

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.

The prayer was offered by Mr. Frey. 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 was Jon Gochenour, Municipal Administrator; Phil Dombey, Law Director and Melissa Cook, Recording Secretary.

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

Mr. Rozic moved to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2019 Regular Council meeting. Mr. Bruno seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Citizens Comments

Brenda Michalski, Per Diem Nurse Staffing at 18 N. Third Street, came to this evening's meeting to ask Council to participate in this year's "Holiday Happenings" activities which will be held on Saturday, December 7. She then went over a list of the day's many activities and asked that Council take part by passing out cookies in the Council Chamber from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

Ron Reitz, 160 Wilkshire Dr., asked Council to consider changing Section 1 (a)(5) in the recently approved Ordinance 15-19 (leash law) from eight (8) ft. back to the original requested six (6) ft. He, along with Cindy Kerscher, attended the July 22, 2019 Council meeting and asked that Council consider an ordinance that would replace the current control law with a leash law. Both cited recent incidents where they and their dogs were charged by a pit bull that was allowed off its leash. He stated that when the new ordinance had its third reading and legislative action on September 23, 2019, it was asked that it be amended to change to this section from 6 ft. to 8 ft. which was approved. Mr. Reitz stated that he was surprised and very disappointed that he wasn't contacted prior to the change and came prepared tonight with research that supported his claim that the 6 ft. leash length is much safer and more effective than 8 ft. After discussion, it was the consensus of Council to amend the ordinance back to the original 6 ft. This item will be placed on the November 25, 2019 agenda.

Hannah Schloz and Chloe Kozal, students from Notre Dame Academy, were in attendance this evening to work on getting hours required for their government class.

Staff Reports

Interim Fire Chief: Doug Meyer (order of staff reports was changed so that the Fire Chief could attend a special training program) -

- Reported that the Fire Department participated in this year's Boo-to-do with the Police Department. He added that the event went great.
- Thanked Council for providing funding for the new turnout gear.
- Stated that he is working with the Administrator on the hiring process of two new positions.
- Mentioned that the Fire Department is hosting a "Line of Duty"

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presentation/training at the Waterville Primary School this evening. He invited Council to stop by after tonight's meeting.

Mayor Brodie asked why there were two calls answered by Whitehouse Fire Department (listed under WFD EMS Transports by Tiered Response) on his run report. Chief Meyer stated that the two calls were unanswered calls by our department because we were not properly staffed and were then subsequently answered by Whitehouse.

Administrator: Jon Gochenour –

- Reported that he and the Finance Director are currently working on 2020 Operating Budget. It will be presented to the Finance Committee at their next meeting on November 15 at 7:30 a.m.

Law Director: Phil Dombey – No report.

Finance Director: Mark Williams –

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

Treasurer: Steve Schult – absent.

- Mayor Brodie stated that Mr. Schult is out of town and unable to attend this evening's meeting. She then read a brief statement from Mr. Schult that reviewed some of the detail from his September 2019 Monthly Treasurer's report which was included in Council's packet.

Police Chief: Joe Valvano

- Thanked Karen Gerhardinger, with the Mirror Newspaper, for the article that she wrote mentioning Waterville as being one of the 10 safest cities in Ohio.
- Reported that a Drug Take Back Day was held on October 26 at the Waterville Kroger. The total amount of drugs collected (between Kroger and the Drug Drop-Off Box at Townhall) was 126 lbs.
- Stated that the Civil Service Commission met on November 6 and approved an eligibility list for Patrol Officers. Interviews have been set up for the first week in December.
- Thanked Mr. Blair and the Public Works Department for the great job they did in clearing the roads during this past bout of bad weather.
- Reported that "Right to Read Week" will be held November 18 – 22 at the Waterville Primary School. He added that a couple of his officers will be headed up to the school to read books to the students.

Mr. Rozic wanted to commend the Chief and the Police Department for their part in Waterville receiving recognition for being one of the safest cities in the State of Ohio.

Public Works Director: Ken Blair

- Passed out information to Council regarding the Waterville Bridge Project. This information included the items that need to be completed prior to the bridge opening. If the weather cooperates, the construction could possibly be complete by the end of the year. He added that two of the items are temperature sensitive and if not completed could delay the bridge opening until spring 2020.
- Reported that the completion date for the Phase 6 Downtown Street Lighting is this Friday. He added that he is certain that it will not be completed on time. The contractor has been notified of the liquidated damages clause (\$500 per day) in the contract.
- Stated that the ADA Door Project for the Municipal Building, Fire Station and Public Works Building has been completed.
- Reported that the Leaf Collection Program is in progress and that the City will continue collection until all are picked up.

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- Reported that the first snow removal of the season went well.
- Stated that his department will continue working on putting the holiday lights up downtown for “Light up Waterville.”

Communications from Council Members/Committees

Mrs. Duncan – No report.

Mr. Pedro –

- Reported that the Waterville Economic Development Corporation will hold its annual meeting on November 14 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Masonic Browning Complex.

Mr. Rozic – No report.

Mr. Frey – No report.

Mrs. Bruno –

- Reported that she and Mr. Bruno, along with a member of the Parks and Recreation Committee, met Karen Gerhardinger at the city-owned property off of Choctaw Drive where they looked at and discussed the use of some of the property for pickle ball courts. She will be writing an article regarding this for the next edition of the Mirror newspaper. She then stated that the Committee is seriously moving forward with this and would like Council to become involved in choosing a location. The Committee will be meeting again in December where funding/grants for this project will be a topic of discussion. Mayor Brodie suggested that she bring their findings to Council and Administration.

Mr. Bruno – No report.

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 9, 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 your September 23, 2019 meeting, Council voted to table this ordinance until December 9, 2019.

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NEW BUSINESS:

**A. RESOLUTION 34-19 A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING
THE CITY OF WATERVILLE FY 2020 FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL PLANNING
PROGRAM FOR ALL MUNICIPAL FUNDS AND DEPARTMENTS**

This is the annual 5-Year Capital Planning Program. The Finance Committee discussed and recommended approval of the program at a special meeting on October 25. This item is for ongoing discussion throughout the budget preparation process. According to the typical annual budget schedule, Council action to approve this Resolution would not be taken until the second Council meeting in January.

Mr. Gochenour briefly went over his cover memo which gave a brief explanation/overview of the FY 2020 Five-Year Capital Budget Proposal and the recommendations listed on page 1 of the actual document.

Council addressed questions to Mr. Gochenour and held a brief discussion on some of the components of the Five-Year Capital Planning Program.

Other Business

None

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before Council, Mr. Rozic made a motion to close the meeting at 8:44 p.m. Mr. Pedro seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous voice vote.

Jon D. Gochenour, Clerk of Council

Lori Brodie, Mayor