

Regular Council

March 10

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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 Mayor Pedro. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited and led by Mr. Bruno.

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

Mr. Wagner made a motion to excuse the absence of Mr. Garver. Mr. Borowski seconded the motion, which passed by a unanimous voice vote.

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

Staff Present:

None

Citizens Present:

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

Presentation and Proclamation

A. Lucas County Board of Developmental Disabilities – Michelle Myerholtz,

Michelle Myerholtz, Superintendent of the Lucas County Board of Developmental Disabilities was present to provide information regarding the operation of their organization. Mayor Pedro read a Proclamation highlighting March as "Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month" in the City of Waterville and presented it to Ms. Myerholtz.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Borowski moved to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2025 Regular Council meeting. Mr. Bruno seconded the motion, which passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Citizens Comments

None

Staff Reports

Administrator: Jon Gochenour

- Stated the update of the 2012 Comprehensive Plan is almost complete. The City's consultant, Glenn Grisdale of Reveille LTD, will be presenting the final plan to Council at an upcoming meeting in May or June 2025.

Finance Director:

- Mr. Gochenour reviewed details from the January 2025 Month End Finance Report highlighting fund balances, investments and income tax revenues.

Treasurer: Steve Schult

- Reviewed details from the January 2025 Month End Treasurer's 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. Mr. Borowski moved to approve the appointment of the following individual:

Tree Commission: Andrew Sherman (unexpired term of Merle Wilhelm, expires 12-31-2025)

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

Mrs. Duncan

- No Report

Mr. Borowski

- No Report

Mr. Garver

- Absent

Mr. Wagner

- No Report

Mr. Rozic

- Thanked the citizens that helped organize and maintain the ice skating rink this winter in Conrad Park.

Mr. Bruno

- Stated the Parks and Recreation Committee plans to have this year's clean-up day at Waterworks Park which is scheduled for May 17, 2025 beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Mayor Pedro

- Congratulated the Anthony Wayne High School Girls Basketball Team on making it to the state finals.
- Stated he met with members of a group trying to save the Roche de Boeuf Interurban Bridge and representatives from the Ohio Department of Transportation.
- Discussed economic development in the City, including Kaufman Engineering's plan for a major expansion to its Waterville-Monclova Rd. Facility.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. ORDINANCE 01-25 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 11-24 THE FY 2025 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

This Ordinance would authorize the first amendment to the 2025 Appropriation Ordinance. Significant items included in this amendment are: additional revenue from a reimbursement for vehicle damage to Parker Square (\$41,200) and additional appropriations for payment of the change order recently approved by Council for the 2024 City Paving Program (\$70,000); the cost of repairs for vehicle damaged to Parker Square (\$51,200) and new debt service for improvements to the wastewater treatment plant from Lucas County (\$29,022) and other routine items. The new debt service payment recently received by the City from Lucas County was for capital improvements completed between 2022 to 2024. Detailed information on this amendment was enclosed with this ordinance.

Mayor Pedro made a motion to suspend the rules to allow for the passage of Ordinance 01-25 as an emergency measure. Mr. Rozic seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mayor Pedro - yes, Mrs. Duncan – yes, Mr. Borowski – 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 06-24 as an emergency measure. Mr. Rozic seconded the motion.

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

B. RESOLUTION 12-25 A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CITY OF WATERTOWN PUBLIC RECORDS POLICY FOR VIDEO PUBLIC RECORDS REQUESTS FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

This Resolution amends the City of Waterville's Public Records Policy in regard to requests for copies of videos from the Police Department. The recent passage of House Bill 315 by the Ohio Legislature allows local governments to include in their public records policies the requirement that a requester pay the estimated actual cost in advance before beginning the process of preparing a video record for inspection or production. The new law specifies that a local law enforcement agency may charge the actual cost for the production of a video record which cannot exceed \$75.00 per hour nor exceed a total cost of \$750.00. By requiring payment in advance, the statute will deter frivolous requests were the requester eventually declines a copy of the record requested. Moreover, the new charges acknowledge the actual expense in terms of employee time and materials required to produce such records in compliance with state public records laws. The Resolution updates the City's Public Records Policy to incorporate and comply with the provisions of Ohio House Bill 315.

Mr. Wagner moved to adopt Resolution 12-25. Mr. Bruno 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 8:08 p.m. Mr. Rozic seconded the motion, which passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Jon D. Gochenour, Clerk of Council

Tim Pedro, Mayor