

## 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 Barb Bruno. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited and led by Todd Borowski.

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 present by video conference.

### Staff Present:

Mark Williams – Director of Finance and Administration by video conference  
Doug Meyer – Fire Chief by video conference

### Citizens Present:

Karen Gerhardinger – Mirror Newspaper by video conference  
Josh Hartbarger – Village of Whitehouse Fire Chief by video conference  
Terrence Rousseau – 8117 Silverstone Dr. by video conference

### Approval of Minutes

Rod Frey moved to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2021 Council meeting.  
John Rozic seconded the motion, which passed by voice vote.

### Citizens Comments

None

### Staff Reports

Administrator: Jon Gochenour

- Reported that in coordination with the Fire Chief, he made contingent offers of employment to three candidates for the new full-time positions of Firefighter/Paramedic/EMT.
- Stated that he and the Public Works Director met with the City Engineer and employees of the Collaborative to review progress on construction plans for Parker Square/Memorial Park. He briefly went over some of the design elements of the project.
- Stated that along with the Public Works Director he reviewed upcoming 2021 construction projects with the City Engineer where they discussed moving forward with the Downtown Street Lighting Project Phase 7. The manufacturing of the street light poles are 18-20 weeks out.
- Reported that the staff has requested bids to repave the walking paths at Conrad and Waterworks Parks.
- Discussed with the Lucas County Engineer a proposed County 2023 Storm Water Improvement Project in the Swan Creek Watershed which includes the Blystone Ditch. This project could result in special assessments in a portion of the City. He added that he will keep Council updated as this project moves forward.
- Stated that he included in Council's packet the December 2020 "Local Market Update" for single family and condo/villa home sales in the Waterville area from the Northwest Ohio Association of Realtors.

Mrs. Bruno asked if part of what we pay Lucas County goes toward the general maintenance of these waterways. Mr. Gochenour stated that Lucas County is proposing a storm water improvement project where they can assess benefiting properties under the Ohio Revised Code for such improvements. Mrs. Bruno then

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stated that Lucas County has a responsibility to us as a municipality within the County. She added that she would like to hold them accountable for maintaining the waterways without assessing property owners for what needs to be done as part of the regular maintenance. Mr. Frey asked if the street light in front of 25 S. Second St. would be included in the upcoming street lighting program. Mr. Gochenour stated he believed that this area was included in the upcoming project.

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. Duncan made a motion to appoint Terry Rousseau to the Historic District Commission. Mr. Bruno seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote. Mr. Rousseau was in attendance and introduced himself to Council.

Mrs. Duncan –

- Mentioned that she noticed that a couple of the slides on Channel 1021 are out of date and inaccurate. She asked if this could be looked into.

Mrs. Bruno – No report.

Mr. Borowski – No report.

Mr. Bruno –

- Reported that a member of the Parks and Recreation Committee sent an e-mail to the members of the Committee regarding the ODNR Nature Works Grant Program. They are offering a \$150,000 grant to municipalities to purchase and improve public outdoor recreation areas. He added that they are hoping to be able to apply for this grant and take advantage of it for Waterville.

Mr. Rozic –

- Stated that he would like to correct a February 4 Blade article regarding the upcoming election. He stated that there are four candidates running but only three incumbents: Mary Duncan, Anthony Bruno and myself. Michael Hampton is listed as an incumbent but is not currently serving on Council. The article also implied that the election would be held on May 4. According to the City Charter, if we had a primary, it would be held on that date. Since we do not have enough candidates, we will not need a primary. The election will be held on Tuesday, November 2.
- Encouraged all to continue trying to register for an appointment for the COVID-19 vaccine through the Lucas County Health Department website.

Mr. Frey – No report.

Mayor Pedro –

- Reported that he administered the Oath of Office to our new Deputy Fire Chief, Zach Bingham.
- Stated that he and the Administrator are continuing to look for grants that would benefit the City of Waterville.

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- Thanked Mr. Bruno for taking and forwarding a photo of one of our Police Officers helping out a citizen.

### OLD BUSINESS:

- A. RESOLUTION 46-20 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO THE SIXTH AMENDMENT WITH LUCAS COUNTY AND THE CITIES OF MAUMEE, OREGON, SYLVANIA AND TOLEDO FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A REGIONAL COMBINED HEALTH DISTRICT FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES WITHIN THE GEOGRAPHICAL JURISDICTION OF LUCAS COUNTY, OHIO (TABLED, DECEMBER 14, 2020)

The Cities of Maumee, Oregon, Sylvania, Toledo and Waterville have all contracted with Lucas County to establish a regional combined health district that is known as the Toledo – Lucas County Health Department. This contract expires on January 1, 2021. This Resolution would authorize an amendment to the operating agreement of the regional combined health district to extend the expiration date of the current agreement to December 31, 2021.

This Resolution is still tabled pending further clarification on the amended Resolution from the Lucas County Prosecutor’s Office.

### NEW BUSINESS:

- A. MOTION - A MOTION TO SUPPORT “OHIO LOVES TRANSIT” DAYS IN THE STATE OF OHIO

The Toledo Area Regional Transit Authority (TARTA) has requested a motion of support to promote “Ohio Loves Transit” Days in the State of Ohio, February 10 – 14, 2021. Ohio Loves Transit Days is a statewide initiative which highlights the importance of public transit in supporting independent mobility and economic activity in communities across Ohio.

Mr. Borowski made a motion to support “Ohio Loves Transit” Days in the State of Ohio. Mrs. Bruno seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

- B. RESOLUTION 07-21 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A JOINT COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE VILLAGE OF WHITEHOUSE AND THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERVILLE FOR THE PROVISION OF FIRE, EMS AND AMBULANCE SERVICES

This resolution authorizes the City of Waterville to enter into a Joint Cooperation Agreement with the Village of Whitehouse and Waterville Township for the provision of Fire, EMS and Ambulance Services. This resolution formalizes the “Co-Op” agreement presentations which were made to the City, the Village, the Township and to members of the community during the recent fire levy campaign where each community pledged to closely cooperate with each other in providing improved fire, EMS and ambulance services. In the agreement, the City and the Village agree to hire more full-time staff, provide a schedule for capital equipment purchases, develop standard operating procedures, coordinate mutual hiring and scheduling practices and establish a joint steering committee to discuss issues of mutual concern. Waterville Township agrees to enter in a ten (10) year fire and EMS services contract with the City and Village. The Village and Township recently approved the proposed Joint Cooperation Agreement. City Council authorized the approval of the proposed ten (10) year fire and EMS agreement with the Township on December 14, 2020. The Joint

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Cooperation Agreement was enclosed with this resolution for Council's review and consideration.

Village of Whitehouse Fire Chief Hartbarger and Fire Chief Meyer were in attendance to answer questions from Council. After discussion, Mrs. Bruno moved to adopt Resolution 07-21. Mr. Rozic seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Other Business

None

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before Council, Mr. Borowski made a motion to close the meeting at 8:13 p.m. Mr. Rozic 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