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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. Rozic.

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

Doug Meyer – 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.

Presentations

A. Joshua Zientek- Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR)

Mr. Zientek and Mike Ohlrich of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) were present and provided an overview of state hunting regulations in areas in and along the Maumee River. Mr. Zientek and Mr. Ohlrich answered questions from Council and residents regarding hunting along the river.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Borowski moved to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2024 Regular Council meeting. Mr. Rozic seconded the motion, which passed by a voice vote.

Citizens Comments

None

Staff Reports

Administrator: Jon Gochenour

- The City is working with Fallen Timbers Family Recreation Center, which received a \$275,000 state grant, to update the pool and tennis courts. In exchange for state financial assistance, the club will provide access to its facilities for non-members for a nominal fee on certain days of the week.
- Stated that the ice-skating rink was delivered and is ready for installation at Conrad Park.

Assistant Law Director: Katie Tharp

- No Report

Finance Director: Mark Williams

- No Report

Treasurer: Steve Schult

- Absent, on vacation

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Police Chief: Joe Valvano

- Reported that two new officers have completed their field training and are now out working on their own.
- Residents should call 911 to report hunting within the city limits.
- In the proposed 2025 Budget, the Department is planning the purchase of an aerial drone that can be used for any hunting issues within the City limits.

Fire Chief: Doug Meyer

- Mr. Garver asked if an increase in runs from the previous year is normal. Chief Meyer stated that runs usually have grown every year for the past several years due to population growth.
- Discussed upcoming changes to the Lucas County ALS system.

Public Works Director: Ken Blair

- Discussed the 2023 Leaf Removal Season, recent snow events and the Department's 2023 Annual Report.

Communications from Council Members/Committees

Mrs. Duncan

- No Report

Mr. Borowski

- No Report

Mr. Garver

- No Report

Mr. Wagner

- No Report

Mr. Rozic

- No Report

Mr. Bruno

- No Report

Mayor Pedro

- No Report

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.

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NEW BUSINESS:

A. RESOLUTION 02-24 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO MIDWEST CONTRACTING FOR PARKER SQUARE PHASE 3 IMPROVEMENTS

This Resolution authorizes a contract with Midwest Contracting Inc. of Holland, Ohio for the proposed "Phase 3 Improvements" to Parker Square which includes the construction of an entry plaza, electrical upgrades, lighting, masonry entrance piers and signage. The City received four (4) competitive bids for this project with Midwest Contracting Inc. submitting the lowest bid of \$788,326.40 which was over the City's construction budget estimate of \$648,895.50. Since the low bid exceeded the estimate, the City can either reject all of the bids and rebid the project, or "non-perform" certain bid items to bring the overall construction cost down to not exceed 20% of the construction estimate. Mr. Gochenour stated that since the low bidder has agreed to the proposed reduction in the scope of the project in order to reduce the cost, it is the recommendation of the administration to non-perform several of the bid items and award the contract to Midwest Contracting for a final project cost of \$778,674.60.

Mr. Pedro moved to adopt Resolution 02-24, Mrs. Duncan seconded the motion, which passed by a voice vote.

B. RESOLUTION 03-24 A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE SERVICES OF A MUNICIPAL COURT PROSECUTOR FOR THE CITY OF WATERVILLE

Recently, current Waterville Municipal Prosecutor Kati Tharp has indicated that she will be stepping down from this position in February 2023. After conducting interviews with potential candidates, it is the recommendation of the Law Director, Municipal Administrator and Police Chief to contract with attorney Austin Klapp to provide services as Municipal Prosecutor for the City of Waterville at a rate of \$150.00 per hour.

Mrs. Duncan moved to adopt Resolution 03-24, Mr. Borowski seconded the motion, which passed by a voice vote.

C. RESOLUTION 04-24 A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE SERVICES OF AN ASSISTANT LAW DIRECTOR FOR THE CITY OF WATERVILLE

Although Kati Tharp has indicated that she will be stepping down from the position of Municipal Prosecutor in February 2023, it is the recommendation of the Law Director and Municipal Administrator to retain Ms. Tharp's services as an Assistant Law Director to assist the Law Director as needed and fill in for him if necessary during his absence at a rate of \$150.00 per hour.

Mrs. Duncan moved to adopt Resolution 04-24, Mr. Borowski seconded the motion, which passed by a voice vote.

D. RESOLUTION 05-24 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN HOURLY BILLING RATE AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT WITH PHILIP L. DOMBEY FOR THE POSITION OF LAW DIRECTOR OF THE CITY OF WATERVILLE

Mr. Dombey has been Law Director since December 1, 2006. His hourly billing rate has been \$150.00 per hour since December 2015. This Resolution would authorize an amendment to his contract to increase the hourly billing rate to \$200.00 per hour. When filling in for the Law Director, the hourly rate of the

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Assistant Law Director would be the proposed new hourly rate of the Law Director of \$200.00 per hour

Mr. Bruno moved to adopt Resolution 05-24, Mr. Garver seconded the motion, which passed by a 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 8:41 p.m. Mr. Rozic seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Jon D. Gochenour, Clerk of Council

Timothy G Pedro, Mayor