

## Regular Council

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

Present at roll call were Mary Duncan, Todd Borowski, Anthony Garver, Tim Pedro, Wayne Wagner, John Rozic and Anthony Bruno.

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

### Staff Present:

Mark Williams – Director of Finance and Administration

Joe Valvano – Chief of Police

### 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 January 22, 2024 Regular Council meeting. Mr. Borowski seconded the motion, which passed by a voice vote.

### Citizens Comments

Scott Jahns, 1207 Applegate St., discussed the possibility of updating the signage at the main entry points to the city.

Addison Tuckerman, 11415 Waterville St., Whitehouse, Ohio, a junior at Notre Dame Academy, attended the meeting to fulfil a requirement for her government class.

### Staff Reports

Administrator: Jon Gochenour

- The proposed dates for “Food Truck Tuesdays” at Conrad Park are June 11, July 9 and August 13.
- Former Mayor and the Northwest Ohio Liaison for the State Auditor Lori Brodie will be at the next Council meeting to present the Ohio Auditor Award for our 2022 State Audit.
- Researched the issue of painting speed limits on roadways, the limits would not be enforceable since speed limit signs must conform to the “Ohio Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices”. Posting speed limits in this manner is not permitted under this law.

Assistant Law Director: Katie Tharp

- No Report

Finance Director: Mark Williams

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

Treasurer: Steve Schult

- Absent, on vacation

### Communications from Council Members/Committees

Mrs. Duncan

- March 23 is the date for this year’s “Easter Egg Roll”; March 24 is the rain date.
- This year’s “Easter Scavenger Hunt” will begin on March 1.

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Mr. Borowski

- No Report

Mr. Garver

- Stated he spoke with the Fire Chief regarding suggested minor changes to improve his Council report.
- Attended the Waterville Primary School 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Student Council swearing in ceremony.

Mr. Wagner

- Mentioned an issue with dog owners not cleaning up after their dogs along the Pray Blvd multi-use path.

Mr. Rozic

- Attended the Waterville Primary School 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Student Council swearing in ceremony.

Mr. Bruno

- No Report

Mayor Pedro

- Attended the Waterville Primary School 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Student Council swearing in ceremony.
- Joined Police Officer Kelly Milewski at the Waterville Library as she read to some of our young citizens.
- Attended the “High Noon Group” for lunch at Browning Masonic.

### OLD BUSINESS:

- A. ORDINANCE 13-23 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF WATERVILLE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024, AND REPEALING ORDINANCE 14-23, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

*Third Reading and Legislative Action*

A copy of the proposed FY 2024 Appropriations was included in the Council packets. The Finance Committee reviewed and recommended approval of the budget at their November 17, 2023 public meeting. A public hearing on the appropriations was held at the January 8, 2024 Council meeting. No legislative action was taken by Council on Ordinance 13-23 this evening.

### NEW BUSINESS:

- A. ORDINANCE 01-24 AN ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO CHARTER SECTION 5.02 ADOPTING PERSONNEL RULES; AMENDING SECTION 4.08 OF THE WATERVILLE PERSONNEL POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Recently, negotiations were concluded with the City's four collective bargaining units which resulted in changes to how employee sick time usage is tabulated in the calculation of overtime. In the past, sick time usage was counted as part of the actual hours worked in a pay period in the calculation of overtime. In the new agreements, an employee will be paid at their regular rate for the use of sick time, but sick time cannot be used in the calculation of overtime. The change is anticipated to reduce the annual future cost of overtime for the City. This Ordinance would amend the City's Personnel Policy and Procedure Manual to be

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consistent with its current collective bargaining agreements.

Mayor Pedro made a motion to suspend the rules to allow for the passage of Ordinance 01-24 as an emergency measure. Mr. Rozic seconded the motion.

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

Mayor Pedro made a motion to move for the passage of Ordinance 01-24 as an emergency measure. Mr. Rozic seconded the motion.

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

**B. RESOLUTION 06-24 A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE OFFICIAL INTENT OF THE CITY OF WATERVILLE ON BEHALF OF THE STATE OF OHIO (THE BORROWER) TO REIMBURSE ITS WATER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FUND FOR THE 2023 CANAL ROAD WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT CL18AA WITH THE PROCEEDS OF TAX EXEMPT DEBT OF THE STATE OF OHIO**

This Resolution authorizes the State of Ohio to reimburse the City with the proceeds of tax exempt debt issued by the state for costs associated with the Canal Road Waterline Replacement Project. According to the terms of the project agreement, the City is required to officially declare its intent to reimburse its Water Capital (640) Fund with the state assistance provided to complete this project. The City received financial assistance in the form of a \$235,029 loan for 20 years at 0% interest for this project.

Mr. Borowski moved to adopt Resolution 06-24, Mrs. Duncan seconded the motion, which passed by a voice vote.

Other Business

None

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before Council, Mr. Rozic made a motion to close the meeting at 8:23 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