

Regular Council

August 24

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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. Wagner. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited and led by resident Rex Childers.

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

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 July 27, 2026 Regular Council meeting. Mr. Jahns seconded the motion, which passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Citizens Comments

Rex Childers, 450 Cedar Ln., a representative of the Save the Bridge organization, thanked Council for their commitment to saving the Interurban Bridge.

Rob Morrin, 832 Cedar Ln., discussed the dangers of the intersection at Michigan Ave., Farnsworth Rd. and Fifth St. just west of the light at the Anthony Wayne Trail and Farnsworth Rd.

Jacob Hires, 11143 Oak Point Dr., Whitehouse, Ohio; a local Boy Scout attended the meeting for his communication merit badge.

Staff Reports

Administrator: Jon Gochenour

- Discussed the progress of the Waterville Monclova Rd. Widening Project which is scheduled to be completed by October 5.
- Right turn lane improvements are scheduled to begin after Labor Day as part of the Meijer development between Pray Blvd. and State Route 64.
- The Sidewalk Improvement Project on Second, Fourth and Fifth Streets is also scheduled to begin after Labor Day.
- A Citywide "Bulk Pick-Up Day" is scheduled for Saturday, October 10.
- Discussed planned improvements to the Circle K property on the Anthony Wayne Trail which includes new pumps and canopy structure.
- Discussed an Ohio EPA water testing violation from the City of Bowling Green which is the City of Waterville's source for drinking water. This violation is not a health emergency, but a notice will be placed on residents' utility bills.

Law Director: Austin Klapp

- No Report

Finance Director: Tiffany Bachman

- Reviewed details of the July 2026 Financial Report highlighting fund balances, investments and income tax revenues.

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Treasurer: Steve Schult

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

Police Chief: Joe Valvano

- Anthony Wayne Schools are back in session and the new school year started with no issues
- Encouraged residents to be sure to close their garage doors at night to prevent theft.

Fire Department

- The Fire Department provided an activity report for the month of July 2026.

Public Works Director: Rob Binkley

- Assisted the Anthony Wayne Arts Commission with the installation of new kinetic sculptures at Memorial Park.
- The last fishing derby will be held August 29 at Waterworks Park and registration is now closed.

Executive Session

Mrs. Duncan made a motion to move into Executive Session for Consideration of a Matter per ORC 121.22(G)(1) and ORC 121.22(G)(2): Appointment of Personnel and the Purchase or Sale of Property for Public Purposes at 8:09 p.m. Mr. Borowski 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 9:14 p.m. Mr. Jahns seconded the motion which carried by unanimous voice vote.

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. Mrs. Duncan moved to approve the appointment of the following individuals:

Parks and Recreation Committee: Kristen Niese (2-year term, term expires 12-31-2027)

Mr. Jahns seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Mrs. Duncan

- Attended Public Works Committee meeting

Mr. Frey

- No Report

Mr. Wagner

- Asked about a proposed lease agreement for the Wakeman Hall Parking Lot, which is planned to be paved in the Spring of 2027.

Mr. Borowski

- A "Pre-Roche de Boeuf Party" is scheduled for September 18 at 7 p.m. with food trucks, a beer truck and a performance by "The Bridges" band. Boy Scout Troop 101 will also be hosting a 5k run at 6 p.m.

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Mr. Sargent

- Attended a meeting of the Safety Committee.

Mr. Jahns

- Mentioned his efforts to revise the City's Solid Waste Regulations.

Mayor Pedro

- Asked residents to not blow the grass in streets when cutting their lawns. Also, please clean up after your dogs.
- Encouraged residents to visit Memorial Park to see the new kinetic sculptures donated by Diana Waugh.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. RESOLUTION 26-26 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH HYLANT ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES INC. ADMINISTRATOR OF THE OHIO GOVERNMENT RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR COMPREHENSIVE PROPERTY CASUALTY AND LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE

The City has had contracts for comprehensive property, casualty, and liability insurance coverages with Hylant Administrative Services since 1988. The City has received a proposal from Hylant, using the Ohio Plan of Government Risk Management, for the renewal of our insurance coverage from August 31, 2026 to August 31, 2027. This Resolution would authorize a contract for the renewal of a one-year term with an increase in the total premium from \$68,039 to \$72,523. The \$4,484 increase is primarily due to the increases in property values, inflation, the addition of 3 new vehicles, added new equipment, such as drone equipment, and a large claim involving the replacement of a damaged streetlight on Third St. in the downtown area.

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

B. RESOLUTION 27-26 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR TO FILE AN APPLICATION AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION (OPWC) FOR THE WATERVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

This Resolution would authorize the submission of an application for financial assistance from the Ohio Public Works Commission for the replacement of the waterline and pavement near the Waterville Primary School along the school access drive between Farmview Drive and the City water tower located on Sycamore Lane. The project involves the replacement of the existing 8-inch waterline with approximately 1,600 feet of new 8-inch waterline and the installation of required valves. The 40-year-old waterline is in poor condition and has experienced several water main breaks during the last year. The estimated cost to replace the waterline is \$315,000. If the application for financial assistance is successful, construction on this improvement project would begin in the Spring of 2027.

Mr. Jahns moved to adopt Resolution 27-26. Mr. Frey seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

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Other Business – None

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before Council, Mr. Sargent made a motion to close the meeting at 9:34 p.m. Mrs. Duncan seconded the motion which passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Jon D. Gochenour, Clerk of Council

Timothy G. Pedro, Mayor