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The regular meeting of the Waterville Council was called to order by Mayor Timothy Pedro at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Waterville Municipal Building.

The prayer was offered by former Mayor Lori Brodie. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited and led by Whitehouse Mayor Don Atkinson.

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

Also present this evening was Jon Gochenour, Municipal Administrator; Phil Dombey, Law Director and Melissa Cook, Recording Secretary.

Staff Present:

Mark Williams – Director of Finance and Administration

Joe Valvano – Police Chief

Doug Meyer – Fire Chief

Zac Bingham – Deputy Fire Chief

Citizens Present:

Please see Citizens' Sign-In Sheet, Exhibit A, Page 1 for a list of people present.

Presentations

A. Lori Brodie - Ohio Auditor of State's Office

Mrs. Brodie was in attendance this evening to present the City of Waterville with the *Auditor of State Award* for a perfect audit in 2020. The award is presented to local governments and school districts upon the completion of a financial audit that meet the criteria of a "clean" audit report.

B. Mayor Pedro – Oath of Office, Matthew Fisher and Zachary Bernhard, Waterville Fire Department

Mayor Pedro administered the "Oath of Office" to new full-time, Firefighter/EMT's Matthew Fisher and Zachary Bernhard.

Proclamation

A. Arbor Day – September 30, 2021

Mayor Pedro read a Proclamation which proclaimed September 30, 2021 as Arbor Day in the City of Waterville. He urged all residents to renew our pledge to respect, protect, and enhance our natural surroundings and to encourage our residents to plant a tree to enrich the quality of life for all residents.

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Bruno moved to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2021 Regular Council meeting. Mr. Borowski seconded the motion, which passed by voice vote.

Citizens Comments

Don Atkinson, Mayor of the Village of Whitehouse, came to this evening's meeting to recognize the Fallen Timbers Union Cemetery District (FTUCD). He stated that all three communities, the City of Waterville, Village of Whitehouse and Waterville Township, came together to form the District in order to support and maintain our cemeteries. He added that this was a huge task and he wanted to personally thank Mr. Frey (FTUCD Trustee) and Mr. Gochenour (Clerk-Treasurer) for helping the District achieve what they have accomplished for the good of all of our communities.

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Mollie Badoni, a student from Notre Dame Academy, introduced herself to Council. She attended this evening's Council meeting to work on getting hours required for her government class.

Staff Reports

Administrator: Jon Gochenour –

- Stated that along with the Mayor, he helped coordinate TARTA shuttle service for the Roche de Boeuf Festival. TARTA reported that 511 riders used the shuttle service.
- Received a Proclamation of Population from the Ohio Secretary of State's Office. The State is officially stating the Waterville's population from the recent census is 6,003 people.
- Reported that an Arbor Day celebration will be held Wednesday, September 30 at Prairie Trail Park. A tree will be planted in the right-of-way area along Royal Hampton Ln. The fourth graders from Waterville Primary School will be participating in the tree planting.

Law Director: Phil Dombey – No report.

Finance Director: Mark Williams –

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

Treasurer: Steve Schult – Absent

- Mr. Gochenour briefly reviewed details of the Treasurer's Report for the month of August 2021 which was included in Council's packet.

Police Chief: Joe Valvano –

- Reported that members of the Department participated in this year's Roche de Boeuf Festival. There were no incidents to report.
- Stated that Officer Caleb Sprow has completed his field training and is currently on his own working day shift.
- Stated that Lieutenant Shelton is becoming more accustomed to his new duties. He will officially be on the schedule beginning October 1 and has already submitted a grant application for field body cameras.
- Reported that the new patrol vehicle has been picked up. After the additional equipment is delivered and installed, it will be placed in service.
- Stated that Drug Take Back Day will be held on Saturday, October 23.
- Stated that along with the Fire Department, they are planning a "Swearing-In Ceremony" for all newly hired Police Officers and Firefighter/EMT's in the Community Room at Zion Lutheran Church. This ceremony will enable additional family members to attend who were not able to attend prior events because of COVID. Details will be announced.
- The Police Department is planning a "Bike to School" day within the next 3-4 weeks.

Fire Chief: Doug Meyer –

- Reported that the Department will be bringing on five new part-time employees and one new paid-per-call employee between now and end of November. In addition to the two full-time employees that started today, one more full-time employee will start on November 1.
- Stated that the new aerial truck was delivered and on display at the Roche de Boeuf Festival. Pierce Engineering will be traveling to our station this Thursday, Friday and Saturday to give eight hours of training each day. All staff will be attending. The engine will be in service in mid-October.
- Reported that the Waterville Fire Association agrees with the proposed plan to replace their current sign with a City owned new digital sign at the Fire Station.

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- Thanked Springfield Township and the City of Sylvania for loaning us their EMT Carts for the Roche de Boeuf Parade and Festival.

Mr. Borowski stated that he heard that there is interest in the purchase of our old fire truck. Chief Meyer stated that the Department is working on getting the truck ready to sell. He added that he will be working with Mr. Gochenour to facilitate this.

Public Works Director: Ken Blair – absent

Communications from Council Members/Committees

Mrs. Bruno – No report.

Mr. Bruno – No report

Mr. Frey –

- Updated Council on the Fallen Timbers Union Cemetery District stating that the District received its second half real estate tax settlement totaling \$82,775, the roof of the maintenance building at Wakeman cemetery has been replaced, Waterville Township has removed all of its equipment from the maintenance building, the Cemetery Sexton is working on a tree trimming and removal program, the District is preparing two new cemetery plats at Wakeman Cemetery and the District has made its second, \$10,000 debt service payment each to the Village of Whitehouse and the City of Waterville.

Mrs. Duncan –

- Stated that she attended the Roche de Boeuf Festival adding that it was a huge success and that a great time was had by all.

Mr. Borowski –

- Stated that he also attended the Roche de Boeuf Festival stating that it was a great event! He added that it was great that the new fire truck was on display for all residents to see.

Mr. Rozic –

- Stated that he attended the Roche de Boeuf Festival this weekend adding that it was a very nice event and well attended.

Mayor Pedro –

- Stated that he attended the Roche de Boeuf Festival. He then thanked Corina Pflgebraar and all the volunteers for all the hard work and dedication that is put into this event.
- Attended the Waterville Fishing Derby hosted by the Waterville Rotary. He added that this was also a great event and very well attended.
- Worked with Mr. Gochenour to help coordinate TARTA shuttles to and from the Roche de Boeuf Festival on Saturday.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. REFERRAL TO PLANNING COMMISSION – SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 7541 DUTCH ROAD
(*Motion*)**

An application has been received from Allison Schroeder, Executive Director of Nature's Nursery, for a Special Use Permit to allow for a proposed animal

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rehabilitation, education and conservation center located at 7541 Dutch Road. Nature's Nursey has outgrown their current location at the Metroparks' Blue Creek Conservation Area in Waterville Township and is planning to redevelop the former restaurant/office building site as their new location. As part of the proposed project, Nature's Nursery will be purchasing additional land to the south of the existing Dutch Road parcel. The area is zoned Planned Business Park District (PBP) which permits the keeping of animals on the site. A referral by Council to the Planning Commission for a recommendation is necessary at this time to begin the process. The next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for October 4.

Mr. Borowski moved to refer the Special Use Permit Application to the Planning Commission for their recommendation. Mr. Frey seconded the motion, which passed by voice vote. Mr. Rozic abstained.

B. RESOLUTION 39-21 A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE AUDITOR OF LUCAS COUNTY, OHIO TO ISSUE ADVANCE PAYMENTS ON THE CURRENT COLLECTION OF TAXES DUE THE CITY OF WATERVILLE DURING CALENDAR YEAR 2022

This Resolution is the City's annual request of the County Auditor to release property taxes collected to the City of Waterville in advance of the usual March and August 2022 distribution dates. This request will allow the City to receive our property tax revenue more quickly. The County Auditor has requested the passage of this legislation at this time for the next calendar year.

Mrs. Duncan moved to adopt Resolution 39-31. Mr. Bruno seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

C. RESOLUTION 40-21 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR

This item is an annual piece of legislation which approves and accepts the tax rates set by the Lucas County Budget Commission for the inside and outside property tax millage that is collected based on the approved millage and the property valuations within the City. The property tax rates contained in this Resolution are estimated to increase approximately \$15,000 from last year.

Mr. Rozic moved to adopt Resolution 40-21. Mayor Pedro seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

D. RESOLUTION 41-21 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT AND A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE LUCAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE LUCAS COUNTY OVI TASK FORCE

This Resolution authorizes an agreement with the Lucas County Sheriff's Office to participate in the Lucas County OVI Task Force. The City has been participating in this operation for several years (formerly known as the DUI Task Force). In the Waterville area, it focuses on the Anthony Wayne Trail and State Route 64.

Mr. Borowski moved to adopt Resolution 41-21. Mr. Frey seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Other Business

Mayor Pedro asked Mollie Badoni, of Notre Dame Academy, to explain to Council

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what she learned by coming to this evening's meeting. He also asked that either during college or after graduation she get involved in her community.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before Council, Mrs. Duncan made a motion to close the meeting at 8:14 p.m. Mr. Rozic seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous voice vote.

Jon D. Gochenour, Clerk of Council

Timothy G. Pedro, Mayor