

## 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 residents Matt and Colleen Harrell.

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

Also present this evening was Jon Gochenour, Municipal Administrator; Phil Dombey, 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.

### Approval of Minutes

Mr. Borowski moved to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2023 Regular Council meeting. Mr. Rozic seconded the motion, which passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### Citizens Comments

Scott Jahns, 1207 Applegate Street, stated his opposition to the proposed self-storage unit project on Pray Boulevard.

Terri Massucci, 1101 Waterville-Monclova Road, announced that John's Veggie Stand has offered to use his stand for a "Veggie Share Stand" that will be starting up. She discussed the "Waterville Walleye Project" which encourages children to read a book and receive a ticket to paint rocks to add to other rocks that "snake" around the Conrad Park Pavilion.

Jerry Hannewald, 209 N. River Road, stated that he asked for the thistle weeds near the Waterville Bridge to be addressed. Mr. Hannewald noted that efforts have been undertaken to remove the weeds, but more needs to be done.

Ray Tylicki, 386 Delaware Road, Bethlehem, New York wanted to thank the Fire Department for their help when he was experiencing a health emergency.

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### Staff Reports

Administrator: Jon Gochenour

- Stated that the Memorial Park Drive and Path Improvements are scheduled to start on August 7. The 2023 City Paving Program is also scheduled to start on July 31.
- Stated that he and the staff met with the Waterville Rotary in preparation for this year's "Blues, Brews, and Brats"
- Stated a planning meeting is scheduled for Oliver Hazzard Day event on Third St on August 12.
- Stated that the "Hometown Hero Banner" program's first order has been received and the banners have been installed.
- Discussed the proposed Architectural Review Committee with members of the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission supports the idea.

Law Director: Phil Dombey

- Stated that the second referendum request was determined by the Board of Elections to not be eligible for placement on the November 2023 ballot.

Finance Director: Mark Williams –

- Reviewed details from the June 2023 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 June 2023.

Police Chief: Joe Valvano

- Officer Grindstaff has completed his field training.
- Safety City was a success with 48 students graduating from this year's program. Thanked the Fire Department for their help with this year's class.
- New camera systems will be installed in 6 police vehicles.

Fire Chief: Doug Meyer

- The Fire Department enjoyed assisting with the 2023 Safety City Program.

Public Works Director: Ken Blair

- Anthony Wayne Trail Intersection Project is near completion. Some electrical work, street signage and restoration work remain to be completed.
- He has been working with the City Engineer on the 2023 Sidewalk Program.
- Canal Road Waterline Project will start the week of August 14.
- Stated that Prairie Trail and Stitt Park projects will begin after Labor Day.
- The 2023 Curb Replacement Project has been completed.

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### Communications from Council Members/Committees

Mr. Frey

- No Report

Mrs. Bruno

- No Report

Mrs. Duncan

- No Report

Mr. Bruno

- No Report

Mr. Rozic

- Attended the Thrivent Financial ribbon cutting ceremony. The renovations that have been done to the building are terrific.

Mr. Borowski

- Stated he has been working on the Dutch Road Roundabouts with Nancy Bucher, Patty West and Scott Jahns. Hopefully next month, the roundabouts will have stone for easier maintenance.
- Thanked Mr. Gochenour for his research on the Architectural Review Committee.

Mayor Pedro

- Thanked Public Works for helping a citizen with a sewage issue in his basement.
- Fireworks activities at Waterville Primary were very well-attended.
- Thanked Tom Shoemaker for his financial donation for the purchase of new houses for the Safety City Program. Anthony Wayne students will paint the new houses.

### OLD BUSINESS:

- A. REFERRAL TO PLANNING COMMISSION – A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION FOR A SELF-STORAGE UNIT FACILITY FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE 1400 BLOCK OF PRAY BOULEVARD (*Motion*)

An application has been received from DFG Waterville Landings LLC, property owner, for a conditional use permit for a self-storage unit facility for a property located in the 1400 Block of Pray Boulevard. A referral by Council to the Planning

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Commission for a recommendation is necessary at this time to begin this process.

Mr. Borowski made a motion to take the referral off the table, Mrs. Bruno seconded the motion, which passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Mrs. Bruno made a motion to refer this conditional use permit application to the Planning Commission for their review and recommendation, Mr. Bruno seconded the motion, which passed by a voice vote with Mr. Frey abstaining.

### B. REFERRAL TO PLANNING COMMISSION – A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION FOR A HOTEL FOR A PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE 600 BLOCK OF PRAY BOULEVARD (*Motion*)

An application has been received from DFG Waterville Landings LLC, property owner, for a conditional use permit for a hotel for a parcel located in the 600 Block of Pray Boulevard. A referral by Council to the Planning Commission for a recommendation is necessary at this time to begin this process.

Mr. Borowski made a motion to take the referral off the table, Mr. Bruno seconded the motion, which passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Bruno made a motion to refer this conditional use permit application to the Planning Commission for their review and recommendation, Mrs. Bruno seconded the motion, which passed by a voice vote with Mr. Frey abstaining.

### C. RESOLUTION 29-23 A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF WATERVILLE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF WATERVILLE REGARDING COUNCIL, ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENTS, FINANCIAL PROCEDURES, INITIATIVE, REFERENDUM AND RECALL, GENERAL PROVISIONS AND TRANSITIONAL PROCEDURES

Unlike the prior two single issue charter amendments recommended by the Charter Review Commission which were passed at the last Council meeting, this Resolution recommends several proposed amendments to be considered as a group regarding Council, administrative departments, financial procedures, initiative, referendum and recall, general and transitional charter provisions and procedures. This Resolution was tabled at the June 26, 2023 public meeting in order to consider additional charter revisions to Section 9.03 “Recall”. It was suggested that the additional twenty (20) day circulation period for recall petitions found to be insufficient in this section be removed since it conflicts with Ohio Revised Code

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Section 3501 which prohibits “alterations, corrections or additions” being made to a petition after it has been filed with a public office. Moreover, in an effort to avoid the expense to the City of a special election, an additional recommended change was that any recall petition found to be sufficient would be placed on the next available regular primary or general election ballot. The filing deadline to place issues on the November 7 election ballot is August 9, 2023.

Mrs. Duncan made a motion to take Resolution 29-23 off the table, Mr. Rozic seconded the motion, which passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Mrs. Duncan moved to adopt Resolution 29-23, Mr. Frey seconded the motion, which passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### NEW BUSINESS:

#### D. RESOLUTION 34-23 A RESOLUTION APPROVING PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE OPERATING AGREEMENT OF THE LUCAS COUNTY REGIONAL COMBINED HEALTH DISTRICT AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN SAID AGREEMENT

The Lucas County Regional Combined Health District consists of Lucas County and all of the cities, villages and townships in the county. The current operating agreement has expired and the proposed new agreement is enclosed for your review with the changes highlighted in red. The renewal agreement contains four (4) primary changes which consist of the following: the effective date of the agreement is January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2028; “alternate” community representatives are allowed to attend meetings on behalf of appointed members; the allocation of costs beginning in 2024 will be based on population and, lastly, the treatment of specific “in-kind services” provided by the City of Toledo and Lucas County. The significant change for those District members who have experienced an increase in population is a significant increase in costs starting in 2024. The City of Waterville’s cost allocation will increase by 65% or \$20,769.65 more per year beginning in 2024.

Mrs. Duncan moved to adopt Resolution 34-23, Mr. Bruno seconded the motion, which passed by a 6 to 1 voice vote with Mrs. Bruno voting no.

### Executive Session

Mr. Rozic made a motion to move into executive session for consideration of a matter per ORC 121.22(G)(3): ORC 121.22(G)(3): imminent and pending court action at 8:50 p.m. Mr. Bruno seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

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### Return to Regular Session

Mr. Rozic made a motion to come out of executive session and resume the regular Council meeting at 9:25 p.m. Mr. Bruno seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

### Other Business

None

### Adjournment

There being no further business to come before Council, Mr. Borowski made a motion to close the meeting at 9:25 p.m. Mr. Bruno 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