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

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

Mr. Pedro moved to excuse the absence of Mrs. Bruno. Mr. Borowski 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 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

Doug Meyer – Fire Chief by video conference

Zac Bingham – Deputy Fire Chief by video conference

Ken Blair – Public Works Director by video conference

Citizens Present:

Karen Gerhardinger, Mirror Newspaper by video conference

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Bruno moved to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2021 Council meeting. Mr. Frey seconded the motion, which passed by voice vote.

Citizens Comments

None

Staff Reports

Administrator: Jon Gochenour -

- Stated that the City has the opportunity to participate in a joint paving project with Lucas County to repave portions of Dutch Road that are within City limits. The area affected is the intersection of Dutch Rd. and the Anthony Wayne Trail to River Rd. The City's estimated cost for this project is \$24,000. He suggested that this project be added to this year's paving program.
- Reported that the City of Waterville is estimated to get \$1,090,000 from the American Rescue Plan Act. He stated that the requirements of the program are not yet available. When the requirements are known, he will provide a report to Council for future discussion.
- Reported that he spoke with Harold Grim, Monclova Township Administrator, regarding providing police protection for the township. Mr. Grim will be providing the City with information on the township's call volume.
- Reported that the Public Safety Committee meeting has been rescheduled from April 1 to April 8 at 7:00 p.m.
- Stated that he is waiting for confirmation from Republic Services on the date for the June unlimited trash pick-up. When this information is received the City will post it on the website, Channel 1021 and on the Pray Park Sign.

Law Director: Phil Dombey – No report.

Finance Director: Mark Williams –

- Reviewed details from the February 2021 Month End Finance Report highlighting fund balances, investments and income tax revenues.

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Treasurer: Steve Schult –

- Reviewed details of the Treasurer’s Report for the month of February 2021.

Police Chief: Joe Valvano - absent. Mr. Gochenour presented Chief Valvano’s report.

- Safety City Program. Reported that the Police Department would like to move forward with the 2021 Safety City Program. This year’s date will be July 12 – July 16 for children entering kindergarten. The program will be run by police officers Tina Nicholai and Bobbi Newman-Buchanan along with crossing guard Megan Anderson.
- Stated that our new Police Officers Gunn and Cigoy will be finishing up field training at the end of April. Officer Yowler, who is our third hire and started later, will be continuing his training. The fourth hire is currently going through the background investigation process.
- Reported that Chief Valvano is working on setting up a meeting with representatives of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) to discuss ways to prevent river rescues during the high water season this spring.

Fire Chief: Doug Meyer –

- Reported that three full-time firefighters have been added and that two part-time employees are undergoing background checks. He then stated that they have also interviewed 3 more applicants for part-time positions and have started the process in order to hire three more full-time employees.
- Stated that they received news today that the Ohio Fire Academy is loaning the department, free of charge, a search trailer to use for training through April 11. The trailer allows first responders to test their skills in rooms that are darkened with smoke.
- A brief discussion continued on the use of “warning flags” along the river when the water is too high for boaters. This will alert kayakers and canoers of the potentially dangerous conditions. Chief Meyer stated that Chief Valvano is setting up a meeting with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources’ Division of Watercraft where this idea will be presented.

Public Works Director – Ken Blair

- Stated that letters will be sent soon to residents regarding the 2021 Sidewalk Replacement Program.
- Reported that a letter from the City Engineer was included in Council’s packet regarding the Annual Street Evaluation Review. Included in the letter was a listing of the streets identified for resurfacing along with a priority rating and cost estimates. The streets they are recommending for this year’s program are: Maple and Cherry Lane between Edgerton Dr. to Wilkshire Dr., Canal Ct., S. Third St. (South St. to 200’ short of Mt. Vernon Dr.) and the North-South Alley from Farnsworth Rd. to Mechanic St. between Second St. and River Rd. He added that this program will be discussed at the upcoming Public Works Committee on April 19.
- Stated that the bid opening for the Downtown Street Lighting Repair and Replacement Phase 7 is scheduled for April 21.
- Stated that Morlock Asphalt, LLC was the successful bidder (\$35,599) for the resurfacing of the asphalt paths in Waterworks and Conrad Parks.
- Reported that the Radio Read Water Meter Replacement Project is moving forward.
- Stated that the St. Rt. 64/U.S. 24 Signal Improvement Project (west bound off-ramp) is also moving forward.

Mrs. Duncan stated that she has not heard the new tornado siren since it was re-located to near Farnsworth Park. Mr. Blair stated that as of today the siren is not yet operable. It will be put into service this Friday. Mr. Borowski stated that he has noticed some potholes around town and will call Mr. Blair with the locations. He then stated that he

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remembers discussion last year regarding putting together a different budget for the paving of the alleyways in town. Mr. Blair stated that we will evaluate and prioritize the alleys every year and include them in the street pavement program.

- Stated that the Parks and Recreation Committee work day is scheduled for May 8 at Baer Park. The time has yet to be determined.
- Reported that the Department will soon be putting an ad in the Mirror for a seasonal worker.
- Reported that the City has received complaints about the litter in the fields across from the Kroger Store. Lucas County Solid Waste and Recycling is sending an employee out tomorrow to start cleaning this up. He added that Mike Metzger with the Boy Scouts Troop 101 will be coming out to canvas the area and will get back with him on a potential clean-up day date. Mayor Pedro asked Mr. Blair to call the new apartment building project manager on Pray Blvd. to see if they are able to control and pick up the trash that is blowing from that site to Bridgehampton Woods.

Communications from Council Members/Committees

Mr. Rozic –

- Reported that he attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the Waterville United Methodist Church this past Saturday. He added that it was a very nice event.

Mrs. Duncan – No report.

Mr. Bruno – No report.

Mr. Frey – No report.

Mr. Borowski –

- Attended the groundbreaking ceremony for Waterville United Methodist Church.
- Attended the last Tree Commission meeting where Laura Nilsson announced that she is stepping down. He added that a new member will need to be appointed.
- Stated that he received a call from a resident complaining about a neighbor who is hoarding a lot of items/junk in their yard. Mr. Gochenour asked that any complaints be forwarded to him.

Mayor Pedro –

- Congratulated Pastor Mike Denman and the members of the Waterville United Methodist Church for putting on a great groundbreaking ceremony.
- Reminded Council members that it is time to think about the summer schedule. In past years, one meeting is held in June, July and August.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. RESOLUTION 12-21 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A LEASE EXTENSION AGREEMENT WITH CLEAN WOOD RECYCLING, INC. FOR 4.66 ACRES OF LAND ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE ANTHONY WAYNE TRAIL (6730 ANTHONY WAYNE TRAIL) TO OPERATE A YARD WASTE TRANSFER FACILITY

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The one-year lease between the City and Clean Wood will expire on May 31, 2021. The lease contains an option for a series of five one-year extensions upon mutual agreement. Clean Wood has indicated a desire to extend the lease. This Resolution would authorize a one-year lease extension with no other changes to the terms of the lease.

Mr. Borowski moved to adopt Resolution 12-21. Mr. Frey seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

B. RESOLUTION 13-21 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE DOTSON COMPANY FOR INTERIOR RENOVATIONS TO THE FIRE STATION

With the successful passage of the 3.25 mill fire levy in November 2020, the City of Waterville has pledged to move forward with the hiring of six (6) new full-time, firefighter/paramedic/EMTs as part of the cooperative strategic plan developed by the City of Waterville and the Village of Whitehouse for the fire service over the next ten years. In order to accommodate new full-time employees staffing their fire stations 24 hours per day/7 days per week, both Waterville and Whitehouse anticipated the need to make interior renovations to their respective fire stations. The City has received three (3) proposals from area contractors to make improvements to the second floor of the fire station to provide sleeping and living areas for the new male and female full-time staff. The low bid was submitted by the Dotson Company of Whitehouse, Ohio for \$36,640. Although station renovations costs were included in the Fire Department “Co-Op” Cooperative Plan presentations, these costs were not incorporated into the 2021 Appropriation Ordinance. If approved, the planned improvements would be the most significant interior renovation of the fire station in nearly 20 years. The Dotson Company successfully completed interior improvements to the Waterville Police Station Women’s Locker Room Facilities in 2019. The Dotson proposal and plan of the proposed interior renovations is included with this Resolution for your review and consideration.

Mr. Rozic moved to adopt Resolution 13-21. Mr. Bruno seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Other Business

Mr. Borowski suggested that the City look into a promotional/tourism video like the one that his nephew, Emmy award winner Joshua Kubicek, a senior producer at Goldfarb Weber Creative Media in Cleveland, did for Ashtabula and Cleveland. Discussion continued. Mr. Borowski is going to get more information for future discussion.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before Council, Mr. Borowski made a motion to close the meeting at 8:24 p.m. Mr. Rozic seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous voice vote.

Jon D. Gochenour, Clerk of Council

Timothy G. Pedro, Mayor