

Regular Council

July 22

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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 Chief Valvano.

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

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

Also present this evening was Jon Gochenour, Municipal Administrator; Kati Tharp, Law Director; Steve Schult, Treasurer and Jeni Malaczewski, Recording Secretary.

Staff Present:

Mark Williams – Finance Director

Joe Valvano – Police Chief

Ken Blair – Public Works Director

Presentations

A. Mayor Pedro-Oath of Office: Waterville Police Department

Mayor Pedro administered the "Oath of Office" to the recently hired members of the Waterville Police Department: Lauria Szaroleta; Cameron Tsois; Jon Legrand; Derek Williams; and Abraham Stottleyer.

B. Officer Recognition - Waterville Police Department

Chief Valvano recognized Officers Derek Williams and Tony Grindstaff for saving the life of a resident on River Road and Officers Michael Yowler, Andrew Glover and Lauria Szaroleta for the apprehension of two individuals suspected to be involved with a recent robbery at Dillards at the Fallen Timbers Mall.

Citizens Present:

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

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Wagner moved to approve the minutes of the June 24, 2024 Regular Council meeting. Mr. Rozic seconded the motion, which passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Citizens Comments

Ed Feeny, 3262 Erawa Dr., Toledo, Ohio, asked if there had been any further discussion on the possibility of passing a resolution in support of area businesses using "goldbacks" currency.

Staff Reports

Administrator: Jon Gochenour

- Stated the annual Blues, Brews, and Brats Festival will be held on July 27 from 5:30 to 11p.m. on Third Street.
- The intersection of Farnsworth and River Roads which was recently closed for Parkers Square construction work reopened on July 18.
- 230th Anniversary of the Battle of Fallen Timbers will be commemorated on August 23-25 with events in Parker Square.
- Discussed the Swan Creek Watershed Improvement Project by the Lucas County Engineer with area work beginning in 2027.
- Mentioned that the City fireworks on July 6 was a great success.

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Law Director: Kati Tharp

- Provided an update on the Plowman legal appeal. The courts will hear oral arguments July 24.

Finance Director: Mark Williams

- Reviewed details of the June 2024 Financial Report highlighting fund balances, investments and income tax revenues.

Treasurer: Steve Schult

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

Police Chief: Joe Valvano

- Reviewed the Department's successful 2024 "Safety City" event.

Fire Chief: Doug Meyer - Absent

Public Works Director: Ken Blair

- Stated the street and fire hydrant painting is almost done.
- Announced his retirement with his last day being be October 4.

Communications from Council Members/Committees

Mr. Borowski

- Stated he is organizing a clean up the weeds in the Dutch Rd. Roundabouts.
- Discussed the need to revise the City's policy against motorized vehicles on shared use paths in light of the growing popularity of e-bikes.

Mr. Garver

- No Report

Mr. Wagner

- Discussed the 2025 expiration of the City's refuse and recycling contract.

Mr. Rozic

- Discussed the "Right Turn Only" sign on Canal Rd just before Village Pkwy.

Mr. Bruno

- No Report

Mayor Pedro

- Stated the Waterville Scout Troop 101 will celebrate its 100th Anniversary with an open house at Parker Square on August 3 from noon – 3p.m.
- Discussed the Sunoco station as well as Rite Aid. Mr. Pedro stated that the City has been in contact with the out of state owners of Sunoco with the request to continue to properly maintain the property. Both parcels are involved in lawsuits.
- Thanked the Waterville Area Chamber of Commerce for a great "Rock the Block" event

Appointment to Various Commissions, Boards and Committees

Mayor Pedro stated that the term of Waterville's representative to the Lucas County Combined Health District Board expired as of June 30, 2024. Ted Kaczorowski, the City's current representative, has expressed an interest in being reappointed to the position. After some discussion, it was the consensus of Council to table this appointment until the next Council meeting on August 26, 2024 to see if there are any other individuals interested in serving in this position.

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OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. RESOLUTION 24-24 A RESOLUTION REPEALING RESOLUTION 72-06 AND APPOINTING KATI THARP DOWNEY AS LAW DIRECTOR FOR THE CITY OF WATERVILLE

With the recent retirement of former Law Director Phillip Dombey, the City Charter requires the appointment of a Law Director by City Council. It is the recommendation of Mr. Dombey and the Municipal Administrator that current Assistant Law Director Kati Tharp be appointed as Law Director of the City of Waterville.

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

- B. RESOLUTION 25-24 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF CASH FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND (100) TO THE PARKS AND GREEN SPACE FUND (225)

This Resolution authorizes the transfer of \$75,000 from the General Fund (100) to the Parks and Green Space Fund (225) to maintain a sufficient fund balance in the Parks and Green Space Fund. Although the City does not maintain a large balance in this fund, the current fund balance is approximately \$11,000. The City is also expecting to receive a grant reimbursement of approximately \$50,000 which will be deposited into this fund by the end of the year.

Mr. Wagner moved to adopt Resolution 25-24, Mr. Rozic seconded the motion, which passed by a unanimous voice vote.

- C. ORDINANCE 07-24 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 06-24, THE AMENDED FY 2024 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

This Ordinance would authorize the second amendment to the 2024 Appropriations. Significant items included in this amendment are: revenue and expense for the transfer from the General Fund to the Parks and Green Space Fund (\$75,000); increased investment income revenue (\$176,318); Ohio Net Profit Income Tax revenue (\$50,000); EMS charges for service revenue (\$94,000) and additional expense for additional paving and engineering costs (\$65,000); for ongoing legal litigation (\$25,000); for health insurance (\$25,700); for sewer department contract services (\$22,000); for additional fire vehicle maintenance (\$15,000) and other routine items. Detailed information on this amendment is enclosed with this ordinance.

Mayor Pedro made a motion to suspend the rules to allow for the passage of Ordinance 07-24 as an emergency measure. Mr. Borowski seconded the motion.

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

Mayor Pedro made a motion to move for the passage of Ordinance 07-24 as an emergency measure. Mr. Garver seconded the motion.

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

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D. RESOLUTION 26-24 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO EBONY CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. FOR THE FARNSWORTH ROAD WATERLINE AND PAVING IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

This Resolution authorizes a contract with Ebony Construction, Inc. of Sylvania, Ohio for the Farnsworth Road Waterline and Paving Improvement Project at a cost of \$632,975.65. Bids were opened on July 17, 2024 and the City received three competitive bids for this project with the low bid submitted by Ebony Construction Company. The project will replace approximately 1,226 feet of 6-inch waterline with new 8-inch waterline, 3 fire hydrants and 7 service connections. Farnsworth Road will be repaved from the Anthony Wayne Trail to River Road along with a portion of River Road between Mechanic and Farnsworth Roads in front of Parker Square. It is the recommendation of the City Engineer and administrative staff to award the contract for the Farnsworth Road Waterline and Paving Improvement Project to Ebony Construction Company, Inc. In business since 1986, Ebony Construction has successfully completed projects in the City in the past. The engineer's recommendation letter is included with a copy of this legislation.

Mr. Wagner moved to adopt Resolution 26-24, Mr. Rozic seconded the motion, which passed by a 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 8:54 p.m. Mr. Rozic seconded the motion, which passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Jon D. Gochenour, Clerk of Council

Timothy G Pedro, Mayor