

Regular Council

June 10

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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. Rozic. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited and led by Aiden Gwin.

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

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

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 – Finance Director

Joe Valvano – Chief of Police

Doug Meyer – Fire Chief

Presentations

A. Waterville Fire Association and Carl Conrad Memorial Scholarships

Members of the Waterville Fire Association presented the Fire Association Scholarships to John Metzger, Alejandro Gomez, Gregory Miller, Tyler Miller and Seth Von Lehmden. The Fire Association also presented the Carl Conrad Memorial Scholarship to Aiden Gwin.

B. Matthew Heyrman – Lucas County Commissioners Office

Mr. Heyrman discussed and answered questions from Council in regard to the new Lucas County Emergency Medical Services Advanced Life Support Agreement.

Citizens Present:

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

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Duncan moved to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2024 Regular Council meeting. Mr. Bruno seconded the motion, which passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Citizens Comments

Ed Feeny, 3262 Erawa Dr. Toledo, Ohio, discussed the possibility of passing a resolution in support of area businesses using “goldbacks” currency.

Terri Massucci, 1101 Waterville-Monclova Rd, stated that the first round of the community event “Play Ball” sponsored by BluSky Restoration has ended and a new set of balls have been hidden throughout the city. Waterville “Free Share Veggie Stand” will be a on Karis Street.

Andy Shoupe, 7438 Royal Hampton Ln., discussed Waterville Cub Scout Troup 101's sponsorship of the July 4 Fireworks Events at the Waterville Primary School. Mr. Shoupe asked for financial assistance from Council to fund the “bouncy houses” for this event.

Mr. Rozic made a motion to approve up to \$800 in assistance, contingent on an approved inspection from the Fire Department, to fund the “bouncy houses” for the July 4 Fireworks Events sponsored by Cub Scout Troop 101. Mr. Wagner seconded the motion, which passed by a unanimous voice vote.

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Staff Reports

Administrator: Jon Gochenour

- Stated that the City is working with various organizations recently to plan upcoming community events, including: the Waterville Area Chamber of Commerce's "Rock the Block" event on June 15; the Roche de Boeuf "Pre-Party Event" on September 27 at Parker Square; the Waterville Rotary Club's "Blues, Brews and Brats" event on July 27 and Oliver Hazard Day set for August 17.
- Attended a seminar on Ohio's new Adult Use Cannabis law. Waterville has had a ban on the cultivation, processing and sale of marijuana for medical use since 2016.
- Stated that the rate for refuse collection will increase by contract to \$12.98 starting June 1 and will be reflected on the bill due July 15.

Law Director: Phil Dombey

- No Report

Finance Director: Mark Williams

- Reviewed details of the First Quarter 2024 Budget and Financial Report highlighting fund balances, investments and income tax revenues. A detailed outline of the report was included in Council's meeting packet.
- Reviewed details of the April 2024 Financial Report highlighting fund balances, investments and income tax revenues.

Treasurer: Steve Schult

- Reviewed the Treasurer's Report for the month of April 2024.

Communications from Council Members/Committees

Mrs. Duncan

- No Report

Mr. Garver

- Discussed a speeding issue on Canal Rd which was forwarded to the Police Department.

Mr. Wagner

- Stated there was a great turn out at Baer Park for the June Clean-Up Day.
- Parks and Recreation Committee discussed an ad hoc committee's proposal for inclusive playground equipment in City parks.

Mr. Rozic

- Stated that Conrad Park's baseball diamond looks beautiful.
- Asked that all residents respect park equipment like the giant chess board at Conrad Park which was recently vandalized.

Mr. Bruno

- Thanked the volunteers that came out for the June Clean-Up Day at Bear Park.

Mayor Pedro

- Discussed speeding issues on Canal Rd., Farnsworth Rd. and River Rd.
- Stated that the ad hoc committee for inclusive playground equipment has already applied for a project grant. This grant could take a year or more to receive. Donations are already coming in and welcomed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. ORDINANCE 05-24 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 04-18, PURSUANT TO CHARTER SECTION 5.02 ADOPTING PERSONNEL RULES; AMENDING SECTION 5.13 A.1. OF THE WATERVILLE PERSONNEL POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Third Reading and Administrative Action

This Ordinance amends Section 5.13 A. 1. of the City's Personnel Policy and Procedure Manual in regard to the eligibility of elected officials to participate in the Employer's health insurance program. Ordinance 05-24 ends the eligibility of Council members to participate in the City health insurance program with an effective date of July 1, 2024. Although originally introduced as an emergency measure at your April 22, 2024 public meeting, Ordinance 05-24 failed to pass as an emergency measure. As a result, the City Charter requires that Ordinance 05-24 must now be considered for passage as a regular measure. Since the Ordinance passed by a majority vote at your April 22, 2024 meeting, this would be the third reading of this Ordinance.

Mr. Rozic asked if there are any Council members who do not agree that Council members should not be eligible for health insurance through the city.

Mr. Wagner made a motion to move for the passage of Ordinance 05-24. Mr. Rozic seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mayor Pedro - yes, Mrs. Duncan – yes, Mr. Garver – no, Mr. Bruno – yes, Mr. Rozic – yes and Mr. Wagner – yes. The motion passed 5-1.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. RESOLUTION 21-24 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH DGL CONSULTING ENGINEERS FOR CONTRUCTION ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE SHARED USE PATH IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

At your last public meeting, Council awarded a contract to Henry W. Bergman, Inc. for the Shared Use Path Improvement Project. Since this project involves the spending of federal funds, the City is required to hire a firm to perform construction engineering and inspection services for this project. The firm that designed the project, Proudfoot Associates, is not eligible to perform construction engineering services for this project due to federal funding requirements. For these services, letters of interest were sent to several engineering firms, but only one proposal was received from DGL Consulting Engineers of Maumee, Ohio. Although the only proposal submitted, it is the recommendation of the staff to enter into an agreement with DGL Consulting Engineers to perform these services. DGL has successfully performed similar engineering and inspection work on other federally funded projects located in the Cities of Defiance, Tiffin and Port Clinton, Ohio. The fee for this work is \$76,791 which includes construction testing services being provided by TTL Testing and Drilling Services, LLC of Toledo, Ohio. The fee for these proposed services is reimbursable under the federal grant guidelines for this project. The City secured a \$396,000 grant to offset the cost of this project. The proposal from DGL was enclosed with this legislation.

Mrs. Duncan moved to adopt Resolution 21-24, Mr. Bruno seconded the motion, which passed by a unanimous voice vote.

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B. RESOLUTION 22-24 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH WEST ERIE REALTY SOLUTIONS FOR RIGHT OF WAY PROPERTY ACQUISITION SERVICES FOR THE WATERVILLE MONCLOVA ROAD WIDENING IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

As part of the planning for the proposed Waterville Monclova Road Widening Improvement, it is necessary for the City to acquire a small amount of additional road right of way for this street widening project. The proposed acquisition area is located on the west side of the road in the vicinity of Michigan Avenue and varies between 5 and 15 feet in width. As with the Shared Use Path Project, since this project involves the spending of federal funds, the City is required to hire a firm which is "pre-qualified" by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) to assist the City in the acquisition of land for this project. For these services, letters of interest were sent to several firms and three responded. These "turnkey" acquisition services would include parcel appraisals, title searches, negotiations with property owners, closing and recording costs. After evaluating each firms' fees and scope of work for this project, it is the recommendation of the staff to enter into an agreement with West Erie Realty Solutions of Toledo, Ohio to perform these services at a not to exceed cost of \$37,080. As a local firm, West Erie is familiar with the local real estate market and has successfully completed similar projects throughout Northwest Ohio. West Erie's proposal, along with the other two proposals were enclosed with this legislation. The City has secured federal and state grants totaling \$1,379,563 to offset the cost of this project.

Mr. Wagner moved to adopt Resolution 22-24, Mr. Garver seconded the motion, which passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Executive Session

Mr. Rozic made a motion to move into Executive Session for Consideration of a Matter per ORC 121.22(G)(2): Purchase or Sale of Property for Public Purpose at 9:06 p.m. Mr. Wagner seconded the motion.

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

Return to Regular Session

Mr. Rozic made a motion to come out of Executive Session and resume the regular Council meeting at 9:39 p.m. Mr. Wagner seconded the motion which carried by unanimous voice vote.

Other Business

None

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before Council, Mr. Wagner made a motion to close the meeting at 9:40 p.m. Mr. Garver seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Jon D. Gochenour, Clerk of Council

Timothy G Pedro, Mayor