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 residents Rob and Barb Bruno.

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. Frey made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 22, 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, discussed a proposed path forward for the Interurban Bridge.

Rex Childers, 450 Cedar Ln., thanked Council for their commitment to saving the Interurban Bridge.

Terri Massucci, 1101 Waterville Monclova Rd., discussed a proposal for flowers for next season and a budget for them.

Meredith Parker, Delta, Ohio, discussed the success of the second year of the Waterville Community Flea Market. Ms. Parker donated $500 to the City to help support future events held at Parker Square.

Staff Reports
Administrator: Jon Gochenour
- Recognized the efforts of the Fire, Police and Public Works Departments working together to make the 4th of July Fireworks a great success.
- Provided an update on other ongoing construction projects in the City including: the Meijer Project, the Canal Rd Resurfacing Project, the Fire Station Exterior Improvements and the Prairie Trail Park Utility Extension Project.
- Mentioned that the recent "Blues, Brews and Brats" event was also a success and was very well attended.
- The annual Oliver Hazard Day event is scheduled for August 15 from 6 to 11 p.m. in Downtown Waterville.

Law Director: Austin Klapp
- Gave a brief statement regarding the status of the Fire Chief's administrative leave.

Finance Director: Tiffany Bachman
- Reviewed details of the June 2026 Financial Report highlighting fund balances, investments and income tax revenues.

Treasurer: Steve Schult
- Reviewed details from the June 2026 Month End Treasurer's Report.

Police Chief: Joe Valvano
- The Safety City Program was a great success with 70 students enrolled this year.
- There were no issues at the Fourth of July Celebration.
- Blues, Brews and Brats also had no issues.
- Stated Anthony Wayne Local Schools are back in session August 13.

Fire Department:
- The Fire Department provided an activity report for June 2026.

Public Works Director: Rob Binkley
- New drone was used to help with water tower inspections.
- This will be the last year for the fishing derby which will be held August 29.

Communications from Council Members/Committees
Mrs. Duncan
- No Report.

Mr. Frey
- No Report

Mr. Wagner
- No Report

Mr. Borowski
- Stated that the July 4th Celebration was great.
- The roundabouts are looking good with more maintenance.
- The Blues, Brews and Brats event was also great.

Mr. Sargent
- No Report

Mr. Jahns
- No Report

Mayor Pedro
- Waterville Rotary Blues, Brews and Brats event was well attended.
- River Rd is now closed due to the work being done on the Interurban Bridge.
- Mentioned the new Council room AV equipment.
- Great progress is being made on Waterville Monclova Rd.
- Mentioned the "America 250th" edition of the Anthony Wayne Area Free Press.
- The last Eats and Beats event of the year will be August 14.

OLD 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
Third Reading, Public Hearing and Legislative Action

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". 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 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.

Mr. Sargent made a motion to move for the passage of Ordinance 06-26. Mr. Borowski 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.

B. RESOLUTION 23-26 A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF WATERVILLE A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF WATERVILLE REGARDING TERM LIMITS FOR THE MAYOR

This Resolution would authorize the placement of an amendment to the City Charter on the November 2026 ballot to change the current two-term limit for Mayor to a three-term limit. This change would correspond with the existing three-term limit for members of Council enumerated in Section 3.01 of the City Charter.

Mr. Jahns moved to adopt Resolution 23-26. Mayor Pedro seconded the motion, this resolution failed to pass by a vote of 3 to 4.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. ORDINANCE 08-26 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 05-26 THE AMENDED FY 2026 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

This Ordinance would authorize the second amendment to the 2026 Appropriations. Significant items included in this amendment are: additional revenue and expense for an advance from the General Fund to the Five Year Capital Fund ($700,000); additional expense for income tax retainer fees ($10,000); Prosecutor services ($22,000); Police Department overtime ($20,000); Fire Department vehicle maintenance ($10,000); Fire Department overtime ($10,000); contract services for the Water Department ($20,000); health insurance for Sewer Department ($10,000) and other routine items. Detailed information on this amendment was enclosed with this ordinance.

Mrs. Duncan made a motion to suspend the rules to allow for the passage of Ordinance 06-24 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.

Mayor Pedro made a motion to move for the passage of Ordinance 08-26 as an emergency measure. Mrs. Duncan 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.

B. RESOLUTION 24-26 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADVANCE OF CASH FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND (100) TO THE FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL FUND (325)

This Resolution authorizes the advance of $700,000 from the General Fund (100) to the Five-Year Capital Fund (325) to provide for the payment of on-going expenses for construction projects in the (325) Fund until grant reimbursements are received from the state and federal governments. In 2026, the City is expected to receive approximately $1,655,163 in grant funding into the Five-Year Capital Fund. As grant funds are received, the advance will be "paid back" to the General Fund within one year. Although this inter-fund advance was authorized in this evening's budget amendment in Ordinance 08-26, the State Auditor has issued a bulletin requiring specific legislative action to ratify such actions. This Resolution would meet that requirement with respect to a proposed advance from the General Fund (100) to the Five-Year Capital Fund (325).

Mr. Sargent moved to adopt Resolution 24-26. Mr. Borowski seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

C. RESOLUTION 25-26 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR TO FILE AN APPLICATION AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY/ FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY FOR FLOOD HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT

Due to a repetitive history of Federal flood insurance loss claims, the property located at 137 South River Road is eligible to apply for an "Individual Flood Mitigation Project Reconstruction or Elevation Grant". This program could provide up to 100-percent of the cost for the reconstruction or flood proofing elevation of this property. The City would apply on behalf of the property owner and be a "subrecipient" of the grant and provide grant administration on behalf of the Federal or State Government.

Mrs. Duncan moved to adopt Resolution 25-26. Mr. Jahns seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Other Business – None

Adjournment
There being no further business to come before Council, Mr. Sargent made a motion to close the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Mr. Jahns seconded the motion which passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Jon D. Gochenour, Clerk of Council

Timothy G. Pedro, Mayor