

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. by video conference with Council members.

The prayer was offered by Mr. Bruno. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited and led by Mrs. Duncan.

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

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

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 present by video conference.

Staff Present:

Mark Williams – Director of Finance and Administration by video conference

Joe Valvano – Police Chief by video conference

Doug Meyer – Fire Chief by video conference

Ken Blair – Public Works Director by video conference

Citizens Present:

None

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Bruno moved to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2020 Council meeting.

Mr. Borowski seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Staff Reports

Administrator: Jon Gochenour -

- Reported that Council was provided the latest safety recommendations from the Ohio Department of Health and the Lucas County Health Department regarding Halloween. He then stated that he also included in Council's packet draft materials that he has been working on with a representative from Republic Services regarding unlimited pick-up and the new trash and recycling containers. This information is geared toward educating the citizens of upcoming changes to both trash collection and the twice a year unlimited pick-up.

Mayor Pedro stated that he will be attending a Mayor's Call tomorrow and added that he could have additional Halloween safety suggestions for the Administrator and Council at their next meeting. He then asked if there was any new information on the FTUCD. Mr. Frey stated that the District has hired a new Cemetery Sexton, Rory Hartbarger. He added that he is doing an excellent job and that we are very excited to have him on board. He also stated that they are working through some issues with the Township and are also having discussions on potential future equipment purchases.

Law Director: Phil Dombey –

- Stated that he will be meeting with John Borrell, Waterville Township Law Director, on Wednesday, October 7 to discuss invoices submitted by Waterville Township for hours worked by former Township employees and other issues regarding the Cemetery District. He added that he is hopeful that this meeting will bring some resolution to any outstanding issues.

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Finance Director: Mark Williams -

- Reviewed details of the August 2020 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 August 2020. He then stated that the State of Ohio has not yet released the City’s 2019 Audit. He added that he is hopeful to have a report on the audit to present to Council at their next meeting.

Police Chief: Joe Valvano –

- Congratulated Doug Meyer on his appointment to Fire Chief.
- Reported that the Police Department took possession of its new patrol car. He thanked Council for allowing them to move forward with the purchase.
- Offered condolences to the family of Keyona Drake who died when her car exited Waterville-Monclova/Dutch Rd. and went into a pond.
- Stated that he, along with other Department Heads, recently held a roundtable with the Toledo Police Department’s Social Media Team to provide feedback for how to begin developing a social media presence in Waterville.
- Reported that they recently interviewed a potential crossing guard candidate.

Fire Chief: Doug Meyer –

- Reported that the 800 MHz pagers are in and have been delivered to the programmer. We should receive them back to distribute quickly.
- Congratulated Matthew Beakas and Dean Kookoothe on their promotions to Lieutenant.

Public Works Director: Ken Blair -

- Congratulated Chief Meyer on his promotion to the official Fire Chief position.
- Reported that the construction of the bridge and restoration of the park is expected to be completed by the end of October.
- Stated that this year’s Street Paving Program has been completed other than some mirror restoration work.
- Reported that next year’s sidewalk program documentation has been submitted.
- Stated that the Public Works Department has been very busy working in the City’s parks doing some minor repairs and tree trimming, etc.
- Stated that the department is gearing up for this year’s leaf collection program. A flier and map will be posted on the city’s website.

Mr. Borowski stated that he has been asked by several residents that live on S. River Road why the sidewalks stop at a certain point. Mr. Blair stated that he will look into this.

Communications from Council Members/Committees

Mrs. Duncan –

- Congratulated Doug Meyer on his promotion to Fire Chief.

Mr. Borowski –

- Congratulated Doug Meyer on his promotion to Fire Chief.
- Reported that a Fire/EMS Co-op Fundraiser will be held at Third St. Cigar on Thursday, October 8 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Mr. Bruno –

- Congratulated Doug Meyer on his promotion to Fire Chief.

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Mr. Frey –

- Also congratulated Doug Meyer on his promotion to Fire Chief.

Mr. Rozic –

- Congratulated Chief Meyer adding that the ceremony at the Fire Station was terrific.
- Thanked the Police Department for the notice on his front door that he left his garage door open.

Mayor Pedro –

- Congratulated Chief Meyer.
- Announced that the Waterville Chamber of Commerce will host a “Boo-to-Do” event on Thursday, October 29 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. in downtown Waterville, with businesses and organizations passing out candy to trick-or-treaters.
- Reported that the Waterville Area Chamber of Commerce is working on a “Buy Local” for area residents.
- Reported that he has been on calls with other Lucas County Mayors, and as Covid-19 continues to be a point of focus, that there are some opportunities for communities to be reimbursed for loss items in their budget.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. ORDINANCE 14-20 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART THREE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WATERVILLE, SCHEDULE V OF THE TRAFFIC SCHEDULES: RESTRICTED OR PROHIBITED PARKING BY ADDING NO PARKING AREAS TO A PORTION OF SYCAMORE LANE AT ROYAL HAMPTON LANE
Third Reading and Legislative Action

Ordinance 14-20 would establish a new no parking area along the west side of Sycamore Lane extending approximately 315 feet north of the intersection of Village Parkway to 7815 Royal Hampton Lane. The new no parking zone has been recommended by the Police Chief, Fire Chief and Public Works Director to eliminate safety concerns regarding traffic visibility being obstructed on the curve of Sycamore and Royal Hampton Lanes when cars are parked on both sides of the street during special events at nearby Waterville Primary School or during the July 4 Fireworks display. Parking on both sides of the street reduces traffic down to one lane which creates a dangerous situation if two vehicles happen to be approaching each other from different directions at the curve of Royal Hampton and Sycamore Lanes and cannot adequately see each other. Moreover, the current parking situation also makes it difficult for a fire truck or ambulance to respond to an emergency situation at the school if both sides of the street are lined with parked vehicles. The creation of the no parking area was recommended by the Public Safety Committee at their August 8, 2020 public meeting. A map was provided in Council’s packet with the planned no parking area indicated in red along with the recommendation from the Police, Fire and Public Works Departments.

Mr. Borowski moved to adopt Ordinance 14-20. Mr. Rozic seconded the motion.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. RESOLUTION 36-20 A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE AUDITOR OF LUCAS COUNTY, OHIO TO ISSUE ADVANCE PAYMENTS ON THE CURRENT COLLECTION OF TAXES DUE THE CITY OF WATERVILLE DURING CALENDAR YEAR 2021

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This Resolution is the City's annual request of the County Auditor to release property taxes collected to the City of Waterville in advance of the usual March and August 2021 distribution dates. This request will allow the City to receive our property tax revenue sooner. The County Auditor has requested the passage of this legislation at this time for the next calendar year.

Mrs. Duncan moved to adopt Resolution 36-20. Mr. Frey seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

B. RESOLUTION 37-20 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR

This item is an annual piece of legislation which approves and accepts the tax rates set by the Lucas County Budget Commission for the inside millage property tax that is collected based on this approved millage and the property valuations within the City. The property tax rates contained in this Resolution are estimated to increase \$192,000 from last year.

Mr. Rozic moved to adopt Resolution 37-20. Mr. Frey seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Other Business

Mayor Pedro stated that the Fire/EMS Co-op Educational Committee is building momentum in educating the public on the upcoming levy.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before Council, Mr. Bruno made a motion to close the meeting at 8:07 p.m. Mr. Rozic seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous voice vote.

Jon D. Gochenour, Clerk of Council

Timothy G. Pedro, Mayor