

Regular Council

November 25

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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. Rozic. 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
Ken Blair – Public Works Director

Citizens Present:

Please see Citizens' Sign-In Sheet, Exhibit A, Page 1 for a list of people present.
(There were no signatures on the sign-in sheet)

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Bruno moved to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2019 Regular Council meeting. Mr. Frey seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Proclamation

A. Small Business Saturday – November 30, 2019

Mayor Brodie read a Proclamation which proclaimed November 30, 2019 as Small Business Saturday in the City of Waterville. She urged all residents to support small businesses on “Small Business Saturday” and throughout the year.

Citizens Comments

None

Staff Reports

Administrator: Jon Gochenour –

- Stated that he didn't have anything to add to his report that wasn't agenda specific. Mr. Pedro asked if we have a contingency plan if the new Lucas County wide 911 system is not in place by the end of 2020. Mr. Gochenour stated that the proposed contract that we are renewing with Springfield Township this evening will allow for a yearly renewal of the service as well as a termination provision if 911 consolidation occurs during the middle of a contract period. Mr. Frey asked if he had an update on the new Waterville Bridge construction in which he replied that they are currently working on deck scoring and a progress meeting is scheduled for December 10. Mrs. Bruno then stated that she noticed that Mr. Gochenour is spending a lot of his time working on the Fallen Timbers Union Cemetery District and asked if this is going to subside. Mr. Gochenour stated that the Cemetery Trustees are currently in the process of putting together a job description for a part-time Clerk/Treasurer that will eventually take over his current duties. This position will be advertised and hopefully filled by the first of 2020. Mrs. Bruno then asked Mr. Gochenour about an item on his report concerning potential solutions to residential sewer problems on North St and Cherry Ln. She asked if it was related to the issues that some residents expressed regarding drainage in their backyards at a previous Council meeting. Mr. Gochenour stated these are both new issues. We are working with the property owner on North St to resolve this issue. The

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Cherry Ln. issue resulted from directional drilling underground by the Public Works Department which hit at tap at the curb box and has since been repaired.

Law Director: Phil Dombey – No report.

Finance Director: Mark Williams –

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

Treasurer: Steve Schult – No report

Communications from Council Members/Committees

A. Two Appointments to the Volunteer Firefighters Dependents' Fund Board

Mayor Brodie moved to appoint Mr. Rozic and Mr. Bruno to the Volunteer Firefighters Dependents' Board. Mrs. Duncan seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Mrs. Duncan –

- Stated that she did attend ODOT's Interurban Bridge meeting on November 20. She then reminded Council and all Waterville residents that there is a form available on ODOT's website seeking feedback on the Interurban Bridge. The deadline to submit the form is December 20, 2019. A reminder and a link will be posted on the City's website and will be placed on the Pray Park Sign.

Mr. Pedro – No report.

Mr. Rozic –

- Stated that he also attended ODOT's Interurban Bridge meeting where over 200 people were in attendance. He stated that after the meeting he spoke to an ODOT engineer and that their biggest concern is safety. They are not able to predict when the next piece of concrete will fall. He added that the State has owned the bridge since 1943 and it has fallen to the wayside. If nothing is done it will eventually fall into the river. He added that he was relieved that the funding either way does not fall on the city. He also encouraged residents to go to ODOT's website and complete the survey.

Mr. Frey – No report.

Mrs. Bruno –

- Reported that she also attended the ODOT Interurban Bridge meeting. She added that Waterville has a lot to gain if the bridge can be preserved because it does bring in a lot of tourism. She also asked Mr. Blair about a new lighting service box that was put in on South St. She stated that she did receive a call from a resident who called it a monstrosity. Mr. Blair stated that it is a new replacement service upgrade which is larger and now follows code. He added that the Public Works Department is looking into the best way to make it more appealing aesthetically. This will not take place until late spring. Mrs. Duncan then asked Mr. Blair if something could be done to shield the bright light from the streetlight at the corner of South St. and River Rd. Mr. Blair stated that this is something we are working on.

Mr. Bruno –

- Stated that the lights at the roundabout on the other side of the bridge are very bright. He asked that this concern be addressed again with ODOT and that the City have some control over the lights that are going on the new bridge.

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Mayor Brodie –

- Stated that Holiday Happenings in Downtown Waterville will be held on Saturday, December 7. Council will be passing out cookies in Council Chamber from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.
- Reminded Council that the Holiday Dinner for Volunteers and Employees will be held on Wednesday, December 4 at 6:00 p.m.

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

- B. PUBLIC HEARING – 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.

Mayor Brodie opened the Public Hearing at 7:57 p.m.

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

Mayor Brodie closed the Public Hearing at 8:04 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. ORDINANCE 18-19 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 505 OF THE GENERAL OFFENSES CODE WITH RESPECT TO ANIMALS AND FOWL

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This Ordinance amends certain sections of Chapter 505 of the General Offenses Code with respect to animals in order to clearly indicate that all such animals, especially dogs, must be under the control of their owner at all times when off of the owner's property by means of a leash. This amended Ordinance would change the language on Ordinance 15-19 that was adopted at the September 23, 2019 Council meeting to state that all dogs would be required to be "On leash" controlled at all times on a leash not more than six (6) feet long instead of the previously approved eight (8) feet long.

B. RESOLUTION 35-19 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP TO PROVIDE FIRE AND RESCUE DISPATCHING SERVICES

This Resolution authorizes the renewal of the existing fire dispatching services agreement between the City of Waterville and Springfield Township for a period of one (1) year. The one year contract extension is due to the likelihood that all 911 dispatching operations will be consolidated into a Lucas County wide system by the end of 2020. In the event that this does not happen by the end of 2020, the contract allows for yearly renewals with Springfield Township as well as a termination provision if 911 consolidation occurs during the middle of a contract period. The contract cost is \$18,423.73 for one year; the same as is 2019.

Mr. Pedro moved to adopt Resolution 35-19. Mr. 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 8:06 p.m. Mrs. Bruno seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous voice vote.

Jon D. Gochenour, Clerk of Council

Lori Brodie, Mayor