

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 former Mayor Dave Myerholtz.

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

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 May 11, 2026 Regular Council meeting and June 1, 2026 Special Council meeting. Mrs. Duncan seconded the motion, which passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Citizens Comments

Jenny Atkinson-Minni, 874 Cherry Ln., discussed the need to lower the speed limit on Waterville-Monclova Rd between Dutch Rd. and Michigan Ave.

Dave Weber, 4902 Rudgate Blvd., Toledo, Ohio, gave an update on his proposal to delay the demolition of the Interurban Bridge by the Ohio Department of Transportation.

Michelle Smith, Chamber of Commerce 122 Farnsworth Rd., gave an update on the upcoming Chamber events taking place in Waterville, including the June 16 monthly luncheon, the Chamber Golf Outing on July 17 and the Roche de Boeuf Festival on September 19.

Lisa Haberstock, 222 N Fifth St., complimented the City on the new mural at the corner of Mechanic and Third Street and the new "Welcome to Waterville" signs on the Anthony Wayne Trail and State Route 64.

Terri Bersee, 908 W. Riverview Ave., Napoleon, Ohio, discussed the importance of saving the Roche de Boeuf Bridge.

Terri Massucci, 1101 Waterville-Monclova Rd., discussed this year's "Generals Scavenger Hunt." This event will have small 3D printed general keychains, both blue and white, which will be hidden throughout Waterville, Whitehouse and Monclova. The event will be held during Anthony Wayne Local Schools "Family Week" June 28 thru July 3.

Rex Childers, 450 Cedar Ln., asked for time to speak prior to Council's final consideration of Ordinance 07-26 which scheduled later on tonight's meeting agenda.

Staff Reports

Administrator: Jon Gochenour

- City of Waterville has successfully changed refuse service from Republic Services to Archbold Refuse Service (ARS); all Republic carts have been removed and all new ARS carts have been delivered to residents.
- Provided an update on several ongoing construction projects in the City

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including: the Waterville-Monclova Rd Widening Project, the Meijer Project, the Canal Rd Resurfacing Project, the Fire Station Exterior Improvements and the Prairie Trail Park utility extension project.

- A revised, updated City newsletter has been mailed out to residents.

Law Director: Austin Klapp

- No Report

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

- Stated the Tree Commission will have a table at the upcoming “Eats & Beats” event.

Mr. Borowski

- No Report

Mr. Sargent

- No Report

Mr. Jahns

- Discussed the possibility of installing a light to illuminate the new mural on Mechanic St. at night.
- Asked about on-going maintenance of the landscaping in the Dutch Rd. Roundabouts.

Mayor Pedro

- Attended the Waterville Library’s 100th Anniversary Event.
- Thanked the Anthony Wayne Area Art Commission for the mural project and the successful “Eats & Beats” event on June 9
- Mentioned the Browning Community Event on June 26.
- The City of Waterville Fireworks will be on July 4th.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. ORDINANCE 04-26 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART THREE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WATERVILLE – SCHEDULE II OF THE TRAFFIC SCHEDULES: SPEED LIMITS BY ADDING SHARDED USE PATHS

Third Reading and Legislative Action

Due to the increasing concern in the community regarding the speed of motorized, electric "e-bikes" on shared use paths, it is the recommendation of the administration to establish a speed limit of 15 miles per hour on all of the shared use paths located throughout the City. E-bikes are classified in three different categories: Class 1, Class 2 and Class 3. Class 1 and 2 e-bikes can reach speeds of 20 miles per hour and are

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permitted on shared use paths under the Ohio Revised Code (ORC). Under the ORC, Class 3 e-bikes are prohibited on shared use paths, require the operator to be at least 16 years of age and wear a protective helmet. Due to the weight and the potential speed of an e-bike, a collision with a pedestrian has the potential to cause significant injury. Setting a standard speed limit will ensure the safety of all residents using the shared use path system which was originally designed for use by walkers, joggers and bicyclists, not motorized vehicles. The speed limit would apply to all shared use path users including conventional bicycles and scooters. All shared use paths would be marked with speed limit signs and the City would implement a public information campaign to raise awareness of the new requirements to protect overall public safety which would include outreach to the schools and informational brochures.

Mr. Borowski made a motion to move for the passage of Ordinance 04-26. Mr. Jahns seconded the motion.

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

Executive Session

Mr. Borowski 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 under ORC Chapter 1724 at 8:16 p.m. Mr. Jahns seconded the motion.

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

Return to Regular Session

Mr. Sargent made a motion to come out of Executive Session and resume the regular Council meeting at 9:07 p.m. Mr. Wagner seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. ORDINANCE 06-26 A ZONING CHANGE FROM PLANNED BUSINESS PARK (PBP) TO INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT (M-1) FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 7551 DUTCH RD

First Reading Scheduled for June 8, 2026; Second Reading Scheduled for June 22, 2026; Third Reading and Legislative Action scheduled for July 27, 2026

Thomas Duvall, property owner, has submitted a request to rezone 3.9 acres of land from Planned Business Park District (PBP) to (M-1) Light Industrial District for the property located at 7551 Dutch Road. The Duvall parcel was recently split off from the re-plat of the former Fallen Timbers Business Park which is now known as the "Riverbend Flex-Industrial Park". Since the Duvall property is no longer located in the Riverbend Industrial Park Plat, is less than the required 15 acres in size and is no longer under the development standards of the business park, the parcel is now a "non-conforming use of land". In order to allow for the future development of this property in compliance with the City's zoning ordinance, Mr. Duvall has requested a zoning change to (M-1) Light Industrial District. The requested (M-1) zoning is compatible with the parcel's current use, the future (M-1) uses permitted in the adjacent business park and conforms with the goals of the recently completed 2025 Comprehensive Plan. At their June 1, 2026, public meeting, it was the recommendation of the Planning Commission by a vote of 4-0, with one member absent, to approve the proposed zoning change request from Planned Business Park District (PBP) to (M-1) Light Industrial District for the property located at 7551 Dutch Road.

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B. ORDINANCE 07-26 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE STATE OF OHIO TO THE CITY OF WATERVILLE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

This Ordinance would authorize the City of Waterville to enter into an agreement with the State of Ohio for the purchase of property which would include the Roche de Boeuf Interurban Bridge. The emergency measure is requested due to the scheduled demolition of the bridge by the Ohio Department of Transportation.

Rex Childers, 450 Cedar Ln., provided a power point presentation on the benefits to the Waterville community of saving and restoring the Roche de Boeuf Bridge for public use. Former Mayor Dave Myerholtz also provided comments regarding the proposed restoration project. John Pautz and William Vermes, P.E. of "This Old Bridge, LLC" also answered questions from Council regarding the "partial demolition" process of the bridge proposed by ODOT.

Mayor Pedro made a motion to suspend the rules to allow for the passage of Ordinance 07-26 as an emergency measure. Mr. Sargent seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Pedro made a motion to move for the passage of Ordinance 07-26 as an emergency measure subject to the recommended revisions to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and the Purchase Agreement by the Law Director. Mr. Wagner seconded the motion.

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

Other Business – None

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before Council, Mrs. Duncan made a motion to close the meeting at 10:23 p.m. Mr. Jahns seconded the motion which passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Jon D. Gochenour, Clerk of Council

Timothy G. Pedro, Mayor