

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 former Council Member Barb Bruno.

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

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

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

Staff Present:

Tiffany Bachman – Finance Director
David Moore – Assistant Fire Chief

Citizens Present:

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

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Frey moved to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2026 Regular Council meeting. Mr. Borowski 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.

Mr. Wagner made a motion to prepare and send a letter of support for the "Save the Bridge Committee" to the state. Mrs. Duncan seconded the motion, which passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Staff Reports

Administrator: Jon Gochenour

- Stated he was working with staff on a comprehensive update to the City's website. The update is a "work in process" and further changes would be necessary based on comments from Council and the public.
- Stated the Anthony Wayne Area Arts Commission (AWAAC) will be painting a mural on the north side of the building at the corner of Third and Mechanic Streets. Also, there are discussions about the possible placement of sculptures in Memorial Park.
- Stated "Eats and Beats" Food Truck Tuesdays, sponsored by the AWAAC, will return on June 9, July 14 and August 11, 2026 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. in Conrad Park.

Kent Murphree: Assistant Law Director

- No Report

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Finance Director: Tiffany Bachman

- No Report

Treasurer: Steve Schult

- No Report

Communications from Council Members/Committees

Mrs. Duncan

- No Report

Mr. Frey

- No Report

Mr. Wagner

- No Report

Mr. Borowski

- No Report

Mayor Pedro

- Met with Mayor Bingham of Whitehouse, Mayor Ziss of Maumee and Waterville Township Trustee Toby Miller to discuss the creation of a coalition to advocate for southwest Lucas County.
- Mayor and Vice Mayor Borowski met with area legislators at an event sponsored by the Toledo Area Regional Chamber of Commerce.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. RESOLUTION 04-26 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFER FROM THE GENERAL FUND (100) TO THE PARKS AND GREEN SPACE FUND (225), THE FIRE LEVY FUND (265), THE FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL FUND (325) AND THE STREET CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR FUND (210)

Although various inter-fund transfers were authorized by the recently approved 2026 Appropriation Ordinance, the State Auditor has issued a bulletin requiring specific legislative action to ratify such actions. This Resolution would meet this requirement.

Mr. Borowski moved to adopt Resolution 04-26. Mr. Frey seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

- B. RESOLUTION 05-26 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BAUMANN FORD FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2026 FORD F-350 TRUCK FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

This Resolution would authorize the purchase of a 2026 Ford F-350, 4 x 4 truck from Baumann Ford of Oregon, Ohio through a joint purchasing program authorized by state law. The new vehicle will have a "service body package" which will include side compartments for equipment, strobe and roof light bars and a larger engine, front suspension and electrical equipment to accommodate a snowplow. The cost of the vehicle is \$68,439.72 and was included in the approved 2026 Appropriation Ordinance. The vehicle will replace a 1995 GMC Utility Truck.

Mrs. Duncan moved to adopt Resolution 05-26. Mr. Borowski seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

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C. RESOLUTION 06-26 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH STATEWIDE FORD FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2026 FORD F-350 CREW CAB UTILITY TRUCK FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

This Resolution would authorize the purchase of a 2026 Ford F-350, Crew Cab Utility Truck from Statewide Ford of Van Wert, Ohio. The vehicle will replace a 2009 Dodge Utility Truck which is used to pull rescue boats, equipment and make off road rescues. The cost of this base model vehicle is \$54,003.72 and was included in the approved 2026 Appropriation Ordinance. Additional equipment such as radios, emergency lights, a winch and a potential snowplow package will be added after the vehicle is delivered.

Mrs. Duncan moved to adopt Resolution 06-26. Mr. Wagner seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

D. RESOLUTION 07-26 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH STATEWIDE FORD FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2026 FORD EXPLORER UTILITY VEHICLE FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

This Resolution would authorize the purchase of a 2026 Ford Explorer Utility Vehicle from Statewide Ford of Van Wert, Ohio through a joint purchasing program authorized by state law. The vehicle will replace a 2015 Ford Explorer used by the Assistant Fire Chief. The cost of this base model vehicle is \$45,719 and was included in the approved 2026 Appropriation Ordinance. Additional equipment such as radios, a mobile data terminal and emergency lights will be added after the vehicle is delivered.

Mrs. Duncan moved to adopt Resolution 07-26. Mr. Wagner seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

E. RESOLUTION 08-26 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH TRULAND EQUIPMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A JOHN DEERE XUV 845M GATOR FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

This Resolution would authorize the purchase of a John Deer XUV 845 Gator Utility Vehicle from Truland Equipment of Napoleon, Ohio through a joint purchasing program authorized by state law. The vehicle will be used in park and landscape maintenance activities including the removal of snow and ice from the City's shared use path system. The cost of the utility vehicle is \$29,609.99 and was included in the approved 2026 Appropriation Ordinance.

Mrs. Duncan moved to adopt Resolution 08-26. Mr. Borowski seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

F. RESOLUTION 09-26 A RESOLUTION AUTHOROZING THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO HELMS AND SONS EXCAVATING INC FOR THE CANAL ROAD PAVING IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

This Resolution authorizes a contract with Helms and Sons Excavating, Inc. of Findlay, Ohio for the Canal Road Paving Improvement Project. The project involves resurfacing 2,900 feet of Canal Road between North Street to the Anthony Wayne Trail, road edge repairs and ADA ramp enhancements. The City received five (5) competitive bids for this project with Helms submitting the lowest bid of \$298,996. The City Engineer's estimate for this project was \$320,000. It is the recommendation of the City Engineer and administrative staff that Helms and Sons Excavating, Inc. has submitted the lowest and most responsive bid and should be awarded the contract. Helms successfully

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completed the 2025 City Paving Program and was awarded the contract for the Waterville Monclova Road Widening Project which is scheduled to begin in the Spring of 2026. The City has received a total of \$256,972 in grant funding from the Ohio Public Works Commission and the Local Investment in Transit Enhancement Program for this project. The bid results and the engineer's recommendation letter are included with a copy of this legislation

Mr. Wagner moved to adopt Resolution 09-26. Mr. Borowski seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

G. RESOLUTION 10-26 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO JIM PALMER EXCAVATING INC FOR THE PRAIRIE TRAIL PARK UTILITY EXTENSION PROJECT

This Resolution authorizes a contract with Jim Palmer Excavating, Inc. of Portage, Ohio for the Prairie Trail Park Utility Extension Project. This project involves the extension of water and sanitary sewer utilities from Buckeye Drive north into Prairie Trail Park for the future construction of restroom and other improvements such as the proposed inclusive playground project. The City received six (6) competitive bids for this project with Jim Palmer Excavating submitting the lowest bid of \$63,499.97. The City Engineer's estimate for this project was \$100,000. It is the recommendation of the City Engineer and administrative staff that Jim Palmer Excavating submitted the lowest and most responsive bid and should be awarded the contract. Palmer Excavating has successfully completed several projects in the City over the years including the Canal Road Waterline Replacement Project in 2023. The bid results and the engineer's recommendation letter are included with a copy of this legislation.

Mr. Frey moved to adopt Resolution 10-26. 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 8:16 p.m. Mr. Frey seconded the motion, which passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Jon D. Gochenour, Clerk of Council

Timothy G. Pedro, Mayor