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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.

Mayor Brodie asked that we all keep Mr. Gochenour and his family in our thoughts during this evening's prayer as he recently lost his father. The 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.

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

Also present this evening was Phil Dombey, Law Director; Steve Schult, Treasurer and Melissa Cook, Recording Secretary. Mr. Gochenour, Municipal Administrator, was not in attendance this evening.

Staff Present:

Mark Williams – Director of Finance and Administration

Joe Valvano – 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

Mrs. Bruno moved to approve the minutes of the September 23, 2019 Regular Council meeting. Mr. Bruno seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote. Mayor Brodie abstained.

Citizens Comments

Merle Wilhelm, 117 S. River Rd., came to this evening's meeting to discuss the removal of the Waterville Bridge construction causeway. He stated that he and several of his neighbors, who live upstream of the construction, are very concerned that during cold weather, the ice will back up at the dam and cause floods that will result in damage to their properties. He stated that the flow will continue on the Wood County side but will probably back up on the Waterville side. Mr. Wilhelm also stated that he has contacted FEMA and is waiting to hear back but is concerned that any flooding will cause their homeowner's insurance rates to rise significantly. Mrs. Bruno stated that any time someone builds on the flood plain, it affects everyone upstream. She added that she is also concerned about the impact the causeway will have on River Rd. residents. She then suggested the possibility of FEMA granting the affected residents a waiver because of the obstruction in the river. Mayor Brodie stated that she appreciated Mr. Wilhelm coming to tonight's meeting and voicing his concerns. She added that she will talk to the Municipal Administrator, Mr. Gochenour, and ask him to set up an appointment with ODOT to discuss resident's concerns. She then told Mr. Wilhelm that as soon as we have more information, someone from the City will get in contact with him.

Richard Hagy, 35 S. River Rd., stated that he is concerned that the lights on the new bridge will be the bright LED lights used in the Wood County roundabout across the river. He stated that they are very bright and is worried about the effect it will have at night for residents along the river. He wanted to know if the city could talk to ODOT and ask them to limit the lighting on the bridge to only what is necessary. Mayor Brodie stated that she agrees with Mr. Hagy and shared this concern with the District 2 ODOT Director. She stated that ODOT is aware and that the city will continue to discuss this with them.

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Keeley Wiklendt, a student from Notre Dame Academy, was in attendance at this evening's meeting to work on getting hours required for her government class.

Staff Reports

Administrator: Jon Gochenour – absent.

- Mayor Brodie stated that we did receive a copy of the Administrator's report in our Council packet. She then stated that if anyone had any questions or comments to convey to Mr. Gochenour to please call him when he returns.

Law Director: Phil Dombey – No report.

Finance Director: Mark Williams –

- Reviewed details from the August 2019 Month End Finance Report highlighting fund balances, investments and income tax revenues.

Treasurer: Steve Schult – No report.

Police Chief: Joe Valvano

- Reported that 7 candidates took the civil service test for the new police officer position this past Saturday. 5 out of the 7 passed. He added that the next step is to present it to the Civil Service Commission.
- Reported that the Police Department held a "Bike to School with Officers" to Waterville Primary School this past Thursday. Over 100 students participated.
- Stated that the Boo-to-Do will be held on October 24 from 5 to 7 p.m. Farnsworth Rd. between Third St. and River Rd. will be closed for this event. The Police Department will be participating in this event and will be passing out candy. He added that on Halloween night they will be out patrolling on bikes and the motorcycle.

Deputy Fire Chief: Doug Meyer

- Reported that the Fire Department is also continuing with their hiring process for the full-time firefighter/paramedic position. He added that 4 candidates took the agility and civil service test.
- Stated that the department participated in the Roche de Boeuf Festival this year and they are continuing to receive compliments.
- Reported that the Fire Department held an Open House on October 8. He added that it was very well attended.
- Stated that they are working with the Police Department on the Boo-to-Do event downtown.
- Reported that they participated in the "Bike to School" event with the Police Department.
- Stated that both the Police and Fire Departments were invited to participate in the Kroger Halloween event.

Public Works Director: Ken Blair

- Reported that the Phase 6 Downtown Street Light Project should start by the end of October.
- Stated that the 2019 Paving Program has been completed.
- Stated that the ADA Door project for the Municipal, Fire, and Public Works Buildings is underway and should be completed by the end of the month.
- Reported that the painting of pavement markings has been completed.
- Stated that this year's leaf collection is underway.
- Reported that we had another successful fishing derby this year with over 60 participants. He wanted to thank the Waterville Rotary and all of the volunteers and sponsors for all of their help with the event.

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- Stated that his department will soon begin preparations for the installation of downtown holiday lights and decorations.

Mr. Rozic asked if we are still receiving complaints about Republic Services. He added that a section of Village Parkway's trash was missed again this week. Mr. Blair stated that we aren't getting near the calls we used to get. He added that they seem to be doing better but they still have a little work to do. Mrs. Duncan stated that she noticed that the Republic trucks park at McDonalds and do not start their routes in Waterville until 7:00 a.m. She also stated that this past week was very windy and she noticed that the evening before pick up, trash had blown around from residents who placed their trash out too early. The next day she did notice that the workers had picked up the trash that had been blown around because of the wind.

Communications from Council Members/Committees

Mr. Bruno –

- Stated that he did attend the Roche de Boeuf Festival this year. He added that they had a great turnout for the event.
- Reported that a few weeks ago, he drove past a Waterville Township Police car on Waterville-Monclova Rd. underneath the US 24 bridge without its lights on. He expressed that he felt that this is a safety issue. He asked if we could please remind the township police to leave their parking lights/marker lights on when parked. Chief Valvano stated that we don't control what the township does but we can certainly suggest it.

Mrs. Bruno – No report.

Mr. Rozic – No report.

Mr. Pedro – No report.

Mrs. Duncan –

- Reported that she did attend the Roche de Boeuf Festival this year and was happy to report that she won "Buck a Duck" and happily donated the proceeds to charity.
- Warned residents that coyotes are back and have been spotted around town and in particular by the Waterville Primary School. She suggested that everyone keep an eye on their pets.
- Stated that the Boo-to-Do and the Waterville Historical Society's Spooktacular (114 S. River Rd.) will be held on Thursday, October 24 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Mayor Brodie –

- Thank all City departments and the Waterville Chamber of Commerce for all of their hard work in preparing for this year's Roche de Boeuf Festival.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. ORDINANCE 08-19 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF WATERVILLE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF A CERTAIN 43 ACRE PARCEL OF LAND KNOWN AS THAT PART OF 6730 AND 6824 ANTHONY WAYNE TRAIL LOCATED WEST OF THE RAILROAD (PART OF PARCELS 96-25959 AND 96-25961) FROM (A-1) AGRICULTURE DISTRICT TO (M-1) INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT

Tabled until December 2, 2019

This area is approximately 43 acres and comprises the eastern portion of City owned parcels 96-25959 and 96-25961 located directly west of the railroad and the Clean Wood Yard Waste Facility. This ordinance would rezone 43 of the 117 acres owned by the City from (A-1) Agricultural District to (M-1) Industrial District. At their July 1, 2019 public meeting, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the zoning change from (A-1) Agricultural to (M-1) Industrial contingent on a 50-foot buffer strip being provided along the area that is adjacent to residential parcels by a 4-0 vote with one member absent. The City’s 2012 Comprehensive Land Use Plan recommends that the area should be developed for light manufacturing or business park use. Office or “business park” type uses are permitted in (M-1) Zoning Districts. After the public hearing on July 22, 2019, Council voted unanimously to table this ordinance until September 23, 2019 where additional public comment was received on this legislation. At the September 23, 2019 meeting, Council voted to table this ordinance until December 2, 2019.

Mayor Brodie stated that at the last Council meeting a motion was made to table this Ordinance until December 2, 2019. Council’s first meeting in December will be held on the December 9. After discussion, Mrs. Duncan made a motion to take Ordinance 08-19 off of the table for discussion at the December 9 meeting rather than having a Special Council Meeting on the December 2. Mr. Bruno seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. RESOLUTION 28-19 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR TO FILE AN APPLICATION AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION (OPWC) FOR THE ANTHONY WAYNE TRAIL INTERSECTIONS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

This Resolution would authorize the submission of an application for financial assistance from the Ohio Public Works Commission for improvements to the intersections of the Anthony Wayne Trail (AWT) and Farnsworth Road and the Anthony Wayne Trail and Mechanic Street. The project involves adding a southbound right-turn lane on the AWT at Farnsworth Road and adding a westbound right-turn lane on Mechanic Street at the AWT. These improvements will improve traffic capacity and safety at these intersections. The traffic signal mast arms at Farnsworth and Mechanic will also be replaced to match the “Waterville Style” arms found at other locations in the City. Also included is the addition of a 10-foot wide shared use path on the west side of the AWT. The application is for a grant and or loan for 50% of the cost of the City’s estimated \$193,000 share of the project’s \$725,000 total cost. The remaining \$532,000 cost of the project will be offset by a Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) grant filed in July 2019. If the applications for finance assistance are successful, construction on this improvement project would begin in 2021.

Mrs. Bruno questioned the need for right turn lanes and new signals at those intersections. After further discussion, Mrs. Duncan moved to adopt Resolution 28-19. Mr. Pedro seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mayor Brodie – yes, Mr. Bruno – yes, Mrs. Duncan – yes, Mr. Pedro – yes, Mr. Rozic – yes, Mrs. Bruno – no. The motion passed by a 5 - 1 vote.

- B. RESOLUTION 29-19 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT AND A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE LUCAS COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE LUCAS COUNTY OVI TASK FORCE

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This Resolution authorizes an agreement with the Lucas County Sheriff's Office to participate in the Lucas County OVI Task Force. The City has been participating in this operation for several years (formerly known as the DUI Task Force). In the Waterville area, it focuses on the Anthony Wayne Trail and SR 64.

Mr. Rozic moved to adopt Resolution 29-19. Mr. Pedro seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

- C. RESOLUTION 30-19 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A THREE YEAR AGREEMENT WITH MARK RYAN FARMS OF MONCLOVA, OHIO FOR THE LEASE OF 100 ACRES OF AGRICULTURAL LAND OWNED BY THE MUNICIPALITY AND LOCATED AT 6730 AND 6824 ANTHONY WAYNE TRAIL

The Village/City has contracted for the farming of the property at 6730 and 6824 Anthony Wayne Trail since its original purchase by the Village in 2000. A bid opening was held on October 4, 2019 and the City received four bids. It is the recommendation of the administration to enter into a lease agreement with the best and most responsive bid submitted by Mark Ryan Farms of Monclova, Ohio. A tabulation of the bids received and a copy of the proposed lease were included in Council's packet.

Mr. Rozic moved to adopt Resolution 30-19. Mrs. Duncan seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

- D. RESOLUTION 31-19 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE CITIES OF MAUMEE, PERRYSBURG AND THE TOWNSHIPS OF MONCLOVA AND PERRYSBURG IN REGARD TO WATER RESCUES ON THE MAUMEE RIVER

This Resolution authorizes a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Waterville and the Cities of Maumee and Perrysburg and the Townships of Monclova and Perrysburg in regard to the adoption of "Automatic Response Plan" (ARP) guidelines to improve emergency responses to water rescues on the Maumee River. This MOU has been reviewed by the Law Director and the Fire Chief will be present to answer any questions regarding these proposed guidelines.

Mr. Pedro moved to adopt Resolution 31-19. Mrs. Bruno seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Other Business

Mayor Brodie stated that at our last Council meeting Lucas County Commissioner Gary Byers and Matt Heyrman, Director of Public Safety with the Lucas County Commissioners' Office, discussed the proposed merger and consolidation of 911 services in Lucas County and presented the final version of the "Consolidated Lucas County 911 Proposal Document." Mr. Heyrman requested that Council pass a resolution appointing a representative to the 911 Consolidation Committee. Mayor Brodie then stated that we will need to have this resolution prepared and be ready to vote at our next meeting. After discussion, Council members unanimously agreed to appoint Whitehouse Mayor Don Atkinson to represent the city.

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Adjournment

There being no further business to come before Council, Mr. Rozic made a motion to close the meeting at 8:38 p.m. Mrs. Bruno seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous voice vote.

Jon D. Gochenour, Clerk of Council

Lori Brodie, Mayor