Regular Council

May 23 **22**

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

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

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

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
Todd Shelton – Lieutenant, Waterville Police Department
Doug Meyer – Waterville 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 May 9, 2022 Regular Council meeting as amended. Mr. Frey seconded the motion, which passed by a voice vote

Presentation

A. Waterville Fire Association – Keith Moosman
   1. Waterville Fire Association Scholarships
      Natalie Johnson
      Jill Sroczynski
      Phoebe Dieter

   2. Carl Conrad Memorial Scholarship
      Elaina Gouin

Chief Meyer welcomed everyone and then introduced Keith Mossman. Mr. Moosman, along with other members of the Waterville Fire Association, presented the Waterville Fire Association Scholarships as well as the Carl Conrad Memorial Scholarship to the selected recipients.

Citizens Comments
Carla Lammers, President of the Waterville Chamber of Commerce (WACC), and Jackie Lehman, new Director of the WACC, were in attendance to give Council an update on the upcoming "Rock the Block" event. They stated that the event will take place on Saturday, June 18 from 6 to 11 p.m. on Third St. in Downtown Waterville. A portion of Farnsworth Rd. will also be closed to allow for food trucks. Mayor Pedro stated that Council appreciates all the work that is done by the Chamber of Commerce.

Jennell McDonald, 863 Maple Ln., came to this evening's meeting to introduce herself and to inform Council and the Waterville community about her local group "Moms Club of Waterville." She stated that she would like to work with Council, the WACC and the Anthony Wayne Area Arts Commission to put together a seasonal flyer of upcoming events.

Executive Session
Mr. Bruno made a motion to move into Executive Session for a Conference with the Law Director – ORC 121.22(G)(2), Purchase or Sale of Property for Public Purposes and ORC 121.22(G)(1), Investigate Complaints Against a Licensee at 7:49 p.m. Mr. Rozic seconded the motion.

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

Return to Regular Session
Mr. Borowski made a motion to come out of Executive Session and resume the regular Council meeting at 8:21 p.m. Mr. Frey seconded the motion which carried by unanimous voice vote.

Staff Reports

Administrator: Jon Gochenour –

- Reported that he reviewed several legal issues with the Law Director, including the passage of Ohio House Bill 172 which makes changes to the fireworks laws in Ohio. He added that he wanted to make Council aware of these changes in the event that they would like to make changes to the City's current ordinance.
- Stated that he worked with the Public Works Director and City Engineer to set bid opening dates for the Waterworks Park Storm Sewer Project on June 15 and the Backup Emergency Generator Project on June 22.
- Announced that Waterville Fire Chief Doug Meyer, along with Whitehouse Fire Chief Josh Hartbarger, will be co-recipients of the Ohio Fire Chiefs Association 2022 Ohio Fire and Emergency Services Foundation Innovation Award for their work on the Waterville/Whitehouse/Waterville Twp. Fire Co-op Agreement. The award will be given at the Fire Chiefs Annual Conference on Thursday, July 21.

Law Director: Phil Dombey –

- Stated that he went over the Ohio House Bill 172 with the Prosecutor and City staff. He then stated that it is recommended that no changes be made to Waterville's current fireworks Ordinance which prohibits the discharge of fireworks within the City.

Finance Director: Mark Williams –

- Reviewed details of the First Quarter FY 2022 Budget and Financial Report highlighting fund balances, investments and income tax revenues. The First Quarter Budget was outlined in a detailed cover memo included in Council's packet and was presented and approved by the Finance Committee at their May 20, 2022 public meeting. He then reviewed details from the April 2022 Month End Finance Report.

Treasurer: Steve Schult – Absent

- The Treasurer's Report for the month of April 2022 was included in Council's packet for their review.

Public Works Director: Ken Blair –

- Reported that the St. Rt. 64/U.S. 24 Signal Improvement Project has been completed.
- Stated that a final progress meeting for the Radio Read Water Meter Replacement Project will be held tomorrow, May 24.
- Stated that the Downtown Street Lighting Replacement Project Phase 7 is nearly completed. We are still waiting for delivery of the banner arms.
- Reported that the Parker Square Improvement Project Phase 1 has started. They are beginning with the underground work.

- Stated that the street sweeper has been out in the City this week.
- Stated that we have been able to keep up with mowing so far this season adding that the rain is making it a little difficult. He then stated that we have two seasonal workers hired and on board at this time.

Fire Chief: Doug Meyer –

- Stated that his Department participated in this year's "Bike to School" event. He added that it was very well attended.
- Reported that they will be conducting water rescue training with the Village of Whitehouse tomorrow at Farnsworth Park at 6:00 p.m.

Police Lieutenant: Todd Shelton –

- Reported that this year's "Bike to School" event was a big success.
- Stated that the Police Department is still accepting applications for this year's Safety City.
- Reported that they conducted a joint campaign with Waterville Twp. and Whitehouse Police Departments for school bus violations. It went very well and they plan on doing this again next year.
- The Firearm Simulator will be at the Fire Station on June 2 for training.

Communications from Council Members/Committees

Mrs. Duncan - No report.

Mr. Frey – No report.

Mr. Bruno –

- Received calls from Bridgehampton Woods neighbors complaining about the dead evergreen trees on Waterville-Monclova Rd. along the Waterville Landing subdivision. He asked Mr. Gochenour to reach out to the developer regarding their plans to replace them.

Mr. Rozic –

- Stated that he received a letter from ODOT regarding the removal of the old Waterville Bridge. ODOT is still planning on removing the bridge and is in the process of conducting environmental studies and plan preparations for its removal. He added that ODOT is still accepting citizen comments through June 13.

Mr. Borowski –

- Stated that the next Tree Commission meeting will be held on Thursday, June 9.

Mayor Pedro –

- Thanked the representatives from the Waterville Area Chamber of Commerce and Jennell McDonald for coming to this evening's meeting.
- Encouraged Council and residents to attend the Memorial Day Service at Wakeman Cemetery at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, May 30.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. RESOLUTION 16-22 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO ZAMBELLI FIREWORKS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RELATING TO A DISPLAY OF FIREWORKS ON JULY 1, 2022 FOR THE CITY OF WATERVILLE

Tabled 5/9/2022

At the May 9, 2022 public meeting, Resolution 16-22 authorized a contract with Pyrotecnico of New Castle, Pennsylvania to provide a fireworks display on July 2 at a cost of $19,500. This legislation was tabled after the City was informed by Pyrotecnico that they could no longer commit to the July 2 display date. Citing a shortage of available staff, Pyrotecnico stated that they could perform our show on June 24, 25 or 26, 2022. Realizing that a June fireworks display would probably be disappointing to residents, the City staff worked to find another fireworks exhibitor who would be able to schedule a display for the Fourth of July holiday weekend. Zambelli Fireworks of Warrendale, Pennsylvania has agreed to perform a fireworks display for Waterville for the same price on Friday, July 1. Founded in 1893, Zambelli is one of the largest fireworks companies in the world and conducts fireworks displays across the United States. Zambelli recently has conducted shows in Louisville, Kentucky, Detroit, Michigan and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The July 1 date is the only date available for this year's fireworks display.

Mr. Frey moved to adopt Resolution 16-22. Mr. Borowski seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. RESOLUTION 17-22 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ALLEN INDUSTRIES FOR A DIGITAL BUILDING SIGN FOR THE WATERVILLE FIRE STATION

This Resolution would authorize a contract with Allen Industries of Toledo, Ohio for the purchase and installation of a digital building sign for the Waterville Fire Station in the amount of $29,940. The cost of the new digital sign was included in the 2022 Capital Budget at the request of Council and will replace the current sign which is over 20 years old. The new full color sign will not only identify the fire station, but also provide immediate public service information to the community on a timely basis. The proposal from Allen Industries was included in Council's packet for review.

Mr. Bruno moved to adopt Resolution 17-22. Mr. Frey seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

B. RESOLUTION 18-22 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A BUSINESS PROPERTY LEASE WITH CLEAN WOOD RECYCLING, INC. FOR THE 4.66 ACRES OF LAND LOCATED AT 6730 ANTHONY WAYNE TRAIL TO OPERATE A YARD WASTE TRANSFER FACILITY

This Resolution authorizes a renewal of the lease agreement with Clean Wood Recycling, Inc. to operate a yard waste transfer facility on a 4.66 acre site owned by the City of Waterville located at 6730 Anthony Wayne Trail. Clean Wood has requested a new five-year lease increasing the City's annual payment from $18,000 to $35,000 per year which allows City residents and City departments to drop off yard waste at this site with no additional charges. The current City payment has not increased for the last five years. The present lease agreement has worked out well for City departments and is popular with Waterville residents. The facility is open from April 1 to October 31 on Monday, Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. During this 30 week period, the site is staffed by at least one Clean Wood employee at all times. Clean Wood is requesting the increase due to increased labor, fuel and equipment costs.

Mayor Pedro moved to table this Resolution. Mrs. Duncan seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Other Business
None

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

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Jon D. Gochenour, Clerk of Council Timothy G. Pedro, Mayor