

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 Mr. Wagner.

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

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
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. Sargent made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2026 Regular Council meeting. Mr. Jahns seconded the motion, which passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Citizens Comments

Dave Weber, 4902 Rudgate Blvd., Toledo, Ohio and 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 Scavenger Hunt as well as the Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for Saturday, March 28 at Conrad Park starting at 10 a.m.

Staff Reports

Administrator: Jon Gochenour

- Stated that the City's website is back up and running. Further refinements and improvements will continue to be made to the site.
- Requests for refuse and recycling proposals were sent out to 7 contractors with proposals due on April 17.

Law Director: Austin Klapp

- No Report

Finance Director: Tiffany Bachman

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

Treasurer: Steve Schult

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

Police Chief: Joe Valvano

- Stated registration is open for 2026 Safety City program.
- "Drug Take Back Day" will be April 25 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event will be held at the Police Department garage in the alley behind the Municipal Building.

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Fire Chief: Doug Meyer

- Stated that the Department has started its annual preventative maintenance program on vehicles and equipment.

Public Works Director: Rob Binkley

- Stated that Public Works will continue storm damage clean-up for the remainder of the week.

Communications from Council Members/Committees

Mrs. Duncan

- No Report

Mr. Frey

- No Report

Mr. Wagner

- No Report

Mr. Borowski

- No Report

Mr. Sargent

- No Report

Mr. Jahns

- Discussed Brightspeed contractors entering backyards, even climbing fences, without notifying the homeowner.

Mayor Pedro

- Stated Mr. Gochenour, Mr. Frey and the Mayor met with a Meijer representative to discuss potential out lot development around the store.
- The annual NW Ohio Mayors and Managers meeting is scheduled for March 24 with Mr. Gochenour, Mr. Borowski and the Mayor attending.

Executive Session

Mayor Pedro 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 8:25 p.m. Mrs. Duncan seconded the motion.

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

Return to Regular Session

Mr. Jahns made a motion to come out of Executive Session and resume the regular Council meeting at 9:16 p.m. Mr. Borowski seconded the motion which passed by a unanimous voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. ORDINANCE 01-26 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY FROM THE CITY OF WATERVILLE TO THE WATERVILLE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION
First Reading Scheduled for March 23, 2026; Second Reading Scheduled for April 13, 2026; Third Reading and Legislative Action scheduled for April 27, 2026

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This Ordinance would authorize the transfer of the City owned property located at 6730 and 6824 Anthony Wayne Trail to the Waterville Community Improvement Corporation (WCIC) for eventual sale for residential development. The transfer of ownership to the Waterville CIC will allow the property to be sold for its highest market value rather than through a public bidding process which historically has not met the appraised value of this property.

Other Business – Mr. Wagner asked to withdraw his nomination of Terri Massucci for the Tree Commission. Motion was made by Mr. Wagner and was seconded by Mr. Sargent, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before Council, Mr. Sargent made a motion to close the meeting at 9:19 p.m. Mr. Jahns seconded the motion which passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Jon D. Gochenour, Clerk of Council

Timothy G. Pedro, Mayor