

Regular Council

January 13

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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 Mayor Pedro.

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; Kati Tharp, Law Director; Steve Schult, Treasurer and Jeni Malaczewski, Recording Secretary.

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 December 9, 2024 Regular Council meeting. Mr. Borowski seconded the motion, which passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Citizens Comments

None

Staff Reports

Administrator: Jon Gochenour

- Stated in the past 5 years the City of Waterville has added 130 new homes. 27 homes were added in 2020, 32 in 2021, 25 in 2022, 23 in 2023 and 23 in 2024. The 23 homes added in 2024 had a construction value of \$8,855,000.
- Mentioned that the second scheduled Council meeting in May lands on Memorial Day. Recommended moving the meeting to June 9, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.

Law Director: Kati Tharp

- No Report

Finance Director:

- Mr. Gochenour reviewed information from the December 2024 RITA Income Tax Report.

Treasurer: Steve Schult

- No Report

Communications from Council Members/Committees

A list of appointments proposed by the Mayor for Council's consideration and approval was included in the Council packet. Mrs. Duncan moved to approve the appointment of the following individuals:

Board of Zoning Appeals: Pauline Glaza (4-year term, new term expires 12-31-2028); Tree Commission: William Albert (3-year term, new term expires 12-31-2027); Tree Commission: Peg Ryan (3-year term, new term expires 12-31-2027); Finance Committee: Dave Glaza (3-year term, new term expires 12-31-2027); Planning Commission: Dennis Birkemeier (4-year term, new term expires 12-31-2028) and Civil Service Commission: Jeff Lohse (3-year term, new term expires 12-31-2027)

Mr. Borowski seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

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Mrs. Duncan

- No Report

Mr. Borowski

- Discussed a citizen's concern regarding the parking on S. Third St. near Shawn's Irish Tavern.

Mr. Garver

- No Report

Mr. Wagner

- No Report

Mr. Rozic

- Happy New Year.

Mr. Bruno

- Discussed the success of the ice skating rink and the maintenance of the rink going forward.

Mayor Pedro

- Thanked the citizens of Waterville for a great year.
- Acknowledged the Public Works Department for their hard work at keeping our streets and pathways clear and promptly attending to any water or sewer issues.
- Thanked Police Department for keeping the city safe.
- Thanked Fire Department for being ready to respond.
- Thanked the Administration and Staff, who are the front line for all questions and concerns and for always being pleasant.
- Discussed moving forward in 2025 and making it a great year.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. RESOLUTION 38-24 A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE CITY OF WATERVILLE FY 2025 FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL PLANNING PROGRAM FOR ALL MUNICIPAL FUNDS AND DEPARTMENTS

This is the annual 5-Year Capital Planning Program. The Finance Committee discussed and recommended approval of the program at a special meeting on November 1. This item is for ongoing discussion throughout the budget preparation process.

Mr. Gochenour provided an overview of the proposed Five-Year Capital Planning Program for 2025. Council took no action on this Resolution.

B. ORDINANCE 11-24 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF WATERVILLE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025 AND REPEALING ORDINANCE 12-24 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Second Reading

The Finance Committee reviewed and recommended approval of the budget at their December 6, 2024 public meeting. A public hearing on the appropriations was scheduled for tonight's Council meeting. Mayor Pedro opened the public hearing on the proposed 2025 Appropriation Ordinance at 7:52 p.m. After no public comments were offered, Mayor Pedro closed the public hearing at 7:53 p.m.

- C. ORDINANCE 14-24 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE PLAT OF FARNSWORTH VILLAGE AT WATERVILLE LANDING PLAT SIX AND AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN THE PLAT

Second Reading

This Ordinance authorizes the approval of the final plat of Farnsworth Village at Waterville Landing Subdivision Plat Six. Approval of the final plat for this subdivision was recommended by the Planning Commission at their December 2, 2024 public meeting by a vote of 4-0, with one member absent, contingent on the conditions of approval specified in the Ordinance. Attached is an engineering review letter from the City Engineer indicating the purposed plat is acceptable.

- D. ORDINANCE 15-24 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE PLAT OF FIDDLERS GREEN AT WATERVILLE LANDING PLAT THREE AND AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN THE PLAT

Second Reading

This Ordinance authorizes the approval of the final plat for the Fiddlers Green at Waterville Landing Subdivision Plat Three. Approval of the final plat for this subdivision was recommended by the Planning Commission at their December 2, 2024 public meeting by a vote of 4-0, with one member absent, contingent on the conditions of approval specified in the Ordinance. Attached is an engineering review letter from the City Engineer indicating the purposed plat is acceptable.

- E. ORDINANCE 16-24 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE PLAT OF FIDDLERS GREEN AT WATERVILLE LANDING PLAT FOUR AND AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN THE PLAT

Second Reading

This Ordinance authorizes the approval of the final plat for the Fiddlers Green at Waterville Landing Subdivision Plat Four. Approval of the final plat for this subdivision was recommended by the Planning Commission at their December 2, 2024 public meeting by a vote of 4-0, with one member absent, contingent on the conditions of approval specified in the Ordinance. Attached is an engineering review letter from the City Engineer indicating the purposed plat is acceptable.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. RESOLUTION 01-25 A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENT AND AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF MUNICIPALLY OWNED PERSONAL PROPERTY, INCLUDING MOTOR VEHICLES, ROAD MACHINERY, EQUIPMENT, TOOLS OR SUPPLIES, WHICH IS NOT NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE, OR IS OBSOLETE OR UNFIT FOR THE USE WHICH IT WAS ACQUIRED, DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR 2025 BY INTERNET AUCTION, PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 721.15(D)

The Ohio Revised Code, specifically Section 721.15(D), requires a yearly resolution of intent to sell municipally owned personal property when sold by internet auction. In November 2008, Council approved Resolution 54-08 authorizing a contract with GovDeals, Inc. to conduct internet auctions to sell municipally owned personal property on behalf of the City. This Resolution also includes a second internet auction service called Municibid.Com, LLC as a provider of this service. Due to the yearly requirement, this Resolution is one of our annual legislative "housekeeping" items.

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Mr. Borowski moved to adopt Resolution 01-25. Mr. Rozic seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

B. RESOLUTION 02-25 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WATERVILLE, LUCAS COUNTY, OHIO SUPPORTING THE OHIO COMMISSION FOR THE UNITED STATES SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL (AMERICA 250-OH)

This Resolution affirms the support of the City of Waterville for the State of Ohio's "Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial (AMERICA 250-OH)" which seeks to organize and support local communities in preparation for the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the independence of the United States in 2026. By passing this Resolution, the City and local community groups could be eligible for up to \$5,000 in financial assistance to plan for community events in 2026.

Mr. Garver moved to adopt Resolution 02-25. Mr. Wagner seconded the motion, which passed 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 8:05 p.m. Mr. Rozic seconded the motion, which passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Jon D. Gochenour, Clerk of Council

Timothy G Pedro, Mayor