Regular Council

October 26 **26**

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 David Moore. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited and led by Mayor Pedro.

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

Mayor Pedro made a motion to excuse the absence of Mr. Frey. Mrs. Duncan seconded the motion, which passed by a unanimous voice vote.

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 – Chief of Police
David Moore – Assistant 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. Borowski made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2026 Regular Council meeting. Mr. Jahns seconded the motion, which passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Citizens Comments
Rex Childers, 450 Cedar Ln., of the "Save the Bridge Organization", gave an update on the Roche de Boeuf Bridge Project.

Janice Braida, 9431 S. River Rd., of the Save the Bridge Organization, discussed their next fundraiser "Rush de Brush". This event will display and offer for sale work by local artists of the Roche de Boeuf Bridge at the Deluxe Frame Shop. There will also be a collection of 1930 era paintings, drawings and photographs of the Roche de Boeuf Bridge on display as well. Tickets for the event are $100.

Emma St. Pierre: 5310 Brown Rd., Oregon, Ohio was attending tonight's Council meeting for a government class assignment.

Staff Reports
Administrator: Jon Gochenour

- Stated the City of Waterville has received $668,084 in grant reimbursements and is expecting an additional $704,112 in the next few weeks for completed projects.
- The Meijer Turn Lane Improvement Project is nearing completion. 100% of this work is being paid for by Meijer.
- Stated the proposed 2027 Five-Year Capital Budget will be presented to the Finance Committee at its upcoming October 30 public meeting.

Law Director: Austin Klapp

- No Report

Finance Director: Tiffany Bachman

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

Treasurer: Steve Schult

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

Police Chief: Joe Valvano

- Stated that Waterville Officers Glover, Yowler and Tsolis assisted the Whitehouse Police Department with a shooting in Whitehouse.
- Stated the Waterville Police and Fire Departments will host a "Badges and Breakfast" event on November 14 from 8 to 11 a.m. at the Fire Station in honor of "Veterans Day".
- The "Drug Take Back Day" held on Saturday, October 24 was a success with over 181 pounds of medications collected year to date.

Assistant Fire Chief: David Moore

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

Public Works Director: Rob Binkley

- Stated Republic removed all of their remaining toters from City storage.
- Leaf pick up will start on Monday October 26.
- Hydrant flushing is underway with 2 hydrants needing repair and 4 scheduled for replacement.

Communications from Council Members/Committees

Mrs. Duncan

- Stated she received "thank you" cards from junior high school students she recently met for government class. Students really want a "Chick-fil-A" in Waterville. She also emphasized the need for responsible e-bike use with students.

Mr. Jahns

- No Report

Mr. Wagner

- No Report

Mr. Borowski

- No Report

Mr. Sargent

- No Report

Mayor Pedro

- Attended ODOT's "OTECH" Engineering Conference in Columbus.
- Attended the Anthony Wayne Arts Commission's dedication of the Waugh Wind Chime Sculptures in Parker Square.
- Discussed the filing of a $500,000 grant for the Inclusive Park Project at Farnsworth Metropark.
- Mentioned an upcoming meeting of the Northwest Ohio Mayors and Managers Association (NOMMA) on November 19 in Pemberville, Ohio.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. ORDINANCE 11-26 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 953 SOLID WASTE COLLECTION OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WATERVILLE

Second Reading

The enclosed Ordinance updates Chapter 953 of the City of Waterville's Codified Ordinances in regard to the collection of solid waste and recycling. The proposed amendments are intended to codify how current refuse and recycling services are actually provided under the City's new contract with Archbold Refuse Service while also attempting to address concerns regarding the proper storage of refuse and recycling containers. The legislation maintains the existing sections and numbering system of Chapter 953 as much as possible in order to maintain continuity with prior legislation and to prevent any "cross referencing" problems with other sections of the City's Codified Ordinances. Moreover, the proposed amendments also avoid mandating specific service or equipment requirements which might be subject to change under each new refuse and recycling contract.

B. ORDINANCE 12-26 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF WATERVILLE BY ESTABLISHING A PERMANENT ZONING CLASSIFICATION FOR CERTAIN PARCELS OF LAND RECENTLY ANNEXED LOCATED AT 8451 AND 8551 NEAPOLIS-WATERVILLE ROAD TO LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT (M-1)
Second Reading

This Ordinance establishes the zoning classification of two parcels located at 8451 and 8551 Neapolis-Waterville Road recently annexed into the City as Light Industrial District (M-1). At its October 5, 2026 public meeting, the Planning Commission recommend by a vote of 4-0, with one member absent, approval of the zoning change request from Agricultural to Light Industrial (M-1) based on its compatibility with the adjacent Farnsworth Industrial Park and its compliance with the goals of the 2025 Comprehensive Plan.

C. ORDINANCE 14-26 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE PLAT OF STONEFIELD VILLAGE PLAT ONE AND AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN SAID PLAT
Second Reading

This Ordinance authorizes the approval of the final plat of Stonefield Village at Waterville Landing Plat One. Approval of the final plat for this subdivision was recommended by the Planning Commission at their October 5, 2026 public meeting by a vote of 4-0, with one member absent, contingent on the conditions of approval specified in the Ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. RESOLUTION 35-26 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO BREATHING AIR SYSTEMS FOR THE PURCHASE OF A SCBA AIR FILLING STATION FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

This Resolution authorizes the purchase of a new Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Air Filling System from Breathing Air Systems of Reynoldsburg, Ohio for a purchase price of $59,507.29. The planned equipment replaces the current 29-year-old air filling station which no longer meets National Fire Safety (NFPA) Standards in regard to recommended filling pressure and is equipped with new modern safety features. The purchase of this equipment was included in the 2026 Appropriation Ordinance and includes installation and delivery costs by Breathing Air Systems

Mr. Borowski moved to adopt Resolution 35-26. Mr. Wagner seconded the motion, which passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Executive Session
Mrs. Duncan made a motion to move into Executive Session for Consideration of a Matter per ORC 121.22(G)(3): Conference with the Law Director Concerning Potential Legal Action at 8:39 p.m. Mr. Wagner seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mayor Pedro – 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. Wagner made a motion to come out of Executive Session and resume the regular Council meeting at 8:39 p.m. Mr. Jahns seconded the motion which carried by unanimous voice vote.

Other Business – None

Adjournment
There being no further business to come before Council, Mr. Jahns made a motion to close the meeting at 8:39 p.m. Mr. Sargent seconded the motion which passed by a unanimous voice vote.

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Jon D. Gochenour, Clerk of Council Timothy G. Pedro, Mayor