

Regular Council

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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 Mr. Rozic. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited.

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

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

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

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 13, 2020 Regular Council meeting. Mrs. Duncan seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Proclamation

A. Ohio Loves Transit Day – February 14, 2020

Mayor Pedro read a Proclamation which proclaimed February 14, 2020 as Ohio Loves Transit Day in the City of Waterville. He urged all residents to join in recognition of events taking place on February 14 to celebrate the importance of public transit in the City of Waterville and Lucas County.

Citizens Comments

None

Staff Reports

Administrator: Jon Gochenour –

- Reported that the city received letters from Senator Theresa Gavarone congratulating Mayor Pedro, Mr. Borowski, Mrs. Bruno and Mr. Frey on their recent election to Council.
- Stated that he sent an e-mail to Council with information regarding the Waterville Bridge Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Friday, January 31 along with a tentative agenda.
- Reported that the new leash law goes into effect on February 14, 2020. The city will purchase and post new signs alerting residents of the new law in city parks.
- Stated that he is putting together bid documents and specifications for the Lucas County Sanitary Engineer to put our trash and recycling contract out to bid. The City's current contract with Republic Services expires on May 31, 2020.
- Reported that he received and reviewed the final draft of the proposed 911 Council of Governments Agreement. He stated that once the City joins, it can withdraw but it will continue to be accessed annual dispatching fees.

Mrs. Bruno suggested that a representative from the Lucas County Sanitary Engineer's office attend a Council meeting to discuss the future of providing curbside recycling.

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Law Director: Phil Dombey – No report.

Finance Director: Mark Williams –

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

Treasurer: Steve Schult – No report

Communications from Council Members/Committees

A. Appointments to Various Commissions, Boards and Committees

A list of appointments proposed by the Mayor for Council's approval at this meeting was included in the Council packet. Laura Nilsson was added to the list for appointment to the Tree Commission.

Mrs. Duncan moved to adopt the list of appointments as presented to Council. Mr. Frey seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Mrs. Bruno –

- She wanted to remind residents about the leash law that will go into effect on February 14. She also asked that a reminder be placed on the Pray Park Sign and on the Community Channel 1021. She stated that the need for a dog park in the City will again be a topic of discussion for the Parks and Recreation Committee. She added that Mr. Borowski is interested in this topic and has offered his assistance.

Mr. Frey – No report.

Mr. Rozic – No report.

Mr. Borowski – No report.

Mrs. Duncan –

- Reported that she attended a TMACOG meeting today with Mayor Pedro where our need for firemen, the Waterville bridge opening and the proposed 911 Council of Governments Agreement were topics of discussion.
- Stated that the Waterville Bridge opening ceremony announcement has been placed on both the Pray Park Sign and the sign at the Waterville Fire Station.

Mayor Pedro –

- Reported that the Waterville Bridge will be opening this Friday. The current ceremony agenda is fluid and is subject to change.
- Stated that the Hall of Framer's will be holding a grand re-opening this Thursday at 6:00 p.m. in Downtown Waterville.
- Reported that his plan is to meet with area business owners in February and March with the hope to gain partnerships going forward.
- Stated that he was elected to sit on the TMACOG Board of Trustees.
- Reported that he and Mr. Gochenour will be meeting with the new TARTA manager in the next 10 days.

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

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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. According to the typical annual budget schedule, Council action to approve this Resolution would not be taken until the second Council meeting in January.

It was the consensus of Council that further discussion on both the Five-Year Capital Planning Program and the Annual Appropriations be postponed until their next scheduled meeting on February 10 when all of the Department Heads will be in attendance for questions.

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
Third Reading and Legislative Action

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 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 would 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.

Other Business

None

Executive Session

Mrs. Duncan 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 8:08 p.m. Mr. Rozic seconded the motion.

Roll Call: 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 8:54 p.m. Mr. Borowski seconded the motion which carried by unanimous voice vote.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before Council, Mr. Borowski made a motion to close the meeting at 8:54 p.m. Mrs. Bruno seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous voice vote.

Jon D. Gochenour, Clerk of Council

Timothy G. Pedro, Mayor