

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 Mr. Sargent. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited and led by the Anthony Wayne High School Cheerleading Team.

Present at roll call were Mary Duncan, Wayne Wagner, Nicholas Sargent, Tim Pedro, Scott Jahns, 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

Citizens Present:

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

Proclamation

A. Anthony Wayne High School Cheerleading Team

Members of the Anthony Wayne High School Varsity Game Day Coed Cheerleading Team were present to commemorate their recent Division I Ohio State and National Championship victories. A proclamation was read by Mayor Pedro to recognize their historic achievement.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Sargent moved to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2026 Regular Council meeting. Mr. Wagner seconded the motion, which passed by a unanimous voice vote with Mr. Jahns abstaining.

Citizens Comments

Dave Weber, 4902 Rudgate Blvd., Toledo, Ohio; Barb Bruno, 137 S. River Rd.; Janice Brada, 9431 S River Rd. and John Wasserman, 525 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.

Staff Reports

Administrator: Jon Gochenour

- Stated the Historic District Commission approved a “conceptional drawing” of the mural proposed by the Anthony Wayne Area Arts Commission (AWAAC) that will be painted on the north side of the building at the corner of Third and Mechanic Streets.
- Stated that the current residential electrical aggregation contract comes to an end in May. A 25-month renewal rate of 9.86 cents per kWh is recommended by the Northwest Ohio Aggregation Coalition. The new rate is a 1% increase over the old rate of 9.75 cents per kWh.
- Stated the City has sent out requests for proposals for a new refuse/recycling contract to Waste Management, Klum Brothers, Republic Services, Archbold Refuse Services, Rumpke Disposal, Stevens Disposal, FCC Environmental and Priority Waste.

Law Director: Austin Klapp

- No Report

Finance Director: Tiffany Bachman

- No Report

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Treasurer: Steve Schult

- No 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. Frey moved to approve the appointment of the following individuals:

Riverbend Industrial Park Committee: Jeff Lohse (3-year term, term expires 12-31-2028); Finance Committee: John Rozic (unexpired term, term expires 12-31-2026); Public Safety Committee: Beth Sikorski (2-year term, term expires 12-31-2027) and Parks and Recreation Committee: Karen Eboch (2-year term, term expires 12-31-2027).

Mr. Wagner made a motion to nominate Terri Massucci for the Parks and Recreation Committee which was seconded by Mr. Borowski. Mayor Pedro made a motion to table the nomination, which was seconded by Mr. Frey. The motion passed by a 6-1 vote.

Mrs. Duncan

- Stated she received a letter from a Toledo Edison representative that the current streetlights are set to be replaced with new LED lights this summer.

Mr. Frey

- No Report

Mr. Wagner

- No Report

Mr. Borowski

- No Report

Mr. Jahns

- No Report

Mr. Sargent

- No Report

Mayor Pedro

- Thanked all citizens for serving on various Committees.
- Plans to meet with Downtown business owners and the Waterville Chamber of Commerce for a round table discussion in the next few weeks.
- Kaufman Engineering Systems expansion is nearing completion. The Lucas County Port Authority continues to work on the new roadway to their property.
- Waterville Monclova Road Widening Project is scheduled to start March 23.
- Stated more information on the status of the Brownfield Grant for the old Sunoco station should be available in April.
- Bob Miller Interiors is moving from Downtown Maumee to Mechanic Street in Waterville.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. RESOLUTION 15-26 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO BAUMANN FORD FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2026 FORD EXPLORER VEHICLE FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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This Resolution would authorize the purchase of a 2026 Ford Explorer Police Interceptor from Baumann Ford of Oregon, Ohio through a joint purchasing program authorized by state law. The new vehicle was included in the approved 2026 Appropriation Ordinance. The cost of the vehicle is \$44,929. This vehicle will replace a former police vehicle which is planned to be transferred to the Public Works Department.

Mr. Borowski moved to adopt Resolution 15-26. Mr. Sargent seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

B. RESOLUTION 16-26 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO ATLANTIC EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS FOR THE PURCHASE OF FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

This Resolution authorizes the purchase of new firefighting "turn out gear" protective clothing and equipment from Atlantic Emergency Solutions of Manassas, Virginia for a purchase price of \$49,985. The purchase of this equipment was included in the 2026 Appropriation Ordinance. A certain portion of the Department's turn out gear is on a rotating schedule for replacement on regular basis.

Mr. Borowski moved to adopt Resolution 16-26. Mrs. Duncan seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Other Business – none

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before Council, Mr. Wagner made a motion to close the meeting at 9:04 p.m. Mr. Jahns seconded the motion, which passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Jon D. Gochenour, Clerk of Council

Timothy G. Pedro, Mayor