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The regular meeting of the Waterville Council was called to order by Mayor Timothy Pedro at 7:30 p.m. by video conference with Council members.

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 Pedro, Mr. Rozic, Mr. Borowski and Mrs. Duncan.

Also present this evening in Council Chambers was Jon Gochenour, Municipal Administrator and Clerk of Council; Phil Dombey, Law Director and Melissa Cook, Recording Secretary. Steve Schult, Treasurer, was not in attendance.

Staff Present:

Mark Williams – Director of Finance and Administration

Joe Valvano – Police Chief by video conference

Doug Meyer – Interim Fire Chief by video conference

Ken Blair – Public Works Director by video conference

Citizens Present:

David Subleski – Browning Masonic by video conference

Bob Bailey – DGL Engineers by video conference

Brian Gruber – Ridgestone Builders by video conference

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Bruno moved to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2020 Regular Council meeting. Mr. Borowski seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Citizens Comments

Mrs. Duncan stated that she received feedback from some residents regarding the size/storage of the new trash and recycling containers that will be provided by Republic Services with the new contract beginning June 1. She was also asked whether there were going to be rules in place that would prohibit leaving the large containers at the street for an extended period after pick-up day. She stated that some of Council's discussion, when Resolution 15-20 was approved, was not reported in The Mirror article and that this in turn brought up a lot of comments from citizens. She wanted to make sure that residents know that Council did go over the two bids that were received thoroughly. She stated that Council has been talking about the refuse contract since January and that this was not a surprise vote that we tried to sneak by. The City asked for bids from five different companies and received bids back from two. Republic was the low bidder with Heartland Disposal coming in between \$7,000 and \$11,000 more per month depending on the length of the contract. Republic's bid also included the cost of providing containers to every household. Mrs. Duncan also wanted to let the public know that cost wasn't the only factor in the decision, but she did consider it a fiscally responsible decision. She added that the reason we received a better price from Republic is because we did agree to use containers that do not require workers to get out of the truck and manually dump the garbage. This decision will help the carrier with their Workers' Compensation costs.

Mr. Gochenour stated that we did receive three e-mails from residents that were concerned about the cans being left out and the size of the trash and recycling containers. He added that he discussed the option of obtaining smaller containers with Republic for retired residents or residents who live in condos with limited storage space. No bidder was interested in submitting a bid for manual pick-up for a community of our size. The City received only one bid from Republic to continue manual pick up for only one year with a 50 % increase in cost per month.

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Mr. Borowski stated that he wanted all to know that Council did its due diligence in regards to the new contract. He added that change is difficult but this is the best-case scenario. Not only did Republic give us the best price, but they seem to be working with us on containers. Mayor Pedro stated that he has heard from many residents that say that they welcome the lidded containers, which will prevent trash from blowing around neighborhoods. Letters with information will be sent out to all residents by Republic prior to the change.

Mr. Pedro stated that he received a request from the Anthony Wayne High School football coach who asked to utilize Prairie Trail Park for small organized practice sessions with 10 or less players at the end of May through the first few weeks of June. They also would like to paint stripes for yard lines on the fields. Mr. Dombey stated that he would recommend waiting for guidance from the state on when full-contact sports are permitted. Mr. Gochenour stated that we will re-open the tennis and basketball courts as well as playground equipment when we get the go ahead from the State. He added this topic will be discussed at our upcoming staff meeting.

Staff Reports

Administrator: Jon Gochenour –

- Stated that representatives from TARTA will be in attendance at the next Council meeting to give a presentation via video conference on repealing the property tax funding for TARTA and the substitution of a new sales tax.

Law Director: Phil Dombey – No report.

Finance Director: Mark Williams

- Reviewed details of the First Quarter FY 2020 Budget and Financial Report highlighting fund balances, investments and income tax revenues. The First Quarter Budget was outlined in a detailed cover memo included in Council's packet and was presented and approved by the Finance Committee at their May 15, 2020 meeting. He then reviewed details from the April 2020 Month End Finance Report.

Treasurer: Steve Schult - Absent

- Mr. Gochenour briefly reviewed details of the Treasurer's Report for the month of April 2020.

Police Chief: Joe Valvano

- Reported that he and Mr. Gochenour interviewed two potential candidates within the Police Department for the detective position. This position is not a new position and will not result in an increase in pay. He then announced that they have promoted Josh Malone to fill this role effective today, May 18.
- Stated that the Department still has an adequate supply of PPE.

Interim Fire Chief: Doug Meyer

- Stated that all preventative maintenance on the fire apparatus has been completed. They are currently in the process of getting repair estimates.
- Reported that a "Last Alarm" service was held for the late retired Fire Chief Herb Royal, who served on the Waterville Fire Dept. from March 1968 to August 1994.
- Stated that a Townhall Virtual Meeting with Whitehouse will be held tomorrow evening at 5:00 p.m. regarding the proposed Fire Co-Op.

Mrs. Bruno asked Chief Meyer if the Department is testing for regularly for COVID-19 in which he responded that employees are tested through the Health and Wellness Program through Lucas County if they are symptomatic. Mr. Bruno then asked how many cases have been reported from our nursing homes. Chief Meyer stated that there

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have been 2 confirmed cases. He added that the Lucas County is working on mass COVID-19 testing for employees and residents of nursing facilities. Mrs. Duncan wanted to thank the Waterville Fire and Police Departments for the birthday drive-by parades that they have been participating in for Waterville children.

Public Works Director: Ken Blair

- Gave an update on the Waterville Bridge Project stating that ODOT is moving the bridge construction causeway to the Wood County side of the Maumee River and will begin disassembling the remainder of the old Waterville Bridge. Crews will begin work on the waterfront staging area restoration. He added that they have run into some issues with the installation of the Carruth pieces on the new bridge. They are working with Maumee Valley Stone to come up with a solution.
- Thanked the Waterville Rotary Club for its litter collection on the Anthony Wayne Trail between Canal and Farnsworth Rd. He stated that city crews have been working on cutting back brush and trees along the trail. He then stated that mowing has been an issue due to the large amounts of rain we have been getting.
- Announced that our seasonal worker from last season has been rehired for 2020. He started today.

Discussion continued on the best way to tackle the litter problem that is continuously occurring along Pray Blvd. Several ideas and possible solutions were discussed.

Communications from Council Members/Committees

Mayor Pedro –

- Viewed the flyover by the 180th F-16's in Waterville for the Police and Fire Departments.
- Attended the Finance Committee meeting this past Friday, May 15.
- Reported that the “Blues, Brews and Brats” and Arts Commission events have been cancelled or postponed.
- Stated that the ban on large gatherings will affect both “Food Truck Tuesday’s” and the Fourth of July Fireworks Display. He suggested that instead of food trucks, residents can support our local restaurants. He also stated that since other communities and municipalities are cancelling their fireworks, hosting a display in Waterville could attract very large crowds which would be difficult to control. He then suggested that instead of cancelling the event, we might want to look at a Labor Day or New Year’s Eve fireworks instead.

Mrs. Duncan – No report.

Mr. Borowski – No report.

Mr. Rozic – No report.

Mr. Frey – No report.

Mrs. Bruno – No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. RESOLUTION 10-20 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO MATHEWS FORD FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2020 FORD F-550 CAB AND CHASSIS

Tabled until May 18, 2020

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This Resolution authorizes the purchase of a 2020 Ford F-550, 4 x 4, dump truck cab and chassis through the joint purchasing program authorized by state law. The purchase of this vehicle was approved in the recently passed 2020 Appropriation Ordinance and replaces a 1996 Ford dump truck. The cost of this dump truck cab and chassis is \$46,457.60. Another resolution on Council's agenda, Resolution 11-20, will authorize the purchase of the dump body, salt spreader, snow plow and other miscellaneous equipment to be installed on the cab and chassis purchased through the passage of this Resolution.

Mr. Bruno moved to table Resolution 10-20 until the August 24, 2020 Council meeting. Mayor Pedro seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

B. RESOLUTION 11-20 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO KALIDA TRUCK EQUIPMENT, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF A DUMP BODY, SALT SPREADER AND RELATED EQUIPMENT

Tabled until May 18, 2020

This Resolution authorizes the purchase of a dump body, salt spreader, snow plow and other miscellaneous equipment to be installed on the Ford F-550 dump truck cab and chassis purchased through the passage of Resolution 10-20. The purchase of this equipment was included in the 2020 Appropriation Ordinance in the amount budgeted for a new dump truck. The cost of this equipment is \$38,000.

Mayor Pedro moved to table Resolution 11-20 until the August 24, 2020 Council meeting. Mrs. Duncan seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

C. RESOLUTION 12-20 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO DEERE AND COMPANY FOR THE PURCHASE OF A JOHN DEERE 5100M UTILITY TRACTOR WITH TRADE – IN

Tabled until May 18, 2020

This Resolution authorizes the purchase of a John Deere 5100M Utility Tractor through the joint purchasing program authorized by state law. The purchase of this equipment was included in the 2020 Appropriation Ordinance. The final cost of this equipment is \$53,216.79 after the trade in of a 2001 John Deere tractor (\$8,250).

Mr. Rozic moved to table Resolution 12-20 until the August 24, 2020 Council meeting. Mrs. Duncan seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. ORDINANCE 05-20 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF WATERVILLE BY AMENDING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS AT THE BROWNING MASONIC COMMUNITY, INC.

First Reading

The Browning Masonic Community, Inc., 8900 S. River Road, has submitted a site plan for the construction of eight (8) "villa" type dwelling units known as "Water's Edge Villas, Phase 2.5". A copy of the proposed site plan was enclosed in Council's packet for your review. The new residences that will be constructed are Units 35-42. A "common area" is also being proposed for residents with a pavilion between Unit 20 and 21. Since this request is a change to Browning's existing Special Use Permit, it requires the review and approval of the Planning Commission and Council. At their May 4 public meeting, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the site plan and Special Use Permit Amendment request as presented by a vote of 4-0 with

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one member absent. With all of the required utilities and infrastructure constructed during prior phases, no further review of construction or engineering plans is anticipated by the City for this phase of this private development.

Representatives from the Browning Masonic Community were in attendance to briefly describe the project and answer questions from Council.

B. RESOLUTION 16-20 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 2020 PAVING PROGRAM

The Public Works Director and the City Engineer have completed their annual update of the City's Pavement Inventory. As listed on the February 5, 2020 letter from City Engineer Thomas Yurysta, 21 streets are recommended for rehabilitation work. The 12 projects listed as "Priority Listing #1" were included in the 2020 Appropriation Ordinance for resurfacing this year at an estimated cost of \$348,000. At their May 15, 2020 public meeting, it was the consensus of the Finance Committee that the City should proceed with this rehabilitation work despite the uncertain future economic situation. This Resolution would authorize the engineering work to prepare plans, specifications, and bid documents for this year's paving program at a cost of \$27,650. A proposal for these services was included in Council's packet.

Mrs. Duncan moved to adopt Resolution 16-20. Mayor Pedro seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Other Business

Mr. Frey wanted to thank Council for their support at this evening's Fallen Timbers Union Cemetery District Joint meeting this evening. Mayor Pedro stated that tonight's meeting was very informative.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before Council, Mrs. Bruno made a motion to close the meeting at 8:56 p.m. Mr. Borowski seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Jon D. Gochenour, Clerk of Council

Timothy G. Pedro, Mayor