

## Regular Council

November 9

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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. Borowski. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited and led by Mrs. Bruno.

Present at roll call were Mrs. Bruno, Mr. Frey, Mayor Pedro, Mr. Rozic, Mr. Borowski, Mrs. Duncan and Mr. Bruno (arriving at 7:40 p.m.).

Also present this evening in Council Chambers was Jon Gochenour, Municipal Administrator and Clerk of Council and Melissa Cook, Recording Secretary. Steve Schult, Treasurer and Phil Dombey, Law Director were present by video conference

### Staff Present:

Mark Williams – Director of Finance and Administration by video conference

### Citizens Present:

Karen Gerhardinger – Mirror Newspaper

Mike and Carrie Hill – 139 S. River Rd.

Jennifer Scroggs – 7840 Meadowview Ln.

Theresa Pollick – 501 Cedar Ln.

Jeff Marty – 504 Michigan Ave.

Nick Sargent – 439 N. River Rd.

Josh Hartbarger – Village of Whitehouse Fire Chief

### Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Duncan moved to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2020 Council meeting as amended. Rod Frey seconded the motion, which passed by voice vote.

### Citizens Comments

Several members of the “Citizens for a Safe Waterville” were present at this evening’s meeting by video conference. Mayor Pedro stated that it was the hard work and determination of this committee that made the difference in getting Waterville Issue 5 Fire Levy passed. He thanked all of the members of the committee that were in attendance as well as Jeff Lose, Jim McNellis, Tom Seiffert, Jeff Brubaker, Jennifer Hildebrand, Waterville Fire Chief Doug Meyer, Village of Whitehouse Fire Chief Josh Hartbarger, City Administration, Council, Waterville Gas Co. and others for getting the word out and educating the public. He then wanted to assure residents that Council will be very diligent with their tax dollars and do what is best for our community. Council members thanked each of the volunteers for all of their time and efforts in getting the Fire/EMS Levy approved and the voters for recognizing the need.

### Staff Reports

Administrator: Jon Gochenour

- Reported that the dates for the unlimited trash pick-up and the delivery of the trash and recycling containers have not yet been finalized. He added that everything is ready to move forward and that he is waiting for Republic to provide him with the final dates.
- Stated that he recently met with the property owner of the new “Farnsworth Cocktail Bar” located at the old Fifth Third Bank Building in Waterville. He added that he helped with an ADA Ramp that was approved by the Historic District Commission on November 4.
- Reported that he spoke with the County Auditor about the recently passed Fire Levy. He stated that we will receive the revenue from the levy in 2021.

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Mr. Gochenour then addressed questions from Council regarding the requests for lot splits in the city as well as the unlimited pick-up and trash container delivery dates.

Law Director: Phil Dombey – No report.

Finance Director: Mark Williams – No report.

Treasurer: Steve Schult – No report.

### Communications from Council Members/Committees

#### A. Appointment to Various Commissions, Boards and Committees

A list of appointments proposed by the Mayor for Council's consideration and approval was included in the Council packet.

Mrs. Bruno moved to approve the appointments of Jill Schurr, Win Sturgeon and Joe Arquette to Tree Commission for new three (3) year terms. The new terms will expire on 12/31/2023. Mr. Borowski seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Mrs. Bruno moved to approve the appointment of Robert Lineen as an Ex-Officio/Non-Voting member of the Parks and Recreation Committee. Mr. Lineen's term expires on 12/31/2021. Mr. Frey seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Mrs. Bruno – No report.

Mrs. Duncan – No report.

Mr. Bruno –

- Questioned whether the City would be holding their annual Holiday Dinner this year. He then suggested maybe handing out gift cards from Waterville restaurants in its place. Mr. Gochenour stated that he discussed this with the Mayor and agreed that due to COVID-19 restrictions that we should hold off on an annual holiday gathering. He also thought about giving out gift cards instead. He then suggested that the City could possibly hold a picnic outside in the spring for employees if conditions improve.

Mr. Borowski –

- Reported that he was contacted by a resident who had concerns about the traffic pattern on Canal Rd. going to Village Pkwy.
- Stated that he also received a call from a resident who is concerned about a neighbor who is feeding the birds seeds that contains an extremely evasive type of thistle. He then stated that this thistle has taken over her back yard. He added that he is doing some research to see if anything can be done to prevent this.

Mr. Frey – No report.

Mr. Rozic –

- Reminded residents that when raking their leaves to the curb for pick-up not to place them in the street. He also stated that residents should avoid putting any sticks and twigs in with the leaves.

Mayor Pedro –

- Thanked all again that were involved in passing the Fire/EMS levy.
- Encouraged Council members to read through the Five-Year Capital Budget.

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OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. RESOLUTION 43-20 A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE CITY OF WATERVILLE FY 2021 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 16. 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.

Mr. Gochenour briefly went over his cover memo which gave an overview of the FY 2021 Five-Year Capital Budget Proposal and the recommendations listed on page 1 of the actual document.

Council addressed questions to Mr. Gochenour and held a brief discussion on some of the components of the Five-Year Capital Planning Program.

- B. RESOLUTION 44-20 A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE SCHEDULE OF FEES AND DEPOSITS CHARGED BY THE CITY OF WATERVILLE FOR VARIOUS SERVICES BY MODIFYING THE CHARGE FOR SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

With the finalization of the new contract with Republic Services, this Resolution will increase monthly collection fees for refuse and recycling collection as specified in the contract over the next five (5) years. The current rate of \$10.21 per month will increase to \$11.51 with the upcoming December 2020 bill. The rates will increase effective June 1 by 3% in future years to reflect the increases specified in the contract.

Mrs. Bruno moved to adopt Resolution 45-20. Mr. Bruno seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Other Business

None

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before Council, Mr. Frey made a motion to close the meeting at 8:34 p.m. Mrs. Duncan seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous voice vote.

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Jon D. Gochenour, Clerk of Council

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Timothy G. Pedro, Mayor