

## Regular Council

November 27

23

The regular meeting of the Waterville Council was called to order by Mayor Tim 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. Borowski.

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 Mayer – Fire Chief

Kenny 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 November 13, 2023 Regular Council meeting. Mr. Bruno seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

### Citizens Comments

Terri Massucci, 1101 Waterville Monclova Road, discussed the "The Rescue of Taylor Swift" scavenger hunt which will kick off on December 1 and go through December 15. Prizes will be given out at a live drawing at Shawn's Irish Tavern Waterville on December 16 starting at 4:30 p.m. This is a 21 and older event.

Wendy and Kaleigh Gray were present and spoke about "A Waterville Christmas to Remember" event that will take place on December 2, 2023 in downtown Waterville.

### Staff Reports

Administrator: Jon Gochenour

- Stated that the City was awarded a \$392,000 Transportation Alternatives Grant for the extension of the Anthony Wayne Trail Shared Use Path from Canal Road to Dutch Road. Construction would be in 2027.

Law Director: Phil Dombey

- No Report.

Finance Director: Mark Williams

- Reviewed details from the FY 2023 Third Quarter Budget Report highlighting fund balances, investments and income tax revenues.
- Reviewed details from the October 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 October 2023.
- Reviewed details of the 2022 Audit Report. The City received "clean audit" report from the Ohio Auditor of State's Office which represents very good fiscal management.

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Police Chief: Joe Valvano

- Discussed recent “phone scams” in the area which are on the rise.
- “Pancakes with Police” was held on November 14 at the Browning Masonic.
- The Department participated in a second “National Drug Take Back Day” on October 28.

Fire Chief: Doug Meyer

- The Fire Department will be hosting as a “Toys for Tots” drop off location through December 14. Toys can be dropped off Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- Stated the Department is switching over to a new run reporting system. The monthly report will look a little different, but will report the same information.

Public Works Director: Ken Blair

- Anthony Wayne Trail Intersection Improvement project is finally complete.
- Renovation of the River Road Pumping Station is starting this month.
- Canal Road Waterline Project should be completed by December 1.
- Generators for the Municipal and Public Works Buildings have been delivered, installation is scheduled for December.
- Leaf pick up is complete; a small amount of leaves remain to be picked up.
- Public Works will be working on finishing up the Christmas lights this week.

### 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. Duncan moved to approve the appointment of the following individuals:

Volunteer Fire Fighters’ Dependents Fund Board: John Rozic, Anthony Bruno and Steve Schult for a one-year term (expiring 12-31-24).

Mr. Borowski seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Frey

- Stated that a special joint meeting of the Fallen Timbers Union Cemetery District will be held on December 11, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. in the Waterville City Council room to appoint Cemetery Board representatives from the City of Waterville and the Village of Whitehouse.

Mrs. Bruno

- Discussed Rob Allen’s proposal to bring back an ice skating rink at Baer Park. This idea will be discussed at the next Parks and Recreation meeting.

Mrs. Duncan

- Lial School in Whitehouse will be having a “Living Nativity” on December 9.

Mr. Bruno

- No Report

Mr. Rozic

- Discussed the need for more volunteers for “A Waterville Christmas to Remember”
- Thanked all the volunteers for their hard work decorating Downtown for Christmas.

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Mr. Borowski

- Stated that over the Thanksgiving holiday he received multiple compliments about how great Waterville looked with the holiday decorations.

Mayor Pedro

- Thanked all the volunteers that have helped and are planning to help on December 2 for the “Christmas to Remember” event.
- Attended the recent Finance Committee meeting.
- Attended a meeting a TARTA and was presented with an appreciation award which he displayed at the meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. ORDINANCE 12-23 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHARTER 172 OF THE WATERVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES REGARDING MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX IN COMPLIANCE WITH OHIO HOUSE BILL 33

*Second Reading*

The Ohio General Assembly recently passed House Bill 33 which mandates several changes to municipal income tax laws in Ohio. The Regional Income Tax Agency of Ohio (RITA) has prepared updates to local income tax ordinances to comply with the provisions of House Bill 33. The proposed Ordinance would adopt the income tax changes recommended by RITA.

- B. RESOLUTION 51-23 A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE CITY OF WATERVILLE FY 2024 FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL PLANNING PROGRAM FOR ALL MUNICIPAL FUNDS AND DEPARTMENTS

*Public Hearing*

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 20. Mayor Pedro opened and closed the public hearing on the capital planning program after hearing no comments from members of the public at the meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. RESOLUTION 52-23 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADVANCE OF CASH FINDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND (100) TO THE FIRE LEVY FUND (265)

Although various inter-find transfers were authorized by the 2023 Appropriation Ordinance as amended, the State Auditor has issued a bulletin requiring specific legislative action to ratify such actions. This Resolution would meet this requirement with respect to a proposed advance of \$200,000 from the General Fund (100) to the Fire Levy Fund (265).

Mr. Rozic moved to adopt Resolution 52-23, Mr. Bruno seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

**Other Business**

None

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Adjournment

There being no further business to come before Council, Mrs. Duncan made a motion to close the meeting at 8:34 p.m. Mr. Borowski 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