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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 former Council Member Barb Bruno.

Present at roll call were Mary Duncan, Wayne Wagner, Tim Pedro, Nicholas Sargent, Rod Frey and Todd Borowski.

Mrs. Duncan made a motion to excuse the absence of Mr. Jahns. Mr. Sargent seconded the motion, which passed by a unanimous voice vote.

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

Staff Present:

Tiffany Bachman – Finance Director

Joe Valvano – Police Chief

Doug Meyer – Fire Chief

Citizens Present:

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

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Borowski made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2026 Regular Council meeting. Mr. Frey seconded the motion, which passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Citizens Comments

Dave Weber, 4902 Rudgate Blvd., Toledo, Ohio; Barb Bruno, 137 S. River Rd.; Janice Brada, 9431 S River Rd., gave an update on the activities of their organization which seeks to delay the demolition of the Interurban Bridge by the Ohio Department of Transportation.

Terri Massucci, 1101 Waterville-Monclova Rd., discussed the Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for Saturday, March 28 at Conrad Park starting at 10 a.m.

Michelle Smith, Waterville Chamber of Commerce, 122 Farnsworth Rd., discussed the upcoming events sponsored by the Waterville Area Chamber of Commerce in 2026: the Wine and Art Auction - March 21; Community Garage Sales - June 4 - 6; the Chamber Golf Outing - July 17; the Roche de Boeuf Festival - September 19 and Boo to Do - October 29.

Scott Sands, Ohio State Auditor's Office, was attendance to present the City of Waterville with the "Ohio Auditor of State Award" for the City's perfect 2024 Financial Audit.

Staff Reports

Administrator: Jon Gochenour

- Stated that the staff continues to work on a comprehensive update to the City's website with final edits having been sent to the consultant. The website should be back up and running soon.

Law Director: Austin Klapp

- No Report

Finance Director: Tiffany Bachman

- Reviewed details from the 2025 Fourth Quarter Budget Report, covering

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January to December 2025, highlighting fund balances, revenues and expenditures. A detailed cover memo of this report was included in the Council meeting packet.

- Reviewed details from the January 2026 Month End Finance Report highlighting fund balances and income tax revenues.

Treasurer: Steve Schult

- Reviewed details from the January 2026 Month End Treasurer's Report.

Police Chief: Joe Valvano

- Displayed one of the two new E-Bikes purchased for the Police Department.
- Mentioned the Department is developing information for residents regarding the appropriate use of E-bikes on the City's shared use paths.

Fire Chief: Doug Meyer

- Stated that the 2026 Ford F-150 and Ford Explorer vehicles approved at the February 9 Council meeting have been ordered.

Public Works Director: Rob Binkley

- In the absence of Mr. Binkley, Mr. Gochenour reviewed details of the Public Works report with Council.

Communications from Council Members/Committees

Mrs. Duncan

- No Report

Mr. Frey

- No Report

Mr. Wagner

- Met with LuAnn Artiaga, Whitehouse Council Member and Julie Theroux, Waterville Township Trustee for an informal discussion regarding common community issues. Several Waterville Council members were also in attendance.

Mr. Borowski

- No Report

Mr. Sargent

- Discussed a proposed proclamation for the Anthony Wayne High School Cheerleading Squad for their recent State and National Championships.

Mayor Pedro

- Stated that research is still being done on data centers. Currently, the State of Ohio is considering the formation of a "Data Center Study Commission" through the passage of House Bill 646.
- Congratulated Waterville resident Patrick McColley on being selected as "Engineer of the Year" by Toledo Chapter of the Ohio Society of Professional Engineers.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. RESOLUTION 11-26 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO BERGLUND CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR THE FIRE STATION EXTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

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This Resolution authorizes a contract with Berglund Construction Company of Delaware, Ohio for the Fire Station Exterior Improvement Project. The project involves brick replacement, the installation of new or widened wall expansion joints, the acid cleaning of discolored brick, roof panel and gutter replacement, installation of new thru wall flashing between the roof and walls, replacement of metal coping on walls and roof surfaces and interior dry wall repairs. The City received nine (9) competitive bids for this project which consisted of both combined bids and separate alternate bids for either brick or roof repairs. The lowest-combined bid of \$311,500, Proposal 3, was submitted by Berglund Construction. It is the recommendation of the City's consultant, Buehrer Group Architects, and administrative staff that Berglund has submitted the lowest and most responsive bid and should be awarded the contract for the combined bid and Alternate 1 for a total cost of \$356,000. Although not a local company, Berglund Construction has 425 employees, have been in business for 115 years and has offices in 5 states. Berglund's subcontractor for the roof repair is VM Systems of Toledo, who has worked on several large area projects including the Anderson's Headquarters in Monclova Township and the Hollywood Casino in Toledo.

Mrs. Duncan moved to adopt Resolution 11-26. Mr. Sargent seconded the motion, which passed by a unanimous voice vote.

B. RESOLUTION 12-26 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH PYROTECNICO FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE DISPLAY OF FIREWORKS FOR CITY OF WATERVILLE

Pyrotecnico Fireworks of New Castle, Pennsylvania has submitted a proposal to perform a fireworks display for the City of Waterville on Saturday, July 4, 2026. In recognition of the 250th anniversary of American Independence, the budget for this year's display was increased to \$40,000. Founded in 1889, Pyrotecnico is one of the largest fireworks companies in the United States. Although the only vendor to submit a proposal, Pyrotecnico has successfully performed displays in the City over the last several years. The rain date for the display is Sunday, July 5, 2026.

Mr. Borowski moved to adopt Resolution 12-26. Mrs. Duncan seconded the motion, which passed by a unanimous voice vote.

C. RESOLUTION 13-26 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH DGL CONSULTING ENGINEERS FOR CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE WATERVILLE MONCLOVA RD WIDENING IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

At a recent public meeting, Council awarded a contract to Helms and Sons Excavating, Inc. for the Waterville Monclova Road Widening Improvement Project. Since this work involves the spending of federal funds on these improvements, the City is required to hire a firm to perform construction engineering and inspection services for this project. The firm that designed the project, Proudfoot Associates, is not eligible to perform construction engineering services for this project due to federal requirements. For these services, letters of interest were sent to several engineering firms with the City receiving (5) responses. After ranking each firm based on Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) selection criteria, it is the recommendation of the staff to enter into an agreement with DGL Consulting Engineers of Maumee, Ohio to perform these services. DGL has successfully performed similar engineering and inspection work for the City on the recently completed Shared Use Path Project as well as on other federally funded projects in the Cities of Defiance, Tiffin and Port Clinton, Ohio. The fee for this work is \$339,071.00 which includes construction testing services provided by TTL Engineering Services, LLC of Toledo, Ohio at a cost of \$32,831.00. A portion of the fee for these proposed services is reimbursable under the federal grant guidelines

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for this project. The City has secured \$1,488,191 in federal and state grant funding to offset the cost of this project.

Mrs. Duncan moved to adopt Resolution 13-26. Mr. Wagner seconded the motion, which passed by a unanimous voice vote.

- D. RESOLUTION 14-26 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A TWO-YEAR AGREEMENT WITH GREEN MEADOWS ACRES LLC OF PERRYSBURG, OHIO FOR THE LEASE OF 100 ACRES OF AGRICULTURAL LAND OWNED BY THE MUNICIPALITY AND LOCATED AT 6730 AND 6824 ANTHONY WAYNE TRIAL

The Village/City has contracted for the farming of the property at 6730 and 6824 Anthony Wayne Trail since its original purchase by the Village in 2000. A bid opening was held on February 19, 2026 with the City receiving only one bid. It is the recommendation of the administration to enter into a lease agreement with the best and most responsive bid submitted by Matthew J. Dauer, Sr., of Green Meadow Acres LLC of Perrysburg, Ohio for \$337.00 per acre.

Mr. Frey moved to adopt Resolution 14-26. Mr. Sargent seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Executive Session

Mr. Wagner made a motion to move into Executive Session for Consideration of a Matter per ORC 121.22(G)(2): Purchase or Sale of Property for Public Purposes at 8:56 p.m. Mrs. Duncan seconded the motion.

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

Return to Regular Session

Mr. Borowski made a motion to come out of Executive Session and resume the regular Council meeting at 9:35 p.m. Mr. Wagner seconded the motion which passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Other Business - none

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before Council, Mrs. Duncan made a motion to close the meeting at 9:36 p.m. Mr. Sargent seconded the motion which passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Jon D. Gochenour, Clerk of Council

Timothy G. Pedro, Mayor