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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 Anthony Bruno. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited and led by John Rozic.

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

Citizens Present:

Karen Gerhardinger – Mirror Newspaper by video conference

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Duncan moved to approve the minutes of the March 29, 2021 Council meeting. Mr. Borowski seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Citizens Comments

None

Staff Reports

Administrator: Jon Gochenour

- Reported that along with the Mayor, he discussed a proposed TARTA presentation scheduled for April 26 for Council with TARTA General Manager Kim Dunham.
- Stated that he, along with the Finance and Public Works Directors, attended a progress meeting for the Water Meter Replacement Program. Approximately 750 meters will be replaced.
- Confirmed with Republic Services that the Spring 2021 Unlimited Pick-Up Days are scheduled for Saturday, June 12 in Area A and Saturday, June 19 in Area B. These dates will be posted on the City's website, Channel 1021 and the Pray Park Sign.
- Reported that a Downtown Redevelopment District presentation has been scheduled for the April 26 Council meeting.

Mrs. Bruno asked Mr. Gochenour if he had any information to share regarding the stimulus funds that are to be allocated to the City from the American Rescue Plan Act. Mr. Gochenour stated that no information has been released from the federal government regarding the regulations on the use of stimulus funds. As soon as more information is available, he will share this information with Council.

Law Director: Phil Dombey – No report.

Finance Director: Mark Williams – No report.

Treasurer: Steve Schult – No report.

Communications from Council Members/Committees

Mrs. Duncan –

- Stated that the National and Local Drug Take Back Day will be held on

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Saturday, April 24. She asked that this information be put on the Pray Park and Fire Station Signs. Mr. Gochenour added that this year's event will be held at the Waterville Fire Station from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Mr. Bruno – No report.

Mrs. Bruno –

- Stated that she was very sad to hear that Dale's Diner in Waterville has closed due to a lack of staffing.

Mr. Frey – No report.

Mr. Borowski – No report.

Mr. Rozic –

- Reported that he attended the Public Safety Committee meeting on Thursday, April 1 where they discussed a request by Chief Valvano to eliminate the motorcycle. The Chief explained that it is rarely used and they currently have no officers that are qualified to ride it. He added that the Police Department would like to trade in the motorcycle for a golf cart which would be more visible and get used more frequently at special events. He then stated that they also discussed river rescues and the dangers of the area in the vicinity of Roche de Bouef rock. Chief Valvano and Chief Meyer are meeting with ODNR and the Metroparks where they will have further discussions on how to improve public safety.
- Stated that Safety City will be held July 12 – 16. They have room for 60 participants.
- Stated that the Fire Department has a "Search Trailer" on site through the end of this week. The trailer allows first responders to test their skills in rooms that are darkened with smoke. Council is welcome to stop by and check it out.

Mayor Pedro –

- Reported that prior to this evening's meeting, he welcomed and swore in three new full-time Firefighter/EMTs in Council Chambers. Their families were also in attendance.
- Reported that the old Carruth Studio building on Mechanic St. has been sold. The new owner will be invited to a Council meeting in the future to introduce himself and tell us his plans for the building.
- Reported that he has had conversations with both the owner of the new restaurant opening at the old 5/3 Bank and the micro-brewery on the Anthony Wayne Trail. They are both excited about their upcoming grand openings.
- Spoke with John Henry, Third Street Cigar, who will soon be announcing some new plans for the downtown area.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. RESOLUTION 14-21 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT FOR ROAD SALT AWARDED IN 2021

The Village/City has participated in the Ohio Department of Transportation's Cooperative Purchasing Program for the purchase of road salt since 2009. This arrangement has worked very well for the City by minimizing the unit price paid for road salt and by providing a degree of stability to the availability of the salt. Starting in 2016, ODOT modified the program and now characterizes it as local participation in

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the ODOT purchase contract rather than the Cooperative Purchasing Program. This Resolution would authorize participation in the ODOT contract for 2021.

Mr. Rozic moved to adopt Resolution 14-21. Mr. Frey seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

B. RESOLUTION 15-21 A RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE (USPS) TO CONSIDER RETURNING MAIL PROCESSING OPERATIONS TO ITS SORTING FACILITY IN TOLEDO, OHIO

Due to the complaints regarding the untimely delivery of the U.S. Mail and its increasingly negative impact on area businesses and residents, the Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce has asked the City of Waterville to join other area communities in Northwest Ohio in passing a resolution to strongly urge the United States Postal Service to consider returning mail processing to Toledo as it evaluates operational changes to improve mail service. A letter from the Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce urging support for the resolution was included in Council's packet.

Mr. Rozic asked that the language on the resolution be changed from "urging" to "asking", that "consider" be stricken and that "returning" be changed to "return."

Mrs. Bruno moved to adopt Resolution 15-21 with the requested changes. Mrs. Duncan seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

C. RESOLUTION 16-21 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE LUCAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE RESURFACING OF DUTCH ROAD BETWEEN HUTCHINSON DRIVE AND RIVER ROAD

This Resolution authorizes a joint cooperation agreement between the City of Waterville and the Lucas County Commissioners for the Dutch Road Resurfacing Project. The agreement will authorize Lucas County to resurface the portion of Dutch Road between Hutchinson Drive and River Road inside the City of Waterville as part of their overall Dutch Road Resurfacing Project. Lucas County will design, bid and manage the entire construction project on behalf of the City. The City's estimated share of the project cost is \$23,393.

Mr. Bruno moved to adopt Resolution 16-21. Mr. Rozic seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

D. RESOLUTION 17-21 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH COURTSMITHS FOR THE BAER PARK PICKLEBALL, TENNIS AND BASKETBALL COURT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

At their December 8, 2020 public meeting, The Parks and Recreation Committee recommended to Council to convert two (2) of the existing tennis courts at Baer Park into pickleball courts. The cost of this project was also included in the 2021 Appropriation Ordinance. Courtsmiths of Toledo, Ohio submitted a proposal to convert two tennis courts into pickleball courts and make improvements to the existing tennis and basketball courts at a cost of \$28,800. Required pickleball fencing will be installed by another contractor at a later date.

Mrs. Bruno moved to adopt Resolution 17-21. Mr. Bruno seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Other Business - None

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Executive Session

Mrs. Duncan made a motion to move into Executive Session for a Conference with the Law Director concerning ORC 121.22 (G) (2), Purchase or Sale of Property for Public Purposes and ORC 121.22(G)(3), Pending or Imminent Litigation at 7:57 p.m. Mr. Rozic 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

Mr. Frey made a motion to come out of Executive Session and resume the regular Council meeting at 9:05 p.m. Mayor Pedro seconded the motion which carried by unanimous voice vote.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before Council, Mr. Bruno made a motion to close the meeting at 9:07 p.m. Mrs. Bruno seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous voice vote.

Jon D. Gochenour, Clerk of Council

Timothy G. Pedro, Mayor