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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 Mayor Pedro. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited and led by Mr. Bruno.

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; Kati Tharp, Assistant Law Director; Steve Schult, Treasurer and Shellie McCann, Recording Secretary.

Staff Present:

Mark Williams – Director of Finance and Administration
Joe Valvano – Police Chief

Staff Absent:

Ken Blair, Public Works Director
Doug Meyer, Fire Chief

Citizens Present:

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

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Borowski moved to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2022 Regular Council meeting. Mr. Rozic seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Citizens Comments

Joe Brown, 1419 Riverwalk Ct. representing AW Youth Soccer, came to this evening's meeting to ask Council to consider supporting a new practice field with parking and bathrooms at the city's property on Choctaw Dr. This idea was discussed at length at the last Parks and Recreation Committee meeting. He stated that there are approximately 450 K-12 kids that are involved in this program.

Mrs. Bruno stated that the Parks and Recreation Committee thought that Choctaw Dr. would be the perfect location for the proposed soccer practice fields. She added that she would like Council to have a discussion sooner rather than later regarding this. Mayor Pedro stated that he would like everyone to sit down together to come up with a permanent solution. A lengthy discussion continued. Council members stated that they felt this was a good idea but would need to research the location, cost and design of the project.

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Staff Reports

Administrator: Jon Gochenour –

- Stated that he reviewed the final plat of Farnsworth Village Plat 5 residential subdivision for submission to the Planning Commission.
- Reported that a bid opening date of March 9, 2022 has been set for the 2022 City Paving Program and the Prairie Trail Park Path Extension and Resurfacing Project.
- Stated that he worked with consultants from the Montrose Group regarding the start of the Downtown Redevelopment District Project for 2022.
- Reported that he prepared a job description for the Clerk-Treasurer position for the Fallen Timbers Union Cemetery District. He has performed the duties of the Clerk-Treasurer for the District since it was created in 2019.

Assistant Law Director: Kati Tharp – No report.

Finance Director: Mark Williams –

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

Treasurer: Steve Schult –

- Reviewed details of the Treasurer's Report for the month of December 2021.

Police Chief: Joe Valvano –

- Reported that due to a high number of personnel out sick because of COVID-19, he was unable to get his report together in time for this evening's meeting.

Fire Chief: Doug Meyer – Absent, on a fire call.

Public Works Director – Kenny Blair – Absent, due to illness.

Communications from Council Members/Committees

Mr. Frey –

- Stated that he asked the Administrator to include the job description for the FTUCD Clerk-Treasurer in tonight's packet for Council's review. He asked that if any Council members know of anyone who might be interested in this part-time position, to pass along this information. He added that they would like to have the position filled by the end of March.

Mrs. Bruno – No report.

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Mrs. Duncan – No report.

Mr. Bruno – No report.

Mr. Rozic – No report.

Mr. Borowski –

- Asked if the Public Works Department repairs yards that have been damaged by our snow plows? Mr. Gochenour stated that the Department will repair any damage done by our plows this spring.

Mayor Pedro –

- Stated that the Waterville Area Chamber of Commerce held their first meeting of the year on Tuesday, January 18 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Shawn's. He added that he presented the "State of the City" report.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. RESOLUTION 45-21 - A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE CITY OF WATERVILLE FY 2022 FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL PLANNING PROGRAM FOR ALL MUNICIPAL FUNDS AND DEPARTMENTS

This is the annual 5-Year Capital Planning Program. The Finance Committee discussed and recommended approval of the program at a special meeting on October 15. This item is for ongoing discussion throughout the budget preparation process. According to the typical annual budget schedule, Council action to approve this Resolution would not be taken until the second Council meeting in January.

After a lengthy discussion on the Five-Year Capital Budget, Mr. Rozic made a motion to approve the Five-Year Capital Program. Mr. Borowski seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

B. RESOLUTION 46-21 - A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE 5 I's OF DISABILITY JUSTICE AND COMMITTING TO THE USE OF THE 5 I's OF DISABILITY JUSTICE FRAMEWORK IN POLICY REVIEW AND DEVELOPMENT

This Resolution affirms the support of the City of Waterville to the 5 I's of Disability Justice to include individuals with disabilities in the formation of public policies regarding employment, education, housing, healthcare, transportation, physical access

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and social opportunity. Passage of this Resolution was requested by the Toledo Lucas County Commission on Disabilities after a recent presentation of the “5 I’s of Disability Justice” policy framework to Council. The Resolution was tabled at the November 8, 2021 Council meeting.

Mr. Bruno moved to take Resolution 46-21 off the table. Mayor Pedro seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Gochenour stated that this Resolution has language in it that does not apply to government operations performed at the municipal level, while other areas are already incorporated into City operations on a regular basis. Mrs. Duncan and Mrs. Bruno stated that they are concerned with the language and do not feel comfortable voting to pass this Resolution. Mr. Rozic suggested that it be rewritten to state what the City currently performs. Discussion continued.

Mr. Bruno moved to adopt Resolution 46-21. Mayor Pedro seconded the motion. The motion failed with Mr. Borowski, Mr. Frey, Mrs. Duncan, Mrs. Bruno and Mr. Rozic voting “no” and Mr. Bruno and Mayor Pedro voting “yes.”

C. ORDINANCE 23-21 - AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF WATERVILLE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022, AND REPEALING ORDINANCE 24-21, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Third Reading

A copy of the proposed FY 2022 Appropriations was included in Council’s packet. The Finance Committee reviewed and recommended approval of the budget at their November 19, 2021 public meeting. The proposed 2022 Appropriations were revised at the last Council meeting to reflect an estimated increase of \$292,614 in income tax revenue for 2022. The increase is based on a projected 1% increase in revenue over the \$3,955,068 in income tax collected in 2021. Additional expenditures of approximately \$27,201 were also added for bond registration fees, roadway testing and legal expenses. A public hearing on the appropriations was held at the January 10, 2022 Council meeting.

Mr. Rozic requested that the 2022 Appropriations be revised to include the 2021 actual ending balances when they are available after the 2021 budget year has been closed.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

Other Business

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None

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before Council, Mrs. Duncan made a motion to close the meeting at 9:10 p.m. Mr. Bruno seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Jon D. Gochenour, Clerk of Council

Timothy G. Pedro, Mayor