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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 Mrs. Duncan. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited and led by Mr. Kevin Herman, Anthony Wayne Local Schools Assistant Superintendent.

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

Mr. Garver made a motion to excuse the absence of Mr. Rozic. Mr. Borowski seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

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

Also present this evening was Jon Gochenour, Municipal Administrator; Phil Dombey, Law Director and Jeni Malaczewski, Recording Secretary.

Staff Present:

Mark Williams – Director of Finance and Administration
Joe Valvano – Chief of Police
Doug Meyer – Fire Chief

Citizens Present:

Please see Citizens' Sign-In Sheet, Exhibit A, Page 1 for a list of people present.

Presentations

- A. Lori Brodie - Ohio Auditor of State's Office, Auditor of State Award.

Former Mayor Lori Brodie presented the "Auditor of State Award" to the City for our perfect 2022 State Audit.

- A. Jim Fritz-Anthony Wayne Local Schools, School District Update

Superintendent Jim Fritz, Assistant Superintendent Kevin Herman, Waterville Primary Principal Jamie Hollinger, and District Social Worker, Rebecca Hrcka, provided a presentation to Council on activities at the Anthony Wayne Local School District.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Wagner moved to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2024 Regular Council meeting. Mr. Borowski seconded the motion, which passed by a voice vote.

Citizens Comments

Sue Frosch, 378 Overlook Dr., discussed the noise coming from the Buffalo Rock Brewery.

Leo Frosch, 378 Overlook Dr., discussed the noise coming from the Buffalo Rock Brewery.

Terri Massucci, 1101 Waterville-Monclova Rd., discussed two upcoming Community Easter Events. The Easter Scavenger Hunt will begin March 1 with a deadline of March 22 for turning in the forms to enter a drawing for prizes from local businesses. The drawing will be held at the Easter Egg Hunt at Conrad Park on Saturday, March 23, 2023 between 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Brea Wise, 341 Hickory Ln., discussed the Waterville Solar Eclipse Watch Party that

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will take place on Monday, April 8 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Richard Bingham, Mayor of Whitehouse, along with Whitehouse Council President Lou Ann Artiaga, discussed the Fire Co-Op and the Fallen Timbers Union Cemetery District as examples of the successful collaboration between Whitehouse and Waterville. They stated that they would like to continue to look for ways to teaming up in order to save money for taxpayers.

Staff Reports

Administrator: Jon Gochenour

- Construction for Phase 3 of Parker Square is set to begin the week of March 18 and projected to be finished by August 18, 2024.
- Stated that the City is working with the property owners along Pray Blvd to place “Mutt Mitts” and trash receptacles along Pray Blvd’s multipurpose path.
- Announced Unlimited Pick-Up dates for 2024: Area A (North) will be April 20 and October 12; Area B (South) will be April 27 and October 19.

Law Director: Phil Dombey

- Stated that after 50 years of public service, he will be retiring after the June 24, 2024 Council meeting.

Finance Director: Mark Williams

- Reviewed details from the January 2024 Month End Finance Report highlighting fund balances, investments and income tax revenues.
- Reviewed details from the 2023 Fourth Quarter Budget Report, covering 1/1/23 to 12/31/23, highlighting fund balances, investments and income tax revenues. A detailed cover memo of this report was included in the Council meeting packet.

Treasurer: Steve Schult

- Reviewed details from the January 2024 Month End Treasurer’s Report.

Police Chief: Joe Valvano

- Reported that the 2024 Polar Bear Plunge had about 50 to 75 participants and there were no issues at the event.
- Safety City Registration is now open. Safety City will be held this year on July 15 to July 19. This year Safety City will be open to Pre-K and Kindergarten students.
- Stated that the Waterville Police Department was awarded a \$17,000 grant from the Ohio Attorney General for new body cameras.

Fire Chief: Doug Meyer

- Chief Meyer stated that the Waterville Fire Department will attend the Anthony Wayne High School Co-Op day.
- Met with the City of Perrysburg to get some ideas and insights from them in regards to their firework displays.

Public Works Director: Absent, Jon Gochenour provided a report.

- Generators for the Public Works and Municipal Buildings have been installed with final electrical work to be completed soon.
- The ice-skating rink in Conrad Park has been taken down and stored for next season.

Communications from Council Members/Committees

Mrs. Duncan

- No Report

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Mr. Borowski

- No Report

Mr. Garver

- No Report

Mr. Wagner

- No Report

Mr. Rozic

- No Report

Mr. Bruno

- No Report

Mayor Pedro

- Thanked Michelle Smith from the Waterville Area Chamber of Commerce for attending the Council meetings.
- Looked into formal training opportunities for Council members.
- Stated that recently City Council and offices have received a large number of public records requests. While Council members and staff do their best to respond quickly and accurately to these requests, a lot of unnecessary time has been spent by staff members responding to meritless requests.

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.

Mayor Pedro made a motion to suspend the rules to allow for the passage of Ordinance 13-23 as an emergency measure. Mrs. Duncan seconded the motion.

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

Mrs. Duncan made a motion to move for the passage of Ordinance 13-23 as an emergency measure. Mr. Borowski seconded the motion.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. RESOLUTION 07-24 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO PYROTECNICO FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE DISPLAY OF FIREWORKS FOR THE CITY OF WATERVILLE

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Pyrotecnico Fireworks of New Castle, Pennsylvania has submitted a proposal to perform a fireworks display for the City of Waterville on Saturday, July 6, 2024 at a cost of \$25,000. Founded in 1889, Pyrotecnico is one of the largest fireworks companies in the United States. Although the only vendor to submit a proposal, the City has worked with Pyrotecnico in the past and found them to be professional and easy to work with. The July 6 date was the only date available for this year's fireworks display.

Mr. Gochenour stated a vendor did get back to him today about submitting another proposal for the 2024 Fireworks by the next Council meeting. He requested that the Resolution be tabled until the next Council meeting.

Mayor Pedro made a motion to table Resolution 07-24. Mr. Borowski seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Other Business

None

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before Council, Mrs. Duncan made a motion to close the meeting at 9:05 p.m. Mr. Wagner seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Jon D. Gochenour, Clerk of Council

Timothy G Pedro, Mayor