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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. Bruno. 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 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.

Presentations:

- A. Waterville Fire Association – David Beakas
 - 1. Waterville Fire Association Scholarships
 - Kylie Sahloff
 - Hans Rudolph
 - Zachay Atkinson
 - Alexandra Buraszkeski
 - Alexa Fries
 - 2. Carl Conrad Memorial Scholarship
 - Anna Jones

Deputy Chief Meyer welcomed everyone and then introduced David Beakas. Mr. Beakas, along with other 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

Mrs. Duncan moved to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2019 Regular Council meeting and the April 29, 2019 Special Council Meeting. Mr. Bruno seconded the motion, which passed by voice vote. Mr. Rozic abstained from the vote for the April 22, 2019 meeting minutes.

Proclamation

- A. 225th Anniversary of the Battle of Fallen Timbers

Mayor Brodie read a Proclamation recognizing the 225th Anniversary of the Battle of Fallen Timbers and the efforts of the Fallen Timbers Battlefield Preservation Commission in preserving, protecting and promoting the importance of this site as part of our local and national heritage.

Citizens Comments

Mark Pawlaczyk of 876 Cherry and Ryan Minni of 874 Cherry Ln., came to this evenings meeting to bring to Council's attention the issue they are both experiencing with drainage in their back yards. After discussion, Mr. Dombey explained that this would be considered a civil matter and is not something that the City would be able to resolve for them. He stated that they should discuss the drainage issue with their

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affected neighbors to possibly pool their efforts collectively and contact an attorney for legal advice.

Staff Reports

Administration: Mr. Gochenour

- Reported that he and the Public Works Director met with representatives of the US Geological Survey (USGS) regarding the future location of the Maumee River Flood Gauge which is currently on the existing bridge. The USGS representatives discussed the possibility of locating an interactive flood gauge in the new river front park for public viewing.

Mr. Pedro stated that he read on Mr. Gochenour's report that he met with a representative of Republic Services regarding the quality of the services they are providing to the city. Mr. Gochenour stated that a letter was sent to the company due to some issues we were having with their service. He added that since then the number of misses for trash and recycling has been reduced drastically. Mr. Pedro then stated that a resident recently came to one of our meetings regarding a sewer back up issue on River Rd. He asked if the alarm issue has been fixed in which Mr. Gochenour responded that we have ordered a new remote telemetry unit and float switch. He also added that an exterior red and green light alarm system will also be installed. Mr. Pedro then stated that he noticed that the Finance Director position was advertised in the Blade. He wondered if other media avenues are being used as well. Mr. Gochenour stated that several avenues are being used and he has received resumes and will hopefully be interviewing candidates as soon as possible.

Law Director: Mr. Dombey – No report.

Finance Director: Mr. Gochenour –

- No report available. Working on final finance software conversion issues.

Treasurer: Mr. Schult –

- Reported that a draft Treasurer's Report was placed in front of Council before this evening's meeting. He then briefly went over the report comparing numbers from both March 2018 and 2019. Once the conversion process is completed and the numbers have been reconciled, up-to-date Finance and Treasurer's reports will be provided to Council.

Police Chief: Dave LaGrange

- Reported that a Drug Take Back Day was held at the end of April. The total amount of drugs collected for the Anthony Wayne area was 288 lbs.
- Stated that this year's Safety City will be held on July 15 – 19 at the Waterville Primary School. There are still plenty of spots available.
- Reported that he and the Public Works Director recently met with the architect, Ed Glowacki with the Buehrer Group, who will be providing plans and specs on the Women's Locker Room Improvement.
- Stated that he reported back in April that the new computers for our police vehicles are currently at the 911 Center being programmed. He then stated that he spoke incorrectly and that they are now in. After virus protection software has been installed, they will be sent to the county for programming and will then be installed in the vehicles.

Deputy Fire Chief: Doug Meyer

- Reported that the Fire Department took delivery of two Lifepak 15 monitors. Training on the cardiac monitors will take place on Tuesday and they will be in service by the end of the month.
- Reported that the Fire Department's Mobile Data Terminals (MDTs) are currently being programmed by Lucas County. Once the programming has

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been completed, D.R. Ebel will install them at the station.

- Stated that they are currently performing preventative maintenance on all apparatus. All of their apparatus failed the pump test. We are working with our vendor to get these issues resolved.
- Reported that he has been working with Mr. Gochenour on purchasing five complete sets of gear along with some boots, hoods and gloves with our recent donation from Nexus.
- Stated that he will be working with Mr. Gochenour to get our “Class B” foam disposal costs into next year’s budget. He added that it is getting very difficult and expensive to dispose of this foam because it is very corrosive and has to be incinerated.
- Reported that the department is preparing for upcoming events which include the Mock Council, Fourth of July, Safety City, the Air Show, Roche de Bouef, Double Line-of-Duty Death Training and Rescue Task Force Training.

A lengthy discussion continued with Council and Deputy Chief Meyer on the recent river rescue, the apparatus pump failure, fire hydrant testing, staffing at the department and the new reporting system for the department.

Public Works Director: Ken Blair

- Reported that the bridge project is slightly behind schedule due to the rainy weather we have been experiencing. He and Mr. Gochenour will be attending a bridge project progress meeting tomorrow.
- Stated that a Downtown Street Lighting Project bid opening will be held on May 29.
- Reported that the 2019 Street Paving Program for the resurfacing of Cedar Lane and Disher Drive is currently in the plan design stage. This will be ready to go to bid sometime in June.
- Food Truck Tuesday began last week in Conrad Park.
- The Parks and Recreation Committee held a “Clean-Up Day” at Baer Park this past Saturday.

Communications from Council Members/Committees

Mr. Bruno –

- Reported that a very successful Parks and Recreation “Clean-Up Day” was held this past Saturday at Baer Park. He stated that they painted five benches and the restroom doors and also cleaned the tennis courts off and raked up some leaves.

Mrs. Bruno – No report.

Mr. Frey – No report.

Mr. Rozic – No report.

Mr. Pedro – No report.

Mrs. Duncan –

- Attended the “Big Jack Reynolds” movie at the Maumee Indoor Theater which was put on by Third St. Cigar. She encouraged everyone to go and see it. She stated that this is a local production and a lot of the interviews were filmed at Third St. Cigar.
- Brought to Council’s attention some errors that she discovered in the League of Women Voter’s local government directory. It still lists Mr. Valtin as a council member and Mr. Bagdonas as the City’s Administrator.

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Mayor Brodie –

- Stated that a Special Council Meeting was held on April 29, 2019 at the Village of Whitehouse with the City of Waterville, Waterville Township and Whitehouse regarding the possible formation of a Joint Fire and EMS District. It was the consensus of the elected officials that a focus group be formed similar to the Union Cemetery consisting of the City, the Village and the Township to continue research into both a District and the continued operation of two separate Fire Departments. A committee of 10 individuals (the Fire Chief, two Council members and the Administrator from each the City and Village and two representatives from the Township) will be formed and assigned this task. She then proposed that she and Mr. Rozic be assigned to the committee. Mrs. Bruno made a motion to appoint Mayor Brodie and Mr. Rozic to the special committee. Mrs. Duncan seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. ORDINANCE 07-19 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 05-19, THE AMENDED FY 2019 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

This Ordinance would authorize the second amendment to the 2019 appropriations. Significant items included in this amendment are: the removal of revenue and expense for the Radio Meter Canopy Improvement Project which was delayed until 2020 due to the unavailability of grant revenue in 2019, the cost of the Fire District Feasibility Study (\$15,250), the cost of new street lighting (\$61,000; a bill was inadvertently paid twice), appropriation of the recently received NEXUS grant (\$15,000) to purchase additional Fire “turn out gear”, additional costs for the new phone installation (\$15,000) and additional construction and engineering costs related to the 2018 Michigan Avenue and Anthony Wayne Trail/Dutch Road Waterline Projects (\$15,560) and other routine items.

Mayor Brodie made a motion to suspend the rules to allow for the passage of Ordinance 07-19 as an emergency measure. 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.

Mayor Brodie made a motion to move for the passage of Ordinance 07-19 as an emergency measure. Mr. Rozic seconded the motion.

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

- B. RESOLUTION 16-19 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF CASH FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND (100) TO THE SCMR FUND (210), THE EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT BENEFITS FUND (275), THE FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL FUND (325) AND THE STORM SEWER FUND (660)

Although various inter-fund transfers were authorized by the 2019 appropriations as amended, the State Auditor has issued a bulletin requiring specific legislative action to ratify such actions. This Resolution would meet that requirement.

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Mrs. Duncan moved to adopt Resolution 16-19. Mr. Rozic seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

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 8:56 p.m. Mr. Frey 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 9:30 p.m. Mrs. Bruno 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 9:30 p.m. Mr. Rozic seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous voice vote.

Jon D. Gochenour, Clerk of Council

Lori Brodie, Mayor