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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 Mayor Pedro. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited and led by Emma McKee, Waterville Fire Association Scholarship recipient.

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; 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 – 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.

Presentations

- A. Waterville Fire Association – Randy King
 1. Waterville Fire Association Scholarships
 - Noah Kovin
 - Cameron Buraszkeski
 - Emma McKee
 - Annalise Govin
 - Clara Ollerenshaw
 2. Carl Conrad Memorial Scholarship
 - Lily Drees

Chief Meyer welcomed everyone and then introduced Randy King. Mr. King, along with other members of the Waterville Fire Association, presented the Waterville Fire Association Scholarships as well as the Carl Conrad Memorial Scholarship to the selected recipients.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Bruno moved to approve the minutes of the May 24, 2021 Regular Council meeting. Mr. Rozic seconded the motion, which passed by voice vote. Mrs. Bruno abstained.

Citizens Comments

Marge Mulcahy, 3873 Heatherdowns Blvd., Toledo, OH 43614, came to this evening's meeting on behalf of the Lake Erie Waterkeepers, a nonprofit, tax exempt organization, which seeks to have fishable, swimmable and drinkable water for the Lake Erie Watershed. She asked Council to consider passing a resolution asking President Biden for an Executive Order for federal oversight of the phosphorus loadings going into Lake Erie. The order would reduce harmful algae blooms and help to clean up Lake Erie. Mayor Pedro thanked Ms. Mulcahy for coming to this evening's meeting.

Staff Reports

Administrator: Jon Gochenour –

- Stated that he didn't have anything to add to his report that wasn't agenda specific. He then answered questions from Council regarding the future

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construction at Parker Square, sealed bids for work will be opened on July 14, the need for additional parking in the downtown area, especially near the newly opened Liberty House, his meeting with Waterville Twp. Trustee, Julie Theroux to discuss the FTUCD and the Fire Co-Op and repairs and maintenance of the old railroad depot building which was recently vandalized.

Law Director: Phil Dombey – No report.

Finance Director: Mark Williams –

- Reviewed details from the May 2021 Month End Finance Report highlighting fund balances, investments and income tax revenues.

Treasurer: Steve Schult –

- Reviewed details of the Treasurer’s Report for the month of May 2021.

Police Chief: Joe Valvano –

- Reported that they will be holding interviews for the Lieutenant’s position tomorrow.
- Stated that the department received eight applications for the patrol officer position. Civil Service testing will take place in the next couple of weeks.
- Reported that “Rock the Block” went well with no issues to report.
- Stated that Safety City will be held July 12 – 16. The department is still accepting applications.
- Started that the police motorcycle will be put up on the GovDeals auction site this week.

Public Works Director: Ken Blair –

- Reported that US Utility has been in town installing the last of the receptor poles for the new water meter canopy system.
- Stated that the walking paths in Conrad and Waterworks Parks will be resurfaced during the week of June 28.
- Reported that the Parks and Recreation Committee will be having a Community Work Day on July 17; weather permitting. They are planning on painting the Baer Park shelter house.
- Thanked the Waterville Area Arts Commission for planting the downtown planters, the Countryside Garden club for planting and caring for the plantings at Pioneer Point and Nilsson’s Landscaping for the plantings and maintenance at Pray Park and the point at Michigan Ave. and Farnsworth Rd.
- Reminded Council that the Annual Fishing Derby will be held on Saturday, September 18 at Waterworks Park.

Mr. Borowski asked Mr. Blair who was responsible for the upkeep of the roundabouts on Waterville-Monclova Rd. Mr. Blair stated that they are maintained by Lucas County. Mr. Borowski then shared his concerns about the condition of the parks and common areas throughout Waterville. He asked Mr. Blair if some of the work needs to be contracted out or if there is a need to hire additional employees to take care of the problem areas. Mr. Blair stated that he is working with Mr. Gochenour to come up with some possible solutions.

Fire Chief: Doug Meyer –

- Reported that the budgeted upgrades to the Fire Station are almost completed. He stated that the budgeted garage door replacements finally came in. They installed one door today and will continue until completed.
- Congratulated Firefighter Nick Wisner on passing his paramedic exam and is now a registered paramedic.
- Stated that he is sending a couple of firefighters to the bike training class hosted by the Waterville Police Department during the week of July 12 – 16.

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Chief Meyer then answered questions from Council regarding items in his report including paramedic and EMT training.

Communications from Council Members/Committees

Mrs. Duncan –

- Stated that she attended “Rock the Block” this past weekend. She added that it went well and was very successful.

Mr. Borowski –

- Stated that he also attended “Rock the Block” last weekend. He estimated that there were over 1,500 in attendance and stated that it was an awesome event. He also added that it was great to be back in Council Chambers.

Mr. Rozic – No report.

Mr. Frey – No report.

Mrs. Bruno –

- Stated that it was great to be back in Council Chambers.
- Reported that during the last unlimited pick-up, a resident contacted her stating that someone was dumping her trash at the curb and then leaving the mess behind. She asked if the Council should consider an ordinance or resolution prohibiting this. Mr. Gochenour stated that if she gets any calls in the future she should refer them to the Police Department. Mr. Dombey stated that he doesn’t believe that a resolution or ordinance is needed since we have laws in place against littering.
- Stated that the Parks and Recreation Committee met in June. The pickle ball courts are moving forward. One of the tennis courts will be turned into two pickle ball courts. She added that one member of the committee has reached out to the library to help in coordinating the loaning of equipment for anyone who might be interested in trying out pickle ball.
- Gave a “shout out” to Third Street Cigar for their recent Jazz Dance Party held on June 12. It was a great event.

Mr. Bruno –

- Stated that it is nice to be back in Council Chambers.
- Reported that he attended the opening of the Buffalo Rock Brewery. He stated that they did an amazing job and added that they are an asset to our city.

Mayor Pedro –

- Reported that he also attended the Buffalo Rock Brewing Co. opening.
- Attended the ribbon cutting at Rivers Edge Salon.
- Stated that the Anthony Wayne Area Arts Commission sponsored an Art and About event in Waterville last week. It was great to see all the artists in town.
- Attended a gathering at the Police Department for Tina Nicolai who recently retired after 25 years of service to the city.
- Attended the last WEDC meeting at the Liberty House.
- Attended the “Rock the Block” event.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. ORDINANCE 02-21 AN ORDINANCE GRANTING TO THE WATERVILLE GAS AND OIL COMPANY, AN OHIO CORPORATION, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, THE RIGHT TO LAY, CONSTRUCT, MAINTAIN, OPERATE, REPAIR AND REMOVE MAINS, PIPES, REGULATORS AND ALL OTHER NECESSARY FIXTURES,

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APPLIANCES AND APPURTENANCES IN, OVER, THROUGH AND UNDER THE STREETS, ALLEYS AND PUBLIC GROUNDS OF THE CITY OF WATERVILLE, OHIO FOR TRANSMISSION AND SUPPLY OF GAS OR THE MANUFACTURING OF GAS FOR LIGHT, FUEL OR POWER PURPOSES FOR SAID CITY AND ITS INHABITANTS FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE (5) YEARS

Second Reading

- B. ORDINANCE 03-21 AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE PRICE AT WHICH GAS SHALL BE FURNISHED TO THE CITY OF WATERVILLE, OHIO AND ITS INHABITANTS BY THE WATERVILLE GAS AND OIL COMPANY, AN OHIO CORPORATION, AFTER ACCEPTANCE HEREOF AND UNTIL FIVE YEARS THEREAFTER

Second Reading

Ordinances 02-21 and 03-21 involve the renewal of the Waterville Gas Company's current five (5) year franchise and associated rate agreements with the City of Waterville. Under the City Charter, the franchise agreement between the City and Waterville Gas must be renewed every five years. The current franchise and rate agreements will expire on September 12, 2021. The renewal ordinances contain very few changes from the current agreements; the main changes include the proposed renewal dates and a change in the "volumetric rate" charged for natural gas. The volumetric rate indicated in the ordinance is the current market rate which increases or decreases quarterly based on gas costs charged by suppliers, Ohio use taxes, and an "uncollectible accounts adjustments" fee which is indicated in the rate agreement ordinance. Both ordinances have been reviewed and recommended for approval by the City Law Director. At their May 21, 2021 public meeting, the Finance Committee has also recommended approval of the renewal to City Council.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. ORDINANCE 05-21 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$195,000 DUTCH ROAD WATER LINE IMPROVEMENT BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES, THIRD (2021) RENEWAL, BY THE CITY OF WATERVILLE, OHIO, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING WATER LINE IMPROVEMENTS ALONG DUTCH ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
- B. ORDINANCE 06-21 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$360,000 WATER TOWER RESTORATION BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES, THIRTEENTH (2021) RENEWAL, BY THE CITY OF WATERVILLE, OHIO, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF RESTORING WATER TOWERS IN THE MUNICIPALITY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
- C. ORDINANCE 07-21 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$970,000 WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES, SEVENTH (2021) RENEWAL, BY THE CITY OF WATERVILLE, OHIO, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
- D. ORDINANCE 08-21 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$250,000 FIRE TRUCK ACQUISITION BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES, BY THE CITY OF WATERVILLE, OHIO, IN ANTICIPATION OF ISSUANCE OF BONDS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACQUIRING A FIRE TRUCK FOR THE CITY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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- E. ORDINANCE 09-21 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,400,000 LADDER FIRE TRUCK ACQUISITION BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES, BY THE CITY OF WATERVILLE, OHIO, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACQUIRING A LADDER FIRE TRUCK FOR THE CITY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
- F. ORDINANCE 10-21 AN ORDINANCE CONSOLIDATING NOT TO EXCEED FIVE BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES ISSUES OF THE CITY OF WATERVILLE, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Ordinances 05-21 through 10-21 are related to the FY 2020 Bond Anticipation Note Issue retirement and the issuance of new Bond Anticipation Notes. The 2020 notes mature July 21, 2021 and will be replaced by a new six-month note issue, the details of which are provided in the spreadsheet included with Ordinance 10-21 in the Council packet. The original \$1,775,000 note issue in the 2021 City budget reflected an increase of \$114,000 from the 2020 note issue. An additional \$250,000 was included in the 2021 note issue for the financing of a new 2021 Pierce Enforcer Fire Engine which was included in the 2021 Fire-Year Capital Budget. Recently, there has been discussion regarding adding an additional \$1,400,000 to the 2021 note issue to purchase a “demo” Pierce 100-ft. ladder fire truck to replace the City’s current 2003 ladder truck. It was the recommendation of both the Finance and Public Safety Committees to purchase the demo vehicle rather than fix the current vehicle with repairs estimated to exceed \$100,000. The issuance of notes for a six-month term will allow the City to combine the notes at maturity with the refinancing of the City’s current 2012 Bond in December 2021. Rolling the notes into a new refinance bond will allow the City to take advantage of historically low interest rates to save money on the remaining years of debt service. The rolling of the City’s existing notes into a refinanced 2012 Bond issue was also recommended by the Finance Committee. A spreadsheet projecting the estimated debt service on the proposed new ladder fire truck was included in Council’s packet. The estimated total interest payments over the next 10 years are \$180,000 when included with the refinanced 2012 Bond. Ordinance 05-21 through 09-21 may be voted on as a group. The vote on Ordinance 10-21 should be taken separately. If Council decides not to issue a note for the new ladder fire truck, Ordinance 10-21, the consolidating note ordinance, can be passed without including the ladder truck.

Council held a lengthy discussion debating the pros and cons of paying for the repairs to the current ladder truck or purchasing the proposed “demo” model replacement ladder truck. A comparable new model would cost the city \$1.8 million. Both the Public Safety Committee and the Finance Committee recommend purchasing the demo model due to current low interest rates and the unknown final costs of repairing the current ladder truck which is 18 years old. In addition, repairing the current ladder truck would have the ladder truck vehicle out of service for up to one year.

Mrs. Bruno made a motion to suspend the rules to allow for the passage of Ordinances 05-21 through 07-21 as an emergency measure. Mr. Frey seconded the motion.

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

Mayor Pedro made a motion to move for the passage of Ordinances 05-21 through 07-21 as an emergency measure. Mrs. Duncan seconded the motion.

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

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Mayor Pedro made a motion to suspend the rules to allow for the passage of Ordinance 08-21 as an emergency measure. Mrs. Bruno seconded the motion.

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

Mayor Pedro made a motion to move for the passage of Ordinance 08-21 as an emergency measure. 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.

Mayor Pedro made a motion to suspend the rules to allow for the passage of Ordinance 09-21 as an emergency measure. Mr. Bruno seconded the motion.

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

Mayor Pedro made a motion to move for the passage of Ordinance 09-21 as an emergency measure. Mr. Bruno seconded the motion.

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

Mayor Pedro made a motion to suspend the rules to allow for the passage of Ordinance 10-21 as an emergency measure. Mr. Rozic 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.

Mayor Pedro made a motion to move for the passage of Ordinance 10-21 as an emergency measure. Mr. Bruno seconded the motion.

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

G. RESOLUTION 26-21 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO BOWERS ASPHALT AND PAVING, INC. FOR THE 2021 PAVING PROGRAM

Resolution 26-21 would authorize a contract with Bowers Asphalt and Paving, Inc. of Walbridge, Ohio for pavement improvements to portions of Maple Lane, Cherry Lane, Canal Court, South Third Street and the alley between Mechanic Street and Farnsworth Road behind Zion Luther Church. Pavement rejuvenating agent will also be applied to the following streets paved last year: Buckeye Drive, Mill Creek Lane., Bending Brook Lane, Springcrest Drive, Maumee Drive, North Street, South Street and Wilkshire Drive. This construction project was advertised and the City received seven competitive bids, which were opened on June 16, 2021. It was determined by the City Engineer and administrative staff that Bowers Asphalt and Paving, Inc. submitted the best and most responsive bid of \$290,621.95, therefore the recommendation to award them the contract.

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Mrs. Bruno moved to adopt Resolution 26-21. Mrs. Duncan seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

H. RESOLUTION 27-21 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO GEDDIS PAVING AND EXCAVATING, INC. FOR THE FARNSWORTH/NEAPOLIS-WATERVILLE ROAD SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION PROJECT

This Resolution would authorize a contract with Geddis Paving and Excavating, Inc. of Toledo, Ohio for the Farnsworth/Neapolis-Waterville Road Sanitary Sewer Extension Project. The project involves the extension of approximately 400 feet of 12-inch sanitary sewer west on Farnsworth/Neapolis-Waterville Road. This construction project was advertised and the City received three competitive bids, which were opened on June 16, 2021. It was determined by the City Engineer and administrative staff that Geddis Paving and Excavating, Inc. submitted the best and most responsive bid of \$46,801.00, therefore the recommendation to award them the contract.

Mr. Rozic moved to adopt Resolution 27-21. Mrs. Bruno seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

I. RESOLUTION 28-21 A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF IMPROVING CERTAIN STREETS BY THE CONSTRUCTION AND/OR REPAIR OF SIDEWALKS; AND APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATION AND ESTIMATES OF THE COST OF THE IMPROVEMENT

This is the first piece of legislation needed for our 2021 Sidewalk Improvement Program. Enclosed with this legislation is an attachment showing the portions of the streets included in this year's program. The affected property owners will be notified and will be given an opportunity to perform the required sidewalk repair or replacement work. If they do not perform the work, by default it will be included in the City's program. The property owners will also be given the choice to pay cash for their portion of the project or to have an annual assessment added to their tax duplicate for 5 years to pay their share. The estimated costs are \$8.50 per square foot or \$170.00 to replace an average 20 square foot section of sidewalk or \$75.00 to "mud jack" or raise a sidewalk section. The City will be paying for 100% of the cost to replace or repair sidewalks at intersections or sections damaged by water or sewer repair projects. This procedure is in accordance with the City of Waterville's "Connect Waterville Sidewalk Program" adopted by Council in 2000.

Mrs. Bruno moved to adopt Resolution 28-21. Mr. Rozic seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

J. RESOLUTION 29-21 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE WATERVILLE PLAYSHOP FOR THE LEASE OF THE FORMER FIRE STATION OWNED BY THE MUNICIPALITY AT 808 MICHIGAN AVENUE

The Waterville Playshop's two-year lease of the former fire station has expired. The Playshop is interested in renewing their lease for an additional two-year term. The provisions of the new lease would be identical to those in the current lease. The Waterville Playshop would continue to be responsible for paying all utilities used at the building, all repairs under \$10,000 and the City's insurance cost for the building.

Mr. Bruno moved to adopt Resolution 29-21. Mr. Rozic seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

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Other Business

Mrs. Duncan wanted to remind all residents that the City will be having fireworks on the Fourth of July. Mr. Frey then asked Mr. Gochenour if the city will be conducting another Water Rate Study in which he replied that a study was put in the 2021 budget. Mr. Rozic thanked Mr. Borowski for the time he spent with area Fire Departments researching the ladder truck purchase. Mayor Pedro also wanted to comment that he attended the Memorial Day Services at Wakeman Cemetery. He said it was very well organized and attended and thanked Mr. Frey and the FTUCD for getting the cemetery ready. He also wanted to remind Council the Dale's Diner is re-opening and that the Blues, Brews and Brats Festival as well as Oliver Hazard Day are coming up!

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before Council, Mrs. Duncan made a motion to close the meeting at 10:44 p.m. Mr. Borowski seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous voice vote.

Jon D. Gochenour, Clerk of Council

Timothy G. Pedro, Mayor