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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 Mrs. Duncan. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited.

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

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

Also present this evening were Jon Gochenour, Administrator and Clerk of Council; Phil Dombey, Law Director; Steve Schult, Treasurer 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 November 25, 2019 Regular Council meeting. Mr. Frey seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

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.

Mrs. Duncan stated that item number 20 on Mr. Gochenour's report mentions that he discussed Monclova Township's proposed "Pickle Ball Courts" project with their Township Administrator for information for a proposed project in Waterville. Mr. Gochenour stated that he asked the Administrator about their project and he mentioned that they are looking at building six "Pickle Ball Courts" at Keener Park at an estimated cost of \$117,000 (courts only). They are applying for a Nature Works Grant which pays for approximately 75% of the cost. The application for the grant is due June 1, 2020. Mrs. Duncan then stated that Rossford and Whitehouse are also adding courts in the spring and questioned the need for Waterville to build them as well. She added that this is something that we might need to consider.

Law Director: Phil Dombey –

- Reported that he authorized Palmer Energy to obtain pricing from competitive retail electric generation suppliers so we can get quotes for our upcoming award of a new contract for electricity.

Finance Director: Mark Williams – No report

Treasurer: Steve Schult –

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

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Police Chief: Joe Valvano

- Stated that interviews have been completed and a candidate has been selected for the Patrol Officer position. He will be meeting with Mr. Gochenour soon to go over hiring procedures.

Fire Chief: Doug Meyer

- Reported that at the last training, they had a guest speaker that covered attic fires. It was very well attended.
- Stated that he is still working with Mr. Gochenour to hire two new full-time employees (one Firefighter/EMT and one Firefighter/Paramedic).
- Reported that he will be speaking to a select group of seniors tomorrow at Anthony Wayne High School to give a speech on what we do as firefighters in order to help with the recruitment process.

Public Works Director: Ken Blair

- Reported that the Leaf Collection Program will end this week.
- Stated that he and the Administrator will be attending a Waterville Bridge progress meeting tomorrow. He will have more information to provide at the next Council meeting.

Communications from Council Members/Committees

Mrs. Duncan –

- Stated she attended and volunteered at the “Holiday Happening” downtown this past Saturday. It was a great event and was very well attended.
- Reminded Council and all Waterville residents that there is a form available on ODOT’s website seeking feedback on the future of the Interurban Bridge. The deadline to submit the form is December 20, 2019.

Mr. Pedro –

- Thanked all responsible for putting on this year’s “Holiday Happening.” He added that he received a lot of positive feedback on this event.
- Attended the December 2, 2019 Public Safety Committee meeting. He stated that three firefighters and three police officers were also in attendance. He added that it was a great meeting.
- Attended the city’s annual Holiday Dinner for employees and volunteers. He added that it was a great event and wanted to thank whoever was responsible for putting it all together.

Mr. Rozic –

- Attended the city’s annual Holiday Dinner for employees and volunteers and wished all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mr. Frey –

- Reported that he also attended the “Holiday Happening” this past Saturday in Downtown Waterville. He added that it was a great event.
- Thanked Mr. Blair and the Public Works Department for the great job they did putting up this year’s holiday lights downtown.

Mr. Bruno –

- Reported that he also attended this year’s Holiday Dinner and wish all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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 discussed amending this request to re-zone only the northeast half of parcel 96-25959 east of the ditch, approximately 23.37 acres, in an effort to address the concerns of residents of the Waterville Meadows Subdivision. At this meeting, Council voted to table this ordinance until December 9, 2019.

Mr. Pedro moved to remove Ordinance 08-19 from the table. Mr. Frey seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Brodie gave a brief history of proposed Ordinance 08-19 and also of the 117-acre parcel and its infrastructure. Mr. Rozic suggested that we look at updating the Master Plan to see what the best use of the entire parcel would be. Mayor Brodie stated that an update on that particular section of the Master Plan wouldn't be a bad idea. She added that the rezoning of the 43 acres was an idea put forth by the Waterville Economic Development Committee. Mr. Pedro stated that Council has a responsibility to all the citizens of Waterville to come up with the best plan for the acreage that balances both homes and businesses. He added that he is inclined not to support passage tonight.

Ordinance 08-19 died on the floor for lack of a motion or action by Council.

**B. 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. A revised page 2 and updated vehicle/equipment schedule were enclosed as replacement pages for the current copy of this document.

**C. ORDINANCE 18-19 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 15-19,
CERTAIN SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 505 OF THE GENERAL OFFENSES
CODE WITH RESPECT TO ANIMALS AND FOWL**

Second Reading

This Ordinance amends recently passed Ordinance 15-19 to clearly indicate that animals, especially dogs, must be under the control of their owner at all times when off

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of the owner's property by means of a leash not more than six (6) feet long. These changes were reviewed by the City Law Director and recommended by the Parks and Recreation Committee. Committee member Ron Reitz spoke in favor of the proposed amendments at the July 22, 2019 Council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. ORDINANCE 19-19 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF WATERVILLE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020, AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 20-19 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

First Reading

A copy of the proposed FY 2020 appropriations was included in Council's packet. The Finance Committee reviewed and recommended approval of the budget at their November 15, 2019 public meeting. A public hearing on the appropriations is scheduled for the January 13, 2020 Council meeting.

- B. ORDINANCE 20-19 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF WATERVILLE FOR THE MONTHS OF JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2020, REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 21-19, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

According to the Municipal Charter, the permanent appropriations are not required to be adopted until March 1. The passage of temporary appropriations to allow the City to meet its financial obligations during the months of January and February is therefore necessary. This Ordinance would adopt the temporary appropriations to cover these months.

Mayor Brodie made a motion to suspend the rules to allow for the passage of Ordinance 20-19 as an emergency measure. Mrs. Duncan seconded the motion.

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

Mayor Brodie made a motion to move for the passage of Ordinance 20-19 as an emergency measure. Mr. Rozic seconded the motion.

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

- C. ORDINANCE 21-19 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 17-19, THE AMENDED FY 2019 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

This budget amendment is the annual end-of-year "clean-up" legislation, which will adjust all department line items budgets to conform to approved appropriations and allow any appropriation adjustments as needed.

Mayor Brodie made a motion to suspend the rules to allow for the passage of Ordinance 21-19 as an emergency measure. Mrs. Duncan seconded the motion.

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

Mayor Brodie made a motion to move for the passage of Ordinance 21-19 as an emergency measure. Mr. Rozic seconded the motion.

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

Other Business

None

Presentation:

A. Lori Brodie – Mayor and Council Member (16 Years)

Mayor Brodie was given a Certificate of Commendation and the City’s Carruth presentation piece for her service to the citizens of Waterville from Council Member Tim Pedro.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before Council, Mr. Pedro made a motion to close the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Mr. Bruno seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous voice vote.

Jon D. Gochenour, Clerk of Council

Timothy G. Pedro, Mayor