

Brookville City Council  
Regular Meeting  
April 16, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the Brookville City Council was called to order by Mayor Seagraves at 7:30 p.m. on April 16, 2019 in the Brookville Council Chambers. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Members Fowler, Letner, Schreier, Wilder and Zimmerlin; Fire Chief Fletcher, Police Chief Jerome, Acting City Manager/Finance Director Keaton, Law Director Stephan, and Clerk Wheeler were present.

Roll Call by Clerk Wheeler.

Mayor Seagraves informed Police Chief Jerome needs to be excused early from tonight's Meeting and requested he give his report at the start of the Meeting.

Police Chief Jerome reported the Police Department has been very busy. He informed they helped with Prom Promise last week, which was very successful. He informed he and the School Resource Officer also helped to chaperone the prom last weekend, which was a fun time.

Police Chief Jerome informed the Police Department held an active shooter training today for a business on Carr Drive and it was very successful.

Police Chief Jerome informed next week they will hold a trike-a-thon for Community Pre-School on Monday and Thursday. He stated this is always a fun event for the little kids that come out.

Police Chief Jerome reminded the Officer Down Memorial and 5K is scheduled for Saturday, May 11 at 7:30 p.m. He informed this will be the 5th annual event and will be held at the VFW again. He informed t-shirts are now on sale.

Motion by Zimmerlin, second by Fowler to approve the Agenda as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Zimmerlin, second by Fowler to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of April 2, 2019. Motion carried with 5 yeas and 1 abstention. Member Letner abstained.

Mayor Seagraves welcomed Rodney Creech, Preble County Commissioner, and thanked him for attending.

Mark Landers, of Montgomery County Veteran Services, presented a video and Power Point Presentation on services offered to Veterans in Montgomery County. He informed he is working on outreach to spread the word of the benefits and services available to veterans.

Jessi Sievers, of 122 Antwerp, informed she is here on behalf of A Place to Go. She explained A Place to Go is an umbrella corporation that has taken on a 501c for other service organizations. For example, Feed Brookville and Fish. She explained they handle the finances, carry liability insurance and offer general support for smaller organizations. She informed out of this, some people wanted to do more and envisioned a group that could connect those in the community in need with the resources they need. She informed they have had a few community meetings at the library and people have seemed very excited about connecting people in the community, but also still want more, they want a physical place. She informed they have been looking into a place to establish a community center. She informed the group feels the old library would be a perfect idea and they are working on ways they could acquire the building. She informed she recently spoke with Zoning Officer Snedeker and he said the zoning would not need changed in anyway for what they are wanting to do.

Ms. Sievers stated she is not here tonight for any sort of approval, she just wanted to update Council on what they are doing. She stated the group wants to get the word out and if anyone wants to be involved, to just let her know. She stated the school is behind this idea 100%. She explained by centralizing the various service organizations and having one location, they hope to cut down on people who aren't actually in need taking advantage of the organizations. She informed they will also be exploring ideas on how to do a fundraising campaign to help raise funds to get the building.

Mayor Seagraves stated these groups work very hard for our community.

Angie Jones, of 306 Arlington Road, informed she recently traveled through New Lebanon and noticed a Blessing Box. She provided Council with pictures and measurements and requested Council approval to place a Blessing Box somewhere in Brookville. She informed the box could be filled with non perishable food items, books, blankets etc. and people could take items if needed or leave items in the box for others. She suggested having the box in a central busy location.

Mayor Seagraves asked who will monitor the box and keep it in task? He stated he thinks it is a great idea, but is concerned people will take advantage of the free items.

Ms. Jones informed this is a new idea she has had and wanted to bring it before Council for their thoughts before she got too far into the planning process.

Member Zimmerlin suggested having a business sponsor the box or trying to work with the Chamber or a local church.

Mayor Seagraves stated it is a very positive idea, but just needs more ground work.

Fire Chief Fletcher stated his hope for the new fire station building has always been for it to become more engaged with the community in different ways. He informed because the fire station has the ability for video surveillance 24/7 and has crew members there 24 hours a day, it might be a good location for something like this. He stated it also might make for a good project for an Eagle Scout.

Mayor Seagraves suggested Ms. Jones speak with Fire Chief Fletcher about the idea in more detail. He asked Law Director Stephan to review the idea as well.

Ms. Jones stated she will do some more research and come back to Council.

Member Zimmerlin stated he will talk with the Boy Scouts about this being a possible project idea for them.

Mayor Seagraves informed the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) submitted our Arlington Road Bridge Project for the International Partnering Institute (IPI) Project of the Year Award for partnership and it was recently announced our Arlington Road Bridge Project won. He congratulated City Staff for their hard work on the project. He stated the award is well deserved and we have a beautiful new overpass.

Acting City Manager/Finance Director Keaton reported she received word last Thursday that our Hazard Mitigation pre-application was reviewed, and we are now invited to develop a full project application for the project we submitted. She informed the application is due June 21, 2019.

Acting City Manager/Finance Director Keaton informed the Substitute House Bill 62, the State's Transportation Budget, increased the motor fuel tax to 10.5 cents and increases the diesel fuel tax to 19 cents over the next three years. She informed the gas tax will be divided between the state and local governments in a new 55%-45% split respectively, as opposed to the current

60%-40% split. She informed with this increase in gas tax and the new distribution of funds, we are expected to receive an additional \$133,810 in 2020 and slightly more in SFY 2021. She provided Council with a chart that shows the estimated Gas Tax Revenues for 2020 and 2021.

Acting City Manager/Finance Director Keaton explained the gas tax would increase by 10.7 cents a gallon:

5 cents on October 1 this year  
An additional 3 cents October 1, 2020  
An additional 2.7 cents October 1, 2021

The diesel tax would increase by 20 cents a gallon:

10 cents on Oct. 1  
An additional 6 cents on Oct. 1, 2020  
An additional 4 cents on Oct. 1, 2021

Acting City Manager/Finance Director Keaton stated an additional item from HB 62 is municipalities and townships could levy an additional \$5 motor vehicle registration fee.

Acting City Manager/Finance Director Keaton reported the Ohio Department of Transportation opened bids on the Wolf Creek Street STP Resurfacing Project and the contractor is John R. Jurgensen Company. She informed the estimated completion date is July 30, 2019.

Acting City Manager/Finance Director Keaton stated a thank you goes out to the City of Clayton for donating their skid steer loader with stump grinder attachment and operators to assist our Service Department with grinding 11 tree stumps in Golden Gate Park. She informed those areas have now been seeded.

Acting City Manager/Finance Director Keaton reported the garage and shed were recently removed from the property at 692 Vine Street.

Acting City Manager/Finance Director Keaton informed the Planning Commission Meeting has been canceled for April due to lack of items for an Agenda.

Acting City Manager/Finance Director Keaton thanked all of the volunteers who showed up for our Community Park Cleanup Day this past Saturday. She stated there was a great turnout.

Acting City Manager/Finance Director Keaton requested Council accept the first reading and dispense with the second and third reading and adopt proposed Resolution No. 19-08, which amends the 2019 Appropriations and Estimated Resources. She stated the Resolution shall take effect immediately after passage as provided in 4.07(A)(2) of the Charter of the City.

Motion by Schreier, second by Zimmerlin to read proposed Resolution No. 19-08. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Zimmerlin, second by Fowler to accept the first reading, dispense with the second and third readings and adopt Resolution No. 19-08 entitled, "A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2019 APPROPRIATIONS, AS SET FORTH BELOW, PURSUANT TO SECTION 5705.40 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, AND SECTION 12.35 OF THE OHIO ADMINISTRATIVE CODE AND APPROVING THE AMENDMENT TO THE CERTIFICATE OF ESTIMATED RESOURCES, AS SET FORTH BELOW."

Fire Chief Fletcher informed the one year review meeting for the new fire station will be held in May. He informed the project was reviewed at six months after completion. He stated he can't speak highly enough of Brumbaugh Construction and how accommodating they have been, they have been a great partner.

Fire Chief Fletcher reported an uptick of drug overdoses.

Fire Chief Fletcher informed as call volumes continue to climb, they monitor what type of calls they are receiving. He informed there is a program that has been piloted in several Fire Departments called a Paramedicine Program. He informed some departments have had success and others have not. He stated his Department decided to stand by and see how the program goes for others and if it seemed to be worthwhile of their time. He informed they are now ready to take the next step and initiate the program. He described he has a Fire Fighter/Paramedic who's primary responsibility is to learn each of the patients they come in contact with and look for subtle opportunities. For example, a resident who might call 9-1-1 for an ambulance, but when you get to the root of the problem, you find the patient suffers heat related illness and doesn't have air conditioning in their home and if they did, the need to call 9-1-1 wouldn't be as frequent. He stated the Paramedicine Specialist works with a nursing professional that has contacts in about any arena you can think of and would help match the person up with a program to help with their particular need, like an air conditioner. He informed by doing this, people will end up calling 9-1-1 less because in certain situations the Fire Department is not really the fix. He stated there is a disconnect across the region of where the resources are and who has the need and the Paramedicine Specialist assigned in the department is able to do so.

Law Director Stephan had no report.

Mayor Seagraves thanked staff and citizens for a great park clean up.

In Old Business,

Motion by Zimmerlin, second by Wilder to read proposed Ordinance No. 2019-03. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Zimmerlin, second by Fowler to accept the third reading of proposed Ordinance No. 2019-03 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE LEVYING ASSESSMENTS FOR THE CUTTING AND REMOVAL OF WEEDS, VINES, GRASS AND/OR VEGETATION DURING THE YEAR 2018 FOR CERTAIN PROPERTIES IN THE CITY OF BROOKVILLE, OHIO." All yeas, motion carried.

Member Zimmerlin requested Council continue to table proposed Ordinance No. 2019-02. He suggested Council wait until the vacancy on Council has been filled. He stated the water and sewer increase also just went into effect and was probably substantial for a lot of people in the community. He stated since this Ordinance wouldn't go into effect until October, there isn't a huge rush to approve.

Motion by Zimmerlin, second by Fowler to table proposed Ordinance No. 2019-02 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A STORM WATER MANAGEMENT UTILITY IN THE CITY OF BROOKVILLE, OHIO". All yeas, motion carried

Motion by Zimmerlin, second by Schreier to read proposed Resolution No. 19-07. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Schreier, second by Wilder to accept the second reading of proposed Resolution No. 19-07 entitled, "A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL FINDING THAT THE ENTERPRISE ZONE AGREEMENT OF GREEN TOKAI CO. LTD DATED MARCH 25, 2016 IS IN COMPLIANCE AND THAT THE ENTERPRISE ZONE AGREEMENT BE CONTINUED." All yeas, motion carried.

Member Zimmerlin asked if the Capstone students from Wright State will be still be giving a presentation at some point?

Acting City Manager/Finance Director Keaton informed there will be a presentation at the next Council Meeting.

In New Business,

Motion by Wilder, second by Schreier, to read proposed Ordinance No. 2019-04. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Zimmerlin, second by Schreier, to accept the first reading of proposed Ordinance No. 2019-04 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE LEVYING ASSESSMENTS FOR DELINQUENT UTILITY BILLS FOR CERTAIN PROPERTIES IN THE CITY OF BROOKVILLE, OHIO." All yeas, motion carried.

Member Schreier, Planning Commission Member, informed the April Meeting has been cancelled.

Park Board Liaison Fowler reported Park Board was busy preparing for the Park Cleanup. He reported Park Board received a \$500 donation from the Optimist Club for park repairs. He informed at the last Park Board Meeting the Boy Scouts proposed an idea for a project to plant some new trees in the parks. He stated the project is still in the early planning stages though.

Tonya McKown, of 226 South Wolf Creek Street, asked about the drone study on Wolf Creek and if results are available yet?

Service Superintendent Homan informed one day of flying has been done and there are still two more days to go. He informed yesterday was one of the original dates scheduled, but the drones couldn't be flown because of high wind. He informed they will be rescheduling.

Ms. McKown asked where does the property value amount come from for the property included in the Hazard Mitigation Grant?

Service Superintendent Homan explained the value of the property for the application was based on the most recent of the four insurance flood claims and was the cash replacement value for the property. He stated the cost of damages had to equal the estimated cost of removal and demolition.

Ms. McKown asked if the amount includes the demolition?

Service Superintendent Homan explained the proposed grant of \$271,000 includes demolition, restoration back to soil and grass, reseeding, closing cost on property and the state certified FEMA appraisal of the property.

Ms. McKown asked if the Stormwater Fund doesn't go through, what are other options Council will consider to keep the issues from continuing to get worse?

Mayor Seagraves stated it will have to be a focus of discussion. He stated a Stormwater Fund would be a designated Fund for storm water improvements and repairs only, if there isn't going to be one, the General Fund does not have the extra funds, it is already a deficit budget. He stated it is critical Council comes to some agreement.

Member Zimmerlin informed he has had a lot of questions on a Stormwater Fund and what type of projects would be planned for and paid for with this Fund. He stated some projects would involve curbs and gutters, which would then be assessed to the property owners. He stated it is not as simple as just creating a fee, there are other contributing factors and he wants to try to determine what is really the best thing to do.

Ms. McKown stated she understands that, but this is a continuing problem and she wants to know when residents can expect Council to come up with a plan or solution.

Mayor Seagraves stated a Stormwater Fund would generate funds we do not currently have, but is not a quick solution either. He stated the work that really needs to be done would cost millions of dollars. He stated the City doesn't have millions of dollars, they could apply for a loan, but we would have to have money for a match to do a loan. He stated the other option would be to shut down one part of the budget and then say those funds are now going to be used for storm water issues only. He stated everyone needs to think about this and come up with ideas for solutions.

Member Schreier stated there are really only a few ways to raise money. He stated there are levies, the income tax could be raised, or assessments. He stated it also needs to be decided what projects this fund would pay for and what would be most beneficial to the community.

Mayor Seagraves stated we really need to get the creek cleaned up. He stated once the creek is cleaned up, it could change our priorities. He stated decisions will have to be made because the problems aren't going away.

Member Zimmerlin stated in his opinion, it is a huge issue, but we have to be mindful of all the other factors. He stated the City just raised water and sewer rates and may have to raise them again next year. He stated there are budget factors that have to be taken into consideration.

Member Letner stated some people want to say these issues do not effect them, but they effect everyone. He stated Ms. McKown is directly effected by the flooding issues, but when people blow their leaves and grass clippings to the curb and then they blow into the storm drain, it effects everyone then because it all just accumulates in the creek. He stated Council is not trying to slide the issue, but he would like to have a full Council to make this decision.

Ms. McKown stated she just does not want to see the issue be brushed to the side.

Member Letner stated it will not be brushed to the side, Council will do its due diligence on the issue.

Mayor Seagraves stated we do have time, this Ordinance if passed, wouldn't take effect until October. He stated this is definitely not an issue that will go away.

Ms. McKown stated she thinks Council has known about the issue for years and have ignored it. She stated the first issues really started back in 2004

Mayor Seagraves stated it has never been a priority until now. He stated no one has ever harped on the issue to make it a priority, the concern has never been there until recently. He stated over the last two years Council has been working to do something on the issue, which is why the City contracted with Montgomery County Soil and Water.

Member Zimmerlin stated City property is included in the issues as well because there are major flooding issues at Westbrook Park.

Kim Cheatham, of 565 Adrian Court, stated the City's leaf collection is not what it used to be. She stated she has seen leaves sit for two weeks without being picked up. She also suggested the City should bring back the brown bags for yard waste. She stated the bag service was highly used by citizens.

Mayor Seagraves stated the brown bags can be re-visited. He stated there has been much debate over the years on putting yard waste in your garbage and which way is really best.

Ms. Cheatham stated she has seen City employees clean storm drains, but not actually remove the debris, just moving it to the side, so it's not really effective.

Service Superintendent Homan informed part of it comes down to no lawn cleanup in the area and it spreads into the catch basins and in some areas, roots are actually growing in the catch basins and have to be dug out with a shovel.

Ms. Cheatham stated it seems to only have become an issue over the last few years. She stated she hasn't seen the street sweeper in years and didn't realize we even still had one.

Service Superintendent Homan informed the street sweeper is seasonal. He stated if it's mowing season you won't see the street sweeper. He informed the manpower that is involved in mowing the 40 plus acres of parks can be overwhelming.

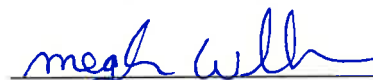
Mayor Seagraves stated her suggestions are well taken. He stated somethings need to be put back on the citizens. He stated people need to use common sense and not blow their yard clippings into the street.

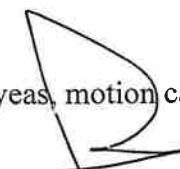
Mayor Seagraves wished everyone a Happy Easter.

Motion by Zimmerlin, second by Fowler to enter into Executive Session per ORC 121.22 (G)(1) to consider the appointment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official.

Motion by Zimmerlin, second by Fowler to enter back into Regular Session. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Schreier, second by Zimmerlin to adjourn. All yeas, motion carried.

  
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Meghan Wheeler, Clerk of Council

  
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David Seagraves, Mayor