

## Regular Council

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

### Staff Present:

Joe Valvano – Police Chief

Doug Meyer – Fire Chief

Rob Binkley – Public Works Director

### Citizens Present:

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

### Approval of Minutes

Mr. Borowski moved to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2025 Regular Council meeting. Mr. Rozic seconded the motion, which passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### Citizens Comments

Dave Weber of the Maumee Valley Heritage Corridor gave an update on possible grants from the Ohio Department of Transportation to help repair the Interurban Bridge.

### Staff Reports

Administrator: Jon Gochenour

- Stated June 10, July 8 and August 12 will be the dates for the Anthony Wayne Area Arts Commission's "Eats and Beats" events for 2025.
- Stated that the second scheduled Council meeting in May on Memorial Day will be moved to June 9, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.

Law Director: Kati Tharp

- Updated Council on the decision of the Ohio 6<sup>th</sup> District Court of Appeals on Ordinance 10-22 which granted a Conditional Use Permit for an Outdoor Entertainment Facility on Pray Boulevard. The Court affirmed the decision of the lower court which found that the City of Waterville Council acted lawfully and followed all the proper procedures in approving Ordinance 10-22.

Finance Director:

- Mr. Gochenour gave the October and November 2024 Month End Finance Report highlighting fund balances, revenues and expenses.

Treasurer: Steve Schult

- Reviewed details of the Treasurer's Report for the months of October and November 2024.

Police Chief: Joe Valvano

- Stated 2025 Safety City will be held June 23-27 at Waterville Primary School.
- Discussed a resident's concern about scanning devices on the Kroger gas pumps. Chief Valvano stated that there has only been one official complaint to the Police Department despite the numerous online comments.

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- Officer Glover organized a “Safety Event” at Browning Masonic that will be held January 29.

Fire Chief: Doug Meyer

- Deputy Fire Chief Moore will be attending the “Safety Event” at Browning Masonic on January 29.

Public Works Director: Rob Binkley

- Stated that the ice-skating rink is getting a lot of use.
- Stated the new “Muffin Monster” equipment upgrade is underway at the Dutch Road Pumping Station.
- Stated the Department has started the removal of Christmas decorations.

### Communications from Council Members/Committees

Mrs. Duncan

- Received two compliments in regards to Officer Williams professionalism during recent traffic stops.

Mr. Borowski

- Discussed the parking on S. Third St. near Shawn’s Irish Tavern.

Mr. Garver

- No Report

Mr. Wagner

- No Report

Mr. Rozic

- Thanked Law Director Tharp for her legal update.

Mr. Bruno

- No Report

Mayor Pedro

- Discussed the recent Lucas County property reevaluation errors and encouraged residents that are concerned with their reevaluation to go online and begin the appeals process.
- Stated the City of Waterville’s State of the City address at the Chamber of Commerce was well attended.
- Stated sometime in May or June, the City will have a dedication ceremony for Parker Square.

### 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, 2024. Mr. Gochenour provided an overview of the proposed Five-Year Capital Planning Program for 2025 and answered questions from Council.

Mr. Garver moved to adopt Resolution 38-24. Mr. Wagner seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

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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

Third Reading and Legislative Action

The Finance Committee reviewed and recommended approval of the budget at their December 6, 2024 public meeting. A public hearing on the appropriations was held on January 13, 2025. Council discussed the proposed 2025 Appropriation Ordinance and the minor changes made by staff since the last meeting.

Mayor Pedro made a motion to suspend the rules to allow for the passage of Ordinance 11-24 as an emergency measure. Mr. Rozic seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mayor Pedro - yes, Mrs. Duncan – 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 11-24 as an emergency measure. Mr. Wagner seconded the motion.

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

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

Third 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. A review letter from the City Engineer was included with the legislation indicating the purposed plat is acceptable.

Mrs. Duncan made a motion to move for the passage of Ordinance 14-24. Mr. Wagner seconded the motion.

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

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

Third 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. A review letter from the City Engineer was included with the legislation indicating the purposed plat is acceptable.

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Mrs. Duncan made a motion to move for the passage of Ordinance 15-24. Mr. Wagner seconded the motion.

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

### 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

#### Third 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. A review letter from the City Engineer was included with the legislation indicating the purposed plat is acceptable.

Mrs. Duncan made a motion to move for the passage of Ordinance 16-24. Mr. Wagner seconded the motion.

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

### NEW BUSINESS:

#### A. RESOLUTION 03-25 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH PROUDFOOT ASSOCIATES INC FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES TO PREPARE PLANS SPECIFICATIONS AND BID DOCUMENTS FOR THE 2025 CITY PAVING PROGRAM

This resolution would authorize the Municipal Administrator to enter into an agreement with Proudfoot Associates, Inc. to prepare plans, specifications and bid documents for the 2025 City Paving Program. The proposed 2025 City Paving Program plans to resurface the following areas: Cedar Lane, from Michigan Avenue to Freedom Lane; the Alley running north and south between Michigan Avenue and Farnsworth Road, the Fire Station Parking Lot and the Conrad Park Parking Lot which will add 26 additional parking spaces. The Alley project will also include the complete rebuilding of the roadway surface and installation of a new storm sewer. Pavement rejuvenating agent will be applied to the following streets paved last year: Freedom Lane, between Cedar and Sycamore Lanes, Lexington Avenue and the Alley between Farnsworth Road and Mechanic Street behind the Municipal Building. Rejuvenating agent will also be applied to the park shared use paths in Prairie Trail, Conrad, Waterworks, Memorial and Baer Parks which was included in the 2025 Parks and Green Space Budget. The cost of this proposed work is \$30,884.

Mr. Bruno moved to adopt Resolution 03-25. Mayor Pedro seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

### Other Business

None

### Adjournment

There being no further business to come before Council, Mr. Rozic made a motion to

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close the meeting at 8:53 p.m. Mr. Borowski seconded the motion, which passed by a unanimous voice vote.

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Jon D. Gochenour, Clerk of Council

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Mary Duncan, Vice Mayor