

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

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

Also present this evening was Jon Gochenour, Municipal Administrator; Kati Tharp, Assistant Law Director; Steve Schult, Treasurer and Jeni Malaczewski, Recording Secretary.

Staff Present:

Mark Williams – Director of Finance and Administration

Joe Valvano – Chief of Police

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.

Proclamation and Presentations

Waterville Rotary 95 Years of Service to the Community – The Waterville Rotary was founded on March 27, 1928. Mayor Pedro read a Proclamation recognizing and honoring the Waterville Rotary Club's 95 years of service to the Waterville Community.

Kim Priestap, of the Ohio Attorney General's Office, was present and spoke about local programs available through the Ohio Attorney General's Office.

Resident Terri Massucci was present and spoke about two upcoming Community Easter Events: the Easter Egg Hunt at Conrad Park on Saturday, April 1, 2023 at 10 a.m. and the Easter Scavenger Hunt that has a deadline of April 5, 2023 for turning in the scavenger hunt forms to enter a drawing for prizes from local businesses.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Rozic moved to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2023 Regular Council meeting. Mrs. Duncan seconded the motion, which passed by a voice vote of 5-0-2 with Mrs. Bruno and Mr. Bruno abstaining.

Citizens Comments

Rob Allen, 425 Anthony Wayne Trail Apt #103, stated that he has filed a complaint

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with the Ohio Secretary of State's Office against the "the Not In My Back Yard", anti-amphitheater group, for being in violation of the Ohio Revised Code for failing to register as a political action committee and following Ohio law in regard to accepting financial contributions and the expenditure of those contributions.

Staff Reports

Administrator: Jon Gochenour

- Attended a preconstruction meeting for a proposed AutoZone retail store.
- Lucas County recycling bins have been moved from the front to the south side of the Kroger store.
- Unlimited Pick Up dates for summer are June 17 for Area A and June 18 for Area B. Fall 2023 dates are October 21 for Area A and October 28 for Area B.
- The Waterville Tree Commission will be awarded the Tree City Award and a Growth Award for 2023 at a ceremony in Wauseon in May.
- Stated that a public hearing has been set for Monday, April 24, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. to consider the formation of a Downtown Redevelopment District.
- Mrs. Duncan asked about the three recent power outages in the City and if there is anything the City can do about this? Mr. Gochenour stated that he is investigating the filing of a formal complaint with the Ohio Public Utilities Commission in regard to the power outages and Toledo Edison's failure to fix street lights in a timely manner.
- Mr. Rozic clarified that the City is not responsible for providing electrical service in the City. Toledo Edison is responsible for this service. Mr. Borowski added that with the exception of a small amount of street lights in the downtown, the City is not responsible for street lights which are also maintained by Toledo Edison.

Assistant Law Director: Katie Tharp

- No Report

Finance Director: Mark Williams

- Reviewed details from the February 2023 Month End Finance Report highlighting fund balances, investments and income tax revenues.

Treasurer: Steve Schult –

- Reviewed details from the February 2023 Month End Treasurer's Report.

Police Chief: Joe Valvano

- April 22, 2023 National Drug Drop Off Day – This year's drop off will be held at the Police Department from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- "Safety City" registration is filling up fast.

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- Interviewing for new officers is going well.
- Introduced new Officer Kelly Milewski. Officer Milewski comes to the City from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and is doing her field training with Officer Austin Gunn.

Fire Chief: Doug Meyer

- Chief Meyer wanted to recognize Officer Shelton and Officer Yowler for their outstanding execution of EMS care when they were the first to arrive to a call.
- Chief Meyer will be conducting a CPR training class for our Public Works Department on March 29.

Public Works Director: Ken Blair

- Anthony Wayne Trail Paving Project will be restarting in a few weeks to complete outstanding punch list items.
- Stated that there will be a bid opening on April 19 for the 2023 Paving Program and the Canal Road Waterline Improvement Project.
- Announced Rob Binkley as the new Utility Superintendent for the Public Works Department.

Communications from Council Members/Committees

Mr. Frey

- No Report

Mrs. Bruno

- No Report

Mrs. Duncan

- No Report

Mr. Bruno

- No Report

Mr. Rozic

- Commended the Tree Commission on being awarded the Tree City Award this year.

Mr. Borowski

- Helped stuff Easter eggs for the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt

Mayor Pedro

- Stated that a Story Point resident is turning 102 years-old on March 31. He

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encouraged area residents to join in a “Happy Birthday Drive-By Parade” being organized by Story Point at around 11:30 a.m.

- Thanked Kim Priestap, of the Ohio Attorney General’s Office, for coming to update the City.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. ORDINANCE 03-23 AN ORDINANCE AMENDNING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF WATERVILLE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND KNOWN AS 8275 NEAPOLIS WATERVILLE ROAD FROM (A-1) AGRICULTURAL TO (M-1) LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT

Second Reading

Mr. Joseph Cappell, agent for the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority, has submitted a request to rezone 48.56 acres of land from (A-1) Agricultural to (M-1) Light Industrial District. The parcel was recently purchased by the Port Authority which intends to develop the area to facilitate future economic development and to accommodate the potential future expansion of the adjacent Farnsworth Industrial Park located on Waterville Monclova Road. Currently, several of the City’s largest employers, such as Kaufman Engineered Systems, Surface Combustion and Parker Hannifin are located in the Farnsworth Industrial Park. In the 2012 Comprehensive Plan, this parcel is located within the “Farnsworth Corridor Concept Area” which envisions this area being developed for light industrial uses which will create additional jobs while strengthening and diversifying the City’s tax base. The requested zoning change offers the City a unique opportunity to retain several successful local businesses, who have proven to be good neighbors to nearby residential properties, by providing additional adjacent land for future expansion. Based on the Port Authority’s past success in developing similar business parks in Northwest Ohio, the City is fortunate to have a potential developer with the technical experience and financial ability to attract desirable new businesses to our community.

Based upon its compliance with the goals of the 2012 Comprehensive Plan and its compatibility with the adjacent Farnsworth Industrial Park, it was the recommendation of the Planning Commission at the February 28, 2023 public meeting, by a vote of 3-0 with two members absent, to Council to approve the zoning change request from Agricultural (A-1) to (M-1) Light Industrial District for the property located at 8275 Neapolis Waterville Road.

- B. ORDINANCE 04-23 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A ROADWAY DEDICATION PLAT FOR THE EXTENSION OF PRAY BOULEVARD 1,279.99 FEET SOUTH OF THE DEAD END AND AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN SAID PLAT

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Second Reading

Richard McGuckin, of DGL Consulting Engineers, agent for DFG Waterville Landings LLC, has submitted a roadway dedication plat to extend Pray Boulevard approximately 1,280 feet south from the current dead end to the property line of parcel 96-56051. The proposed new public roadway will have an 80 foot wide right of way and will be located approximately 300 feet north of the eastern property line. The City Engineer has reviewed the roadway dedication plat and finds it to be acceptable.

At their February 28, 2023 public meeting, it was the recommendation of the Planning Commission, by a vote of 3-0 with two members absent, to Council to approve the proposed roadway dedication plat for the extension of Pray Boulevard contingent on the submittal of detailed construction, engineering and utility plans for final review and approval by the City Engineer. The recommendation for approval was also contingent on the acceptance by the property owner of the following conditions as specified in the City of Waterville Codified Ordinances: 1. Receipt of an executed escrow agreement in accordance with Section 1117.02(b)(3); 2. Receipt of an executed maintenance bond in accordance with Section 1117.02(b)(4); 3. Receipt of documentation that all taxes have been paid in accordance with Section 1117.04(c)(5) and; 4. Payment of all outstanding construction inspection and other required fees in accordance with Sections 1111.06 and 1111.07.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. RESOLUTION 10-23 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH LEBANON FORD FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO 2023 FORD UTILITY POLICE INTERCEPTORS

The Resolution would authorize the purchase of two 2023 Ford Utility Police Interceptors from Lebanon Ford of Lebanon, Ohio through the State of Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Program. The new vehicles were included in the approved 2023 Appropriation. The cost of each vehicle is \$47,424 for a total of \$94,848. Another resolution on Council's agenda, Resolution 11-23, will authorize the purchase and installation of the light bars, sirens, mobile computer trays and other miscellaneous equipment on these vehicles through the passage of this Resolution. In 2023, one vehicle is planned to be transferred to the Public Works Department with the other to be sold on GovDeals.

Mr. Borowski moved to adopt Resolution 10-23, Mr. Rozic seconded the motion, which passed by a voice vote.

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B. RESOLUTION 11-23 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BUCKEYE EMERGENCY FOR THE PURCHASE OF POLICE VEHICLE EQUIPMENT

The Resolution authorizes the purchase and installation of light bars, sirens, mobile computer terminal trays and other miscellaneous equipment from Buckeye Emergency on the two Ford Police Interceptors purchased through the passage of Resolution 10-23. The purchase of this equipment was included in the 2023 Appropriation Ordinance in the amount budgeted for the new police cars. The cost of this equipment for each vehicle is \$18,308.75 for a total of \$36,617.50.

Mrs. Duncan moved to adopt Resolution 11-23, Mr. Frey seconded the motion, which passed by a voice vote.

C. RESOLUTION 12-23 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ZABELLI FIREWORKS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE DISPLAY OF FIREWORKS ON JULY 4, 2023 FOR THE CITY OF WATERVILLE

Zambelli Fireworks of Warrendale, Pennsylvania has submitted a proposal to perform a fireworks display for the City of Waterville on Tuesday, July 4, 2023 at a cost of \$25,000. Zambelli, who conducted the City's display in 2022, was founded in 1893 and is one of the largest fireworks companies in the world and conducts fireworks displays all across the United States. The City staff found Zambelli personnel to be professional and easy to work with last year.

Mrs. Bruno moved to adopt Resolution 11-23, Mrs. Duncan seconded the motion, which passed by a voice vote.

Executive Session

Mr. Borowski made a motion to move into Executive Session for Consideration of a Matter per ORC 121.22(G)(3): Imminent and Pending Court Action, ORC 121.22(G)(2): Purchase or Sale of Property for Public Purposes and ORC 121.22(G)(1): To Consider the Appointment, Employment or Compensation of a Public Employee at 8:26 p.m. Mr. Bruno seconded the motion. Motion passed by a voice vote.

Return to Regular Session

Mr. Frey made a motion to come out of Executive Session and resume the regular Council meeting at 7:56 p.m. Mr. Rozic seconded the motion which carried by unanimous voice vote.

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 8:27 p.m. Mr. Rozic seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous voice vote.

Jon D. Gochenour, Clerk of Council

Timothy G. Pedro, Mayor