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The regular meeting of the Waterville Council was called to order by Mayor Timothy Pedro 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, Mrs. Bruno, Mr. Frey, Mayor Pedro, Mr. Rozic, Mr. Borowski and Mrs. Duncan.

Also present this evening was Jon Gochenour, Municipal Administrator; John Spore, Assistant Law Director and Melissa Cook, Recording Secretary.

Staff Present:

Mark Williams – Director of Finance and Administration

Joe Valvano – Police Chief

Doug Meyer – Interim 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 January 27, 2020 Regular Council meeting. Mr. Frey seconded the motion, which passed by voice vote. Mr. Bruno abstained.

Citizens Comments

Kimberly Dunham, the new General Manager of TARTA, Crystal Prayer, Community Relations with TARTA and Kelsey Hoagland, the City's representative to TARTA were in attendance this evening to introduce themselves to Council. Ms. Dunham gave a brief history of her past experience in the public transit industry and stated that her objective is to now re-invent and re-establish TARTA in Lucas County. Kelsey stated that she is life-long resident of Waterville and is very excited about being the city's TARTA representative. She stated that Ms. Dunham's enthusiasm and ideas have definitely improved employee morale and she is happy to have her on board. Council members welcomed Ms. Dunham to TARTA and the Toledo area.

Melvin Fredericks, 308 South St., came to this evenings meeting to voice his concerns about Republic Services, the City's refuse collector. He stated that he has been missed numerous times in the past after which he calls the City and the trash is then picked up. After discussion, it was noted that Mr. Fredericks doesn't place his trash can near the street at the end of his driveway and this is the primary reason it has not been picked up.

Staff Reports

Administrator: Jon Gochenour –

- Reported that an invitation has been extended to the Lucas County Solid Waste District to have a representative speak to Council regarding the County's current recycling program.
- The City is working on increasing public awareness on the recently approved leash law. An ad recently appeared in the Mirror and a notice about it is on the Pray Park Sign.
- Stated that he has reviewed the proposed 911 Council of Governments Agreement with the City Law Director. He reminded Council again that once the City joins, it can withdraw but it will continue to be accessed annual dispatching fees.

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- Stated that he discussed scheduling a future meeting with representatives of the Village of Whitehouse regarding cooperation on a “fire district” and future joint fire operations. The tentative plan is to meet in Whitehouse the last week of February.
- Reported that the City’s current contract with Republic Services for refuse and recycling services will expire on May 31, 2020. The plan is to go through the Lucas County Sanitary Engineer’s Office to put the contract out to bid. The cost of providing totters to residents will be included in the bid criteria.
- Reported that 15 applications have been received to replace Nancy Perry, who is retiring the first of March. We are hoping to begin the interview process this week.

Assistant Law Director: John Spore – No report.

Finance Director: Mark Williams – No report.

Treasurer: Steve Schult – Absent.

Police Chief: Joe Valvano

- Extended an invitation to Council to attend the “Shoot Don’t Shoot” training March 2 – 4 at the Waterville Fire Station. He stated that as soon as it is determined he will notify Council of the date and time they should attend.
- Reminded Council that “Coffee with a Cop” will be held on February 22 from 8:00 a.m. - 10 a.m. at Third St. Cigar.
- Showed Council a copy of a pamphlet that the Police Department designed and will be handing out to violators of the new leash law. He added that most residents will not be aware of the new law and the pamphlet will give them the needed information to obey it going forward.

Discussion continued on the number of attempted suicides in Waterville. The Police and Fire Chiefs gave a brief overview on how they are handled. Council also discussed the recent youth vandalism in the City with the Police Chief.

Interim Fire Chief: Doug Meyer

- Stated that they will be working with the Police Department on an event that will be held with Waterville Primary School Students.
- Reported that they will be conducting training at the old Whitehouse Primary School.
- Stated that they will be hosting tours of the fire station for children from Children’s Discovery Center.
- Thanked Libbey Glass for their very generous donation of glass baking dishes and mixing bowls.
- Scheduling the physical testing of applicants for the full-time positions at the department is underway.
- Stated that the Ohio Fire Academy is holding a “Feel the Heat” program on May 30 for any elected official that would like to be firefighter for the day. This is a free event and asked Council to let Mr. Gochenour know as soon as possible if anyone is interested in attending.

Public Works Director: Ken Blair -

- Shared with Council the new leash law signs that will be displayed at the entrances to city parks.
- Briefly covered the letter included in Council’s packet regarding this year’s Street Evaluation Review/Paving Inventory. The list includes the streets in need of significant rehabilitation rated by priority. Preliminary cost estimates were also listed.
- The Public Works Department is working on a current pot hole repair list.

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Communications from Council Members/Committees

Mrs. Duncan – No report.

Mr. Borowski –

- Reported that he recently met with a representative from Glass City Dog Park to discuss Waterville’s interest in the addition of a dog park. The park, if developed, would fall under Glass City’s management. He stated that he invited her to attend the next Parks and Recreation Committee meeting.

Mr. Rozic –

- Stated the he attended the Waterville Bridge Opening Ceremony. He stated that it was a great event and was well attended.

Mr. Frey – No report.

Mrs. Bruno –

- Reported that she and Mrs. Duncan recently spent some time at the Fire Station. She reported the new “turn-out” gear has been delivered.

Mr. Bruno – No report.

Mayor Pedro –

- Reported that the Bridge Opening Ceremony went great and it was very well attended. He thanked the Waterville Area Chamber of Commerce and all City departments for the great job they did in putting it all together.
- Attended the Waterville Primary School Fourth Grade Council swearing in ceremony.
- Reminded Council and residents that February 14 is Ohio Love’s Transit Day and that “Coffee with a Cop” will be held on February 22 at Third Street Cigar from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

OLD 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 19. This item is for ongoing discussion throughout the budget preparation process.

After a brief discussion on the Five-Year Capital Budget, Mr. Rozic made a motion to approve the Five-Year Capital Program. Mrs. Bruno seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

B. 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

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. The 2020 Appropriations have been revised to include actual 2019 ending balances. As expected, these actual 2019 ending balances have resulted in increased “beginning balances” for 2020 over earlier budgetary projections. A review of this revised budgetary information indicates that there is sufficient additional revenue to utilize \$140,000 from the 2019 General Fund

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Carryover for \$100,000 in additional paving and \$40,000 for an engineering study for proposed “pickleball courts.” Enclosed in Council’s packet was an outline illustrating the line items in the budget which will be amended to accommodate the proposed \$140,000 change in the 2020 Operating Budget. The deadline set by the City Charter for Council adoption of the 2020 Operating Budget is March 1, 2020.

Mr. Gochenour stated that he and Mr. Blair noticed while planning the bridge opening ceremony that no appropriation was made for additional flags or banners for the new bridge. He added that they would like to add \$6,000 to the banner and flag budget for this coming year.

Mr. Pedro made a motion to add \$6,000 to the budget for the purchasing of additional flags and banners. Mrs. Duncan seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

After discussion, Mr. Rozic move to adopt Ordinance 19-19. Mr. Frey seconded the motion.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. RESOLUTION 06-20 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO THE FIFTH AMENDMENT WITH LUCAS COUNTY AND THE CITIES OF MAUMEE, OREGON, SYLVANIA AND TOLEDO FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A REGIONAL COMBINED HEALTH DISTRICT FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES WITHIN THE GEOGRAPHICAL JURISDICTION OF LUCAS COUNTY, OHIO

The Cities of Maumee, Oregon, Sylvania, Toledo and Waterville have all contracted with Lucas County to establish a regional combined health district that is known as the Toledo – Lucas County Health Department. This contract expired on December 30, 2019. This Resolution would authorize an amended agreement with the current members of the regional combined health district to extend the contract to January 1, 2021.

Mrs. Duncan moved to adopt Resolution 06-20. Mr. Bruno seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

- B. RESOLUTION 07-20 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH PROUDFOOT ASSOCIATES INC. FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES TO PREPARE PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND BID DOCUMENTS FOR THE ANTHONY WAYNE TRAIL INTERSECTIONS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

This Resolution would authorize an agreement with Proudfoot Associates, Inc. for engineering services related to the preparation of plans, specifications and bid documents for the Anthony Wayne Trail (AWT) Intersections Improvement Project. 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 signals and mast arms at these intersections 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 City

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received a \$532,000 grant through the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) and the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) programs and a \$120,500 grant through the Ohio Public Works Program to offset the estimated \$725,000 cost of this project. In order to meet the schedule for the grants, design work should begin at this time. A copy of Proudfoot's proposal is attached to the Resolution.

Mr. Rozic moved to adopt Resolution 07-20. Mr. Frey seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Other Business

None

Executive Session

Mrs. Bruno made a motion to move into Executive Session for Consideration of a Personnel Issue – ORC 121.22(G) (1), Compensation of Public Employees or Officials at 8:45 p.m. Mr. Rozic seconded the motion.

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

Return to Regular Session

Mrs. Bruno made a motion to come out of Executive Session and resume the regular Council meeting at 9:25 p.m. Mr. Rozic 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 9:25 p.m. Mr. Rozic seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous voice vote.

Jon D. Gochenour, Clerk of Council

Timothy Pedro, Mayor