

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 Mrs. Duncan. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited and led by citizens Erin and Ciera Gomez.

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. Garver moved to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2025 Regular Council meeting. Mr. Rozic seconded the motion, which passed by a unanimous voice vote with Mayor Pedro abstaining.

Citizens Comments

Dave Weber, 4902 Rudgate Blvd., Toledo, Ohio, gave an update on the possible delay of the demolition of the Interurban Bridge by the Ohio Department of Transportation.

Terri Massucci, 1101 Waterville-Monclova Rd., discussed this year's Easter Scavenger Hunt that will start on March 21 thru April 11. The community Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for 10 a.m. on April 12 at Conrad Park.

Ciera Gomez, 387 Overlook Dr., a student of Notre Dame Academy, attended for her government class and asked questions of Council.

Staff Reports

Administrator: Jon Gochenour

- Stated that representatives from the Lucas County Auditor's Office have scheduled a community meeting on March 26 from noon to 7pm in the Waterville City Council Chambers to answer questions regarding the recent property re-evaluations in the county.

Law Director: Kati Tharp

- No Report.

Finance Director:

- Mr. Gochenour reviewed details from the 2024 Fourth Quarter Budget Report, covering 1/1/24 to 12/31/24, highlighting fund balances, revenues and expenditures. A detailed cover memo of this report was included in the Council meeting packet.
- Mr. Gochenour reviewed information from the January 2025 RITA Income Tax Report.

Treasurer: Steve Schult

- Reviewed details of the 2023 Audit Report. The City received a "clean audit" report from the Ohio Auditor of State's Office which represents very good fiscal management.

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Police Chief: Joe Valvano

- Stated 2025 Safety City Program will be held June 23-27 at Waterville Primary School.

Fire Chief: Doug Meyer

- Chief Meyer provided a report to Council. Mr. Garver asked if there was some kind of trend for the large increase in runs for the Fire Department including for mutual aid. Chief Meyer stated that there was not specifically one identifiable item causing the increase.

Public Works Director: Rob Binkley

- Thanked the citizens for moving their cars off the streets to help with snow removal.
- Stated that the staff installed a new pump at the Dutch Road Pumping Station saving the City approximately \$19,000 in installation costs.

Communications from Council Members/Committees

Mrs. Duncan

- The Fallen Timbers Union Cemetery District Annual Joint Meeting is coming up in May.

Mr. Borowski

- No Report

Mr. Garver

- No Report

Mr. Wagner

- Reported he attended a recent meeting of the Tree Commission.

Mr. Rozic

- Reported he attended a recent meeting of the Fire Co-Op in Whitehouse and provided a review of the annual report for 2024.

Mr. Bruno

- No Report

Mayor Pedro

- Thanked Terri Massucci for coordinating the City's Easter events.
- Thanked Mary Duncan for officiating the February 10 Council Meeting.
- Invited Council Members to attend the March 31 NOMMA meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. RESOLUTION 10-25 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH AERIAL TITANS INC EQUIPMENT COMPANY FOR THE PURCHASE OF AN AERIAL BOOM LIFT FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

This Resolution would authorize the purchase of a new 2024 Haulotte 5533A aerial boom lift from Aerial Titans, Inc. Equipment Company of Cartersville, Georgia for a total cost of \$57,150. The tow behind unit has a 55-foot platform height and replaces the 1987 bucket truck which was recently sold on GovDeals. The aerial lift will be utilized for traffic light, street tree, street light and street banner maintenance activities. The purchase of this equipment was included in the approved 2025 Appropriation Ordinance. Information on the aerial boom was included in the Council packet.

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Mr. Bruno moved to adopt Resolution 10-25. Mr. Rozic seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

B. RESOLUTION 11-25 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH PYROTECNICO FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE DISPLAY OF FIREWORKS FOR THE CITY OF WATERVILLE

Pyrotecnico Fireworks of New Castle, Pennsylvania has submitted a proposal to perform a fireworks display for the City of Waterville on Friday, July 4, 2025 at a cost of \$27,000. Founded in 1889, Pyrotecnico is one of the largest fireworks companies in the United States. Although the only vendor to submit a proposal, Pyrotecnico performed last year's display and were very professional and easy to work with. The rain date for the display is Saturday, July 5, 2025.

Mr. Rozic moved to adopt Resolution 11-25. 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. Borowski made a motion to close the meeting at 8:34 p.m. Mrs. Duncan seconded the motion, which passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Jon D. Gochenour, Clerk of Council

Tim Pedro, Mayor