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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 and led by Corbin Fitzpatrick, Boy Scout Troop 101.

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 and Melissa Cook, Recording Secretary. Phil Dombey, Law Director and Steve Schult, Treasurer were 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:

Karen Gerhardinger, Mirror Newspaper by video conference

Corbin Fitzpatrick, 7903 Royal Hampton Ln. by video conference

Ben Perkins, 8340 Neapolis-Waterville Rd. by video conference

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Rozic moved to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2021 Council meeting.

Mr. Frey seconded the motion, which passed by voice vote.

Mayor Pedro called for a moment of silence to recognize the loss of Toledo Police Officer Brandon Stalker. He then offered his sincere condolences to Officer Stalker's family.

Citizens Comments

Corbin Fitzpatrick, 7903 Royal Hampton Ln., stated that he is attending this evening's meeting to work on his "Citizenship in the Community" badge. He is a Scout from Boy Scout Troop 101 in Waterville. He mentioned that he has noticed a lot of blowing trash in town particularly on Pray Blvd. He recommended that trash cans be placed throughout the city to try and eliminate this problem and suggested the addition of bike racks in different locations. He then asked when the next Parks and Recreation Committee meeting would be held. Mr. Gochenour stated that the committee's next meeting will be held in March and that he will e-mail him the meeting agenda.

Executive Session

Mrs. Duncan made a motion to move into Executive Session for Consideration of a Matter per ORC 121.22(G)(4): Reviewing Negotiations with Public Employees Concerning Compensation and Other Terms and Conditions of their Employment at 7:41 p.m. Mrs. Bruno seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mayor Pedro – yes, Mr. Frey – yes, Mr. Bruno – yes, Mrs. Duncan – yes, Mr. Borowski – yes, Mrs. Bruno – yes, Mr. Rozic – yes. The motion passed unanimously.

Return to Regular Session

After experiencing video equipment difficulties, Mrs. Bruno made a motion to come out of Executive Session and resume the regular Council meeting at 9:24 p.m. Mr. Borowski seconded the motion which carried by unanimous voice vote.

Staff Reports

Administrator: Jon Gochenour -

- Stated that he didn't have anything to add to his report that wasn't agenda specific.

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Law Director: Phil Dombey – No report.

Finance Director: Mark Williams –

- Reviewed details from the December 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 December 2020.

Police Chief: Joe Valvano –

- Reported that three new officers were sworn in on January 19. He stated that two of the officers started today and the third will start next week. He added that the fourth new hire has to undergo and pass a physical examination.
- Thanked the Mayor and Council for the Kroger Gift Cards for the holidays.
- Stated that Sergeant Rogers and Officer Nicely will be representing the Waterville Police Department at the funeral for Officer Brandon Stalker.

Chief Valvano then fielded and answered questions from Council members pertaining to certain items on his report.

Fire Chief: Doug Meyer –

- Reported that he and Mr. Gochenour, after numerous interviews, hired Zach Bingham as the new Deputy Fire Chief. He then introduced Zach Bingham to Council. Deputy Chief Bingham then spoke briefly on his education and work history stating that he currently works full-time for Tiffin Fire and Rescue. He added that he is hoping to begin his employment with the City on February 8. All members of Council welcomed him to Waterville.
- Completed four interviews for full-time staff positions and will soon begin the hiring process. They will also be hiring a new part-time person.
- Stated that the Waterville Fire Department was asked to assist with blocking traffic at an intersection for Office Stalker’s funeral.

Public Works Director – Ken Blair

- Reported that he will be meeting with the City Engineer to start the 2021 Paving Program street evaluation. He stated that he should have a list ready for the Administration and Council at the end of February or the beginning of March.
- Stated that the Water Meter Replacement Program will be starting soon.
- Reported that the City is currently requesting proposals/bids for the resurfacing of the walking paths in Conrad and Waterworks Parks.
- Stated that pothole repair is in progress.
- Reported that all of the downtown holiday lights have been removed.
- Stated that the Public Works Department collected approximately 179 Christmas Trees.
- Stated that the final walk-through for the Waterville Bridge project will be held on January 27.

Communications from Council Members/Committees

Mrs. Duncan – No report.

Mrs. Bruno – No report.

Mr. Bruno – No report.

Mr. Frey – No report.

Mr. Borowski – No report.

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Mr. Rozic – No report.

Mayor Pedro –

- Stated that he has been involved with an organization called “The V Project” which is an area-wide initiative to educate, motivate and vaccinate the entire NW Ohio corridor to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus.
- Reported that he will be attending the Waterville Area Chamber of Commerce annual meeting tomorrow via Zoom.

OLD 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 be taken on the second Council meeting in January.

After a brief discussion on the Five-Year Capital Budget, Mr. Bruno made a motion to approve the Five-Year Capital Program. Mr. Frey seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote

B. ORDINANCE 16-20 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF WATERVILLE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021, AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 17-20, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Third Reading and Legislative Action

A copy of the proposed FY 2021 Appropriations was included in Council’s packet. The Finance Committee reviewed and recommended approval of the budget at their November 20, 2020 public meeting. The 2021 Appropriations have been revised to include actual 2020 ending balances. As expected, these actual 2020 ending balances have resulted in increased “beginning balances” for 2021 over earlier budgetary projections. As a result, there is sufficient projected revenue to fund the expenditures proposed in the 2021 Appropriations. This ordinance also establishes the “Fire Levy (265) Fund” to accommodate future payments from the recently approved 3.25 mill fire levy. An outline was enclosed which illustrates changes to certain line items in the budget since the original budget submittal. An increase of \$23,548 is planned for additional debt service payments in 2021 which were deferred from 2020 due to COVID-19. An increase of \$50,000 is included in the Sewer Capital (680) Fund for the proposed extension of sanitary sewer service to a parcel located at 8340 Neapolis-Waterville Road. The authorization of a sewer extension agreement for this property is also on Council’s agenda for this evening’s meeting. The deadline set by the City Charter for Council adoption of the 2021 Operating Budget is March 1, 2021.

Mr. Rozic moved to adopt Ordinance 16-20. Mr. Frey seconded the motion.

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

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- C. 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

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 expired on January 1, 2021. This Resolution would authorize an amended agreement with the current members of the regional combined health district to extend the contract 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. RESOLUTION 04-21 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO PATROLMEN’S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION, SERGEANTS UNIT, AND AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO THE PROPOSED COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

- B. RESOLUTION 05-21 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO PATROLMEN’S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION, PATROL UNIT, AND AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO THE PROPOSED COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

These Resolutions authorize the approval of the proposed renewal of collective bargaining agreements with the Sergeants Unit and the Patrol Unit in the Police Department who are represented by the Ohio Patrolmen’s Benevolent Association. The respective agreements were attached to these Resolutions for Council’s review and consideration. These tentative agreements have been ratified by each bargaining unit. The three-year agreements contain wage increases for the next three years of 2.5% for Sergeants and 2.5% in years two and three for the Patrol Unit. In year one of the Patrol Agreement, the existing pay scale has been reduced in an effort to increase starting pay and to ensure that the City’s pay scale remains competitive with other area police departments.

Mrs. Duncan moved to adopt Resolution 04-21. Mr. Borowski seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Borowski moved to adopt Resolution 05-21. Mr. Frey seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

- C. RESOLUTION 06-21 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT TO EXTEND SANITARY SEWER SERVICE TO THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 8340 NEAPOLIS-WATERVILLE ROAD

As provided in Section 937.07 of the City’s Codified Ordinances, a property owner may petition Council to approve the extension of sanitary sewer service to a residential parcel within the City. Enclosed is a letter from Ben and Jamie Perkins requesting the extension of sewer service for the construction of a new single family residence on a parcel to be split from the property owned by James and Patricia Durivage located at

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8340 Neapolis-Waterville Road. With Council approval, the City Code requires the parcel owners to pay a portion of the cost to extend sanitary sewer service to their properties which is estimated to cost \$46,690. The property owners required share of the cost is approximately 32%. The cost of the proposed sewer extension was added to the 2021 Appropriation Ordinance. It is in the City's interest to extend sanitary sewer service into this area since future development is anticipated to the west on Neapolis-Waterville Road. A map of the location of the sewer extension and the proposed parcel split was included in Council's packet. Mrs. Perkins is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Durivage.

Mrs. Duncan moved to adopt Resolution 06-21. Mr. Frey seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before Council, Mrs. Bruno made a motion to close the meeting at 10:30 p.m. Mr. Borowski seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous voice vote.

Jon D. Gochenour, Clerk of Council

Timothy G. Pedro, Mayor