

## 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. in the Council Chambers of the Waterville Municipal Building.

The prayer was offered by Mr. Rozic. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited and led by Mr. Frey.

Present at roll call were Todd Borowski, John Rozic, Mayor Tim Pedro, Mary Duncan, Barbara Bruno and Rod Frey.

Mr. Frey made a motion to excuse the absence of Mr. Bruno. Mr. Rozic seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

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

### Staff Present:

Mark Williams – Director of Finance and Administration

Joe Valvano – Police Chief

Doug Meyer – Fire Chief

Ken Blair – Public Works Director

### Citizens Present:

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

### Approval of Minutes

Mr. Rozic moved to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2022 Regular Council meeting. Mr. Frey seconded the motion, which passed by a voice vote.

### Citizens Comments

None

### Staff Reports

Administrator: Jon Gochenour –

- Stated that he worked with the City Engineer on the completion of the Waterworks Park Drainage Study. A site plan of the proposed work was included in Council's packet for review. The engineer's estimate for installing 670 feet of 12-inch storm sewer from the baseball field to the river is \$30,000. Additional grading and topsoil added to the ballfield is estimated at \$15,000. Soil borings will also be required to ensure that there is sufficient depth for the sewer since there is a large amount of rock close to the surface. The Public Works Department will drag the ball diamond for use this summer. It was the

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consensus of Council to proceed forward with this work. Mr. Gochenour stated that a future budget amendment would be needed to appropriate funds for this project.

- Stated that the agenda for the upcoming joint meeting of the Fallen Timbers Union Cemetery District was included in Council's packet for review. The meeting will be held on Monday, May 9 at 6:00 p.m.
- Reported that he worked with representatives of the Waterville Historical Society in planning the "Haunted Waterville Tours" tentatively scheduled for June 16, July 21, August 18, September 15 and October 6, 2022 from 6 to 10 p.m.

Law Director: Phil Dombey – No report.

Finance Director: Mark Williams –

- Reviewed details from the March 2022 Month End Finance Report highlighting fund balances, investments and income tax revenues.

Treasurer: Steve Schult –

- Reviewed details from the March 2022 Month End Treasurer's Report.

Public Works Director: Ken Blair –

- Reported that the new traffic signal at SR 64 and US 24 will be flashing red for the next 10 days as a test period before becoming operational on Monday, May 2.
- Stated that the City has hired two part-time employees and is currently advertising for two full-time Public Works Technicians.
- Reported that the street sweeper will be out starting this week.

Fire Chief: Doug Meyer –

- Stated that the National Prescription Drug Drop-Off Day will be held this Saturday, April 30 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Fire Department.
- Reported that the Fire Department will be participating, along with the Police Department, in a "Bike to School" day event on May 13 at 8:00 a.m.
- Stated that they have hired one new part-time employee. They are also in the process of hiring one new full-time employee.

Police Chief: Joe Valvano –

- Stated the Department is working with Whitehouse and Waterville Township to do a school bus safety campaign. They will be following buses around to observe problem areas where motorists may not be driving safely around school buses.
- Reported that along with the Fire Department, they also will be participating in

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the “Bike to School” day event on May 13.

- Stated that they will also be participating with the Fire Department at the National Prescription Drug Drop-Off Day on Saturday, April 30.
- Stated that they are currently in the process of hiring a new officer.

### Communications from Council Members/Committees

#### A. Appointment to Various Commissions, Boards and Committees

A list of appointments proposed by the Mayor for Council’s consideration and approval was included in the Council packet.

Mrs. Bruno moved to approve the appointment of Nicholas Sargent for a two-year term, expiring 12/31/23, to the Fire Co-Op Advisory Committee. Mrs. Duncan seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Frey moved to appoint Mr. Rozic as the Council representative to the Fire Co-Op Advisory Committee. Mr. Borowski seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

#### B. Add Additional Meeting to Annual Schedule: Tree Commission

It is the recommendation of the Tree Commission to add an additional meeting in June to their annual regular meeting schedule of February, March, April, August, September and October.

Mr. Borowski made a motion to add an additional June meeting to the Tree Commission meeting schedule. Mr. Rozic seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Frey –

- Reminded Council that the Fallen Timbers Union Cemetery District Joint Meeting will be held on Monday, May 9, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.
- Reported that the FTUCD Board of Trustees hired a new Clerk-Treasurer at their April 7, 2022 meeting.

Mrs. Bruno – No report.

Mrs. Duncan –

- Reported that she spoke to several golf cart owners who are very excited to see

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the third reading of the Golf Cart Ordinance this evening.

Mr. Rozic – No report.

Mr. Borowski – No report.

Mayor Pedro –

- Stated that he attended a TMACOG meeting today where he received compliments from different community leaders on the efforts put forward by the Waterville/Whitehouse Fire Co-Op.
- Reported that he played an inaugural match of chess against Scout Troop 101 Eagle Scouts Jake Metzger and Corbin Fitzpatrick at Conrad Park this weekend. Jake created the chess board and chess pieces while Corbin built boxes to hold the pieces, created a landscape area for sitting and built four Adirondack chairs as part of their Eagle Scout Project. Mayor Pedro added that the key for the chess pieces boxes will be available at the Waterville Branch Library during its regular hours of operation.
- Encouraged all residents to attend the Memorial Day Ceremony at Wakeman Cemetery on Monday, May 30 at 11:00 a.m.

### OLD BUSINESS:

- A. ORDINANCE 03-22 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 331.45 (c) (2) OF THE TRAFFIC CODE WITH RESPECT TO PERMITTING THE USE OF GOLF CARTS AND OTHER LOW SPEED VEHICLES ON PUBLIC STREETS WITHIN THE CITY OF WATERVILLE

#### Third Reading and Legislative Action

As requested at the March 14 Council meeting, Ordinance 03-22 amends Section 331.45 (c) (2) of the Traffic Code to permit the expansion of the use of golf carts and other low speed vehicles on certain City streets where the speed limit is 35 mph or less. Currently, due to their low speeds, these vehicles are limited to streets where the posted speed limit is 25 mph or less. This Ordinance would allow golf carts and other low speed vehicles on all posted 35 mph streets with the exception of State Route 64/Michigan Ave/Mechanic Street and Waterville-Monclova Road between Naugatuck Way north to Dutch Road. Due to the volume of traffic on St. Rt. 64 and that the posted speed limit increases to 45 mph as you go north on Waterville-Monclova Road, it is the recommendation of the Police Chief that these types of vehicles be excluded from these areas for safety reasons. Included in Council's packet was information regarding the use of golf carts in the nearby communities of Fostoria, Bowling Green and Archbold provided by the Police Department. None of these communities permit golf carts on streets with a posted 35 mph speed limit. A map was provided in the Council packet which indicates the posted 35 mph streets where these vehicles are

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proposed to be permitted and not permitted.

After a lengthy discussion, Mrs. Duncan moved to adopt Ordinance 03-22. Mrs. Bruno seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mayor Pedro – yes, Mrs. Duncan – yes, Mr. Borowski – no, Mr. Frey – yes, Mrs. Bruno – yes, Mr. Rozic – no. The motion passed by a vote of 4 – 2.

B. ORDINANCE 04-22 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART THREE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WATERVILLE, SCHEDULE V OF THE TRAFFIC SCHEDULES: RESTRICTED OR PROHIBITED PARKING BY ADDING NO PARKING AREAS TO A PORTION OF THE ANTHONY WAYNE TRAIL NEAR OVERLOOK DRIVE

Second Reading

The enclosed Ordinance would establish a new no parking area along the east side of the Anthony Wayne Trail starting at 295 feet north of the intersection of Overlook Drive and extending north approximately 1,538 feet to 311 Anthony Wayne Trail. The new no parking zone has been recommended by the Police Chief and Public Works Director to eliminate safety concerns regarding parking along the Anthony Wayne Trail during special events held at the nearby Buffalo Rock Brewery. Parking along this roadway with a posted 45 mph speed limit is potentially dangerous especially during evening hours where visibility is reduced. The creation of the no parking area was recommended by the Public Safety Committee at their April 7, 2022 public meeting. Maps indicating the location of the proposed new no parking area were included in Council's packet.

New Business:

A. ORDINANCE 05-22 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 23-21, THE FY 2022 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

This Ordinance would authorize the first amendment to the 2022 Appropriations. Significant items included in this amendment are: revenue (\$291,268) and expense (\$291,268) for the second installment of the American Rescue Plan Act; revenue (\$32,000) and expense (\$32,000) related to service payments required by the Tax Equivalent (TIF) Fund, additional revenue from real estate taxes for the General (100) and Fire Levy (265) Funds (\$165,000) and other routine items.

Mayor Pedro made a motion to suspend the rules to allow for the passage of Ordinance 05-22 as an emergency measure. Mr. Rozic seconded the motion.

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

Mayor Pedro made a motion to move for the passage of Ordinance 05-22 as an emergency measure. Mr. Rozic seconded the motion.

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

- B. RESOLUTION 13-22 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF CASH FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND (100) TO THE FIVE YEAR CAPITAL FUND (325), THE PARKS AND GREEN SPACE FUND (225), THE FIRE LEVY FUND (265) AND THE EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT FUND (275)

Although various inter-fund transfers were authorized by the 2022 Appropriation Ordinance as amended, the State Auditor has issued a bulletin requiring specific legislative action to ratify such actions. This Resolution would meet that requirement.

Mr. Borowski moved to adopt Resolution 13-22. Mr. Rozic seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

- C. RESOLUTION 14-22 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR THE PARKER SQUARE AND MEMORIAL PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

This Resolution finalizes a capital improvement project agreement between the City of Waterville and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for improvements to Parker Square and Memorial Park. The City was awarded a \$150,000 grant through the passage of Ohio Senate Bill 310 by the Ohio General Assembly for the Parker Square and Memorial Park Project. The funds appropriated by the State of Ohio for this project will be administered through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

Mrs. Bruno moved to adopt Resolution 14-22. Mrs. Duncan seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

### Other Business

Mayor Pedro stated that at next meeting he would like for Council to decide their summer meeting schedule. In the past, meetings were held on the fourth Monday of June, July and August.

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Adjournment

There being no further business to come before Council, Mr. Frey made a motion to close the meeting at 9:36 p.m. Mrs. Duncan seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous voice vote.

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Jon D. Gochenour, Clerk of Council

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Timothy G. Pedro, Mayor