department and the Public Works Department for their help in the purchase of new CPR mannequins.
- Reported that the City's two boats are scheduled for preventative maintenance tomorrow.

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- Stated that all of the Fire Department's capital items have been purchased except for the new heart monitors.
- Stated that 3 part-time and 1 paid-per-call employees have taken their health physicals. He added that they will hopefully be on board shortly.

Public Work Director: Ken Blair

- Reported that the Waterville Bridge Project is slightly behind schedule due to the recent heavy rains. The tentative bridge opening date is scheduled sometime before Thanksgiving.
- Stated that we received four bids for the 2019 mowing season. Malczewski Lawn Care was the lowest bidder and was awarded the contract.

Mr. Rozic wanted to thank and acknowledge Carruth Studios for their donation of sculptures for the bridge project.

Mr. Pedro then mentioned that on page two of Mr. Blair's report he states that he recently met with Mike Melnyk, of the Lucas County Engineer's Office, to discuss violation letters to be issued for several developments in Waterville regarding storm water management practices. He asked how and when this was discovered. Mr. Blair stated that Waterville contracts with the County to inspect developments to ensure that they comply with EPA requirements. We have been monitoring this and there have been several violations. He added that now that the weather is getting better, developers need to get into compliance to avoid EPA enforcement actions or possible fines.

Communications from Council Members/Committees

Mrs. Duncan – No report.

Mr. Pedro –

- Reported that the Public Safety Committee will be meeting prior to the April 29 Joint Fire District Feasibility Study meeting. The date has not yet been determined. The agenda along with other information will be sent out to its members.

Mr. Rozic – No report.

Mrs. Bruno – No report.

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NEW BUSINESS

- A. RESOLUTION 11-19 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT FOR ROAD SALT AWARDED IN 2019

The Village/City has participated in the Ohio Department of Transportation's Cooperative Purchasing Program for the purchase of road salt since 2009. This arrangement has worked very well for the City by minimizing the unit price paid for road salt and by providing a degree of stability to the availability of the salt. Starting in 2016, ODOT modified the program and now characterizes it as local participation in the ODOT purchase contract rather than the Cooperative Purchasing Program. This Resolution would authorize participation in the ODOT contract for 2019.

Mrs. Duncan moved to adopt Resolution 11-19. Mr. Bruno seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

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B. RESOLUTION 12-19 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO AMERICAN FIREWORKS COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$19,400.00 FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RELATING TO A DISPLAY OF FIREWORKS ON JULY 4, 2019 FOR THE CITY OF WATERVILLE

American Fireworks of Hudson, Ohio submitted the only bid to provide a fireworks display on July 4 at a cost of \$19,400. Although the only bidder, American Fireworks was selected by the City among multiple bidders in 2015, 2017 and 2018 to conduct the City's fireworks displays. The City staff has found American Fireworks personnel to be professional and easy to work with in these prior years. Based on this prior experience, a contract with American Fireworks Company is recommended.

Mrs. Duncan moved to adopt Resolution 12-19. Mrs. Bruno seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Other Business

None

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before Council, Mr. Rozic made a motion to close the meeting at 8:11 p.m. Mrs. Bruno seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous voice vote.

Jon D. Gochenour, Clerk of Council

Lori Brodie, Mayor