

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 John Rozic. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited and led by Rod Frey.

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

Mr. Frey moved to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2021 Council meeting. Mrs. Bruno seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Citizens Comments

None

Staff Reports

Administrator: Jon Gochenour

- Reported that he, along with the Public Works and Finance Director, attended a Water Meter Replacement Program progress meeting with the contractor, NECO (Neptune Equipment Company). He briefly described the process needed to install the new water meter reading system stating that the work will begin on April 5 and run through June 6. Residents will soon receive a letter from NECO requesting that they set up appointments for installation in their homes, a process that should take about a half-hour. The contractors doing the work will wear a NECO uniform and ID badge and follow all COVID-19 precautions, including wearing a mask. He then explained that the new system will allow meters to be read from the City office and will eliminate the need to make estimated readings. He added that it will also detect leaks more quickly.
- Stated that a filing reminder from the Ohio Ethics Commission for the filing of financial disclosure statements for elected officials for 2020 was included in Council's packet.
- Asked Council if they would like to consider bringing back the Fourth of July fireworks this year. Council then held a brief discussion on how to do this safely and also the possibility of changing the location to shoot off the display in the future. Mr. Gochenour suggested that having fireworks without a community event at the primary school would cut down on congregating and make the event safer due to COVID-19. Mayor Pedro then stated that we should proceed with the planning but should be prepared to adjust these plans or cancel if necessary. Council asked Mr. Gochenour to get quotes for a fireworks display.

Mrs. Bruno stated that Council received a letter in their packet from a resident urging them to support a well-funded tree planting program. This resident had attended a recent meeting of the Tree Commission. A discussion then continued on the tree removal and planting line in the budget. Mrs. Bruno then asked Mr. Gochenour about

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his discussion with the Waterville Area Chamber of Commerce regarding an upcoming Chamber event. Mr. Gochenour stated that the Chamber is holding the “Luck of the Drop” fund raiser on March 13. He then briefly explained the event stating that they have requested the closure of River Rd. between Mechanic Street and Farnsworth Rd. between 3:30 and 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 13. The event will take place at the new Parker Square site and the crowd will be gathered in the street. Mrs. Bruno then asked Mr. Gochenour to explain the purpose of the Records Commission. He briefly when over their duties and explained how the City handles its record retention policies.

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

An appointment proposed by the Mayor for Council’s consideration and approval was included in the Council packet.

Mrs. Bruno made a motion to appoint Rose Kandik to the Parks and Recreation Committee. Mr. Borowski seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Mrs. Bruno –

- Attended the March 2, 2021 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee where they discussed planning a Community Spring Clean-Up Day in May. She added that she will provide Council with more details as they become available.

Mrs. Duncan – No report.

Mr. Bruno –

- Stated that Toledo City Councilman Sam Melden, who is also the Director of Strategic Engagement for the Ability Center of Greater Toledo, recently sent out an e-mail about the “Five I’s of Disability Justice”. This includes: inclusion, involvement, implementation, intersectionality and independence. The idea behind this is to raise awareness for local law makers and to set policies to help people within our community that have disabilities. He added that he would like to invite Mr. Melden to attend a future Council meeting to discuss this more in-depth.

Mr. Borowski – No report.

Mr. Frey – No report.

Mr. Rozic – No report.

Mr. Frey – No report.

Mayor Pedro –

- Reported that he received an invitation from Pastor Mike Denman, Waterville United Methodist Church, to attend their groundbreaking ceremony on Saturday, March 27 at 1:00 p.m. All are welcome.
- Reported that later this week he will be attending the 911 Municipal Committee meeting.

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- Thanked the Waterville Rotary Club for their generous donation to the Waterville Fire Department.
- Attended the recent Waterville Economic Development Committee meeting.
- Reported that he will be sending to Council a communication he received from Andy Stewart, who is involved with a local veteran's program.
- Reported that he is working on sharing some ideas with a local group that puts together Memorial Day celebration ceremonies.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. ORDINANCE 01-21 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 16-20, THE FY 2021 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

This Ordinance would authorize the first amendment to the 2021 appropriations. The major component of this amendment is the approval of the proposed appropriations for the Fire Levy (265) fund. The amendment transfers the estimated personnel expenses for the Fire Department for the remainder of 2021 from the General Fund (100) to the new Fire Levy Fund. The Fire Levy Fund was created as a result of the passage of a 3.25 mill fire levy in November 2020 in order to hire six (6) new full-time, Firefighter/Paramedic/EMTs. The proposed amendment also includes the transfer of \$475,000 from the General Fund to cover the remaining estimated personnel expenses not covered by revenue from the new fire levy. The levy is estimated to generate \$654,017 in revenue in 2021. The budget amendment is requested at this time since the first half property tax settlement of fire levy revenue is expected from the Lucas County Treasurer in March 2021. Detailed financial information on this amendment was attached to the Ordinance.

Mr. Rozic made a motion to suspend the rules to allow for the passage of Ordinance 01-21 as an emergency measure. Mrs. Bruno 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.

Mr. Rozic made a motion to move for the passage of Ordinance 01-21 as an emergency measure. Mrs. Bruno 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.

B. RESOLUTION 11-21 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH LEBANON FORD FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2021 FORD UTILITY POLICE INTERCEPTOR

This Resolution would authorize the purchase of a 2021 Ford Utility Police Interceptor from Lebanon Ford of Lebanon, Ohio through the State of Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Program. The new vehicle was included in the approved 2021 Appropriation. The cost of this vehicle is \$32,877. Some additional equipment will need to be purchased in the future to outfit this new vehicle; however, most of the required equipment will be transferred from the 2017 Ford Police Interceptor scheduled to be transferred to the Fire Department in 2021.

Mr. Rozic moved to adopt Resolution 11-21. Mr. Borowski seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

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Other Business

None

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 at 8:08 p.m. Mr. 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

Mr. Frey made a motion to come out of Executive Session and resume the regular Council meeting at 9:26 p.m. Mr. Borowski seconded the motion which carried by unanimous voice vote.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before Council, Mr. Borowski made a motion to close the meeting at 9:26 p.m. Mrs. Duncan seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous voice vote.

Jon D. Gochenour, Clerk of Council

Timothy G. Pedro, Mayor