

Brookville City Council
Regular Meeting
March 21, 2017

The Regular Meeting of the Brookville City Council was called to order by Mayor Seagraves at 7:30 p.m. on March 21, 2017 in the Brookville Council Chambers. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Members Cantrell, Duncan, Henry, Kirklin and Letner; City Manager Burkholder, Police Chief Jerome, Fire Chief Fletcher, Finance Director Keaton, Law Director Stephan, and Clerk Wheeler were present. Member Apgar was absent.

Roll Call by Clerk Wheeler.

Mayor Seagraves announced Member Apgar is absent due to being sick with the flu.

Manager Burkholder requested an Executive Session per ORC 121.22 (G)(1) to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual.

Motion by Duncan, second by Kirklin to approve the Agenda as amended. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Cantrell, second by Kirklin to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of March 7, 2017. All yeas, motion carried.

Courtney Griffith, Manager of the Preble County YWCA, informed the YWCA runs the only domestic violence hotline and shelter in Montgomery County and the only domestic violence shelter and hotline in Preble County. She stated a lot of people are not aware that they also run the Preble County Shelter, but they have since 2004. She stated a goal of theirs for this year is to reach out to rural communities along the Preble County line to share information about their organization. Ms. Griffith stated people seem to think if they are in Montgomery County, then they can only call the Montgomery County hotline and shelter but that is not true. She informed someone in trouble can go to any shelter or call any hotline. She stated as a rural community they understand it can be very scary to flee to a big city and unknown shelter. She informed their shelter is a 5 room, 14 bed shelter and does not look like a shelter at all. She described the shelter actually looks just like a house and is very comfortable. They try to make a very smooth transition for women and their children. She informed some women will stay for 30 days, and some have stayed for up to six months. The YWCA understands it can take a while for someone to get back on their feet and find a job, have an income and become independent. They have Case Managers on site that do intense case management to help women get back on their feet. She stated if anyone knows of anyone or any agency that may need these services to please call the Preble County hotline or there is information on their website at ywcadayton.org. She handed out business cards and flyers to Members of Council.

Ms. Griffith stated Brookville is the first city in Montgomery County she has reached out to.

Mayor Seagraves asked if she is familiar with our schools?

She stated no.

He suggested she contact the school superintendent, Mr. Hopkins, to see if she could speak to the School Board.

Ms. Griffith thanked the Mayor and Council for letting her speak on behalf of the YWCA.

Judie Campbell, Chairmen of the Board for the Brookville Community Farmer's Market, provided packets to Council Members. She informed the Market will open up in one month on

Friday, April 21 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. She stated it will be located in the parking lot on the corner of Upper Lewisburg Salem Road and Arlington Road. Ms. Campbell stated they already have vendors signing up for the Market. She informed they have met with the City Manager and the Zoning Officer a few times to discuss the Farmer's Market but wanted to have a chance to address City Council and see if they had any questions.

Member Cantrell asked the day it will be held?

Ms. Campbell stated the Market will be open on Friday evenings from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. and will run April 21 through November 3, 2017.

Member Henry asked if they will have tents or canopies?

Ms. Campbell stated they have asked vendors to bring their own 10x10 tents. She stated it is very common for vendors to bring their tents to markets.

Member Henry asked if there will be other items besides vegetables?

Ms. Campbell stated they see this event as a grower/maker market where people can grow, make or create things locally with local sourced ingredients. She stated those are the type of vendors they are looking for. She stated so far, the creativity has been amazing.

Mayor Seagraves asked if this will be in front of the Service Garage?

Ms. Campbell stated yes.

Member Duncan asked if there will be crafts?

Ms. Campbell stated there may be crafts but no direct sales like Tupperware etc. They are trying to keep it in the spirit of a real Farmer's Market/Maker's Market.

Member Cantrell stated she really likes the Farmer/Maker's Market idea.

Member Henry agreed and stated this is very exciting.

Member Cantrell stated a Farmer's Market is something that has been desired for in town for years and to see it get off the ground is great. She thanked Jim McGrath, of the Brookville Chamber of Commerce, for staying on top of the idea.

Jim McGrath, of the Brookville Chamber of Commerce, stated it started about eighteen months ago and the six women here tonight have worked endlessly and tirelessly on the Market. He stated everyone knows how proud he is of the Chamber of Commerce and he is also now just as proud of the Farmer's Market. He informed they started this project with absolutely nothing and he thinks this Farmer's Market will be so much better than Northmont's. He stated Ms. Campbell and the five other women here tonight have done a fantastic job putting this together and there is a 100% team effort in this.

Ms. Campbell informed the group that has come together are all volunteers and they wound up with a variety of experiences for instance, Grettel Reid is someone who vends at markets so that brings them a vendors point of view. She also introduced Jenny Riley, who is their secretary; Jessica Shea, of Wolf Creek Farms at Perry Township, so they have a grower's perspective; Tamsen Kramer, president of Brookville Heating and Air who gives a business perspective and Sarah Danks, their Treasurer.

Member Cantrell asked if Jenny Riley is still a part of the Community Gardens and if it is still active?

Ms. Riley stated unfortunately it is not. She stated it has not been finalized yet, but the School Board has found a buyer for the property. She actually just sent an email out to everyone that had been growing there to let them know. She informed it was always an unknown factor of how long they would be able to grow in that location. She stated it is unfortunate they can no longer grow there but it is also nice to know that the land will be used for something.

Member Cantrell stated she is glad to see Ms. Riley has segued into this project. She also noticed in the rules it states no smoking and no music.

Ms. Campbell stated they will have entertainers at the Market and they will provide the music.

Mayor Seagraves asked the hours of the Market again?

Ms. Campbell informed 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. and they hope to make it a community gathering place and hope as the Market grows to add food trucks so that people could stop by on their home to get fresh vegetables, a bite of dinner and relax listening to music.

Member Cantrell stated she is very excited for them and hopes the Market does very well.

Mayor Seagraves thanked them for coming and wished them luck.

Manager Burkholder reported he attended the recent School Board Meeting, which was very helpful and informative. They discussed a possible buyer for the Hill Street Property and will be coming to a Planning Commission Meeting in the future.

Manager Burkholder reported he informed the Clay Township Board of Trustees that Council extended the Fire Contract through April and are still in discussions with them regarding the Fire District Analysis Report. He informed they had a very good Meeting and a Work Session as we had requested. Representatives from Phillipsburg and Verona were also present.

Manager Burkholder informed with the departure of Service Director, John Williamson, that he will be assuming those duties of the Service Director. Similar to what was done in 2015 when he and Dale Godsey managed the Service Department after Mr. Brandt retired and before Mr. Williamson was hired. He stated we have advertised for the open position and he has received five applications for the Service Director position so far. He stated he will keep Council up to date as the process moves forward.

Member Duncan asked what is entailed for the GIS intern?

Manager Burkholder informed he has spoken with Zoning Officer Snedeker and they have come up with a list of a variety of projects for an intern. For example, marking all water breaks, the evaluation of curbs and sidewalks and marking the damaged areas and then loading the information into a GIS layer, and traffic control signs. He informed he wanted to start by interviewing a few candidates to talk with them and see their type of experiences, he has now interviewed four or five people. He informed the intern position will be a paid internship that would begin in May and will be approximately 20 hours per week. Manager Burkholder informed the students attend Sinclair Community College and can earn an Associates Degree in Geography and or a certification in GIS. He stated he and Zoning Officer Snedeker have been very impressed so far with the quality of the applicants they've interviewed and their first rate resumes. The students have completed some field projects but all controlled by the classroom. The intern will report directly to the City Manager and be supervised by the Department Head of whatever Department they are working in. He stated the Fire Chief may also have other projects that would be good for the intern. He stated there could even be the possibility of creating crime mapping or crime analysis. Manager Burkholder informed we will not get all of our projects done in one semester but it is a program he would like to get started and hopefully be able to continue in the future. He and Zoning Officer Snedeker have talked about trying to expand the

capabilities of our GIS system to help take us to the next level of having a database that will help with Capital Improvement planning and mapping for the future of the City.

Member Duncan asked if we need help in the Service Department especially with summer coming, shouldn't we hire a part-time person in that Department before hiring an intern?

Manager Burkholder informed we are looking to hire a part-time person in addition to the intern. He stated some of the stuff needed to be done in the Service Department is the mapping and documentation of our assets. He stated the Ohio EPA is coming out with new mandates that will mean we will have to do more asset management. His plan for this year is to hire three part-time seasonal employees for the Service Department, instead of only two seasonal workers as done last year.

Manager Burkholder reported he has authorized overtime in the Service Department. Crews will be street sweeping tonight and there will be two or three additional Service Department employees at the Annual Community Park Cleanup this weekend.

Member Duncan stated he read in the paper last week that the City is spending \$170,000 on the Arlington Road Bridge in addition to a \$322,000 grant from the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission (MVRPC). He stated if you add those together then the City is spending \$500,000 on the Bridge but at the January Council Meeting it was stated that we would only be paying \$41,000 total on the bridge.

Manager Burkholder informed the grant is for \$323,000.

Member Duncan clarified that it was granted to us for improvements.

Member Cantrell stated the money was granted to us for improvements to the bridge and it is not our money we are spending to enhance the bridge.

Manager Burkholder informed he was correct at the January Meeting in saying our portion would be \$41,000. That is the amount that was agreed upon in the design. At the January Meeting though it had not been determined yet if we would be approved for the grant. If it hadn't been approved we would not be spending any additional money on lighting. The original estimate for lighting was approximately \$462,000 to light the pedestrian walkway from Triggs Road all the way to Campus Boulevard. He stated the final costs may not come in that high. He informed the grant will pay 70% and the City will pay 30% of the final cost.

Member Duncan stated he thought we would be doing the bridge in phases, but now it seems it is being done all at once. He thought the wires could be ran in the beginning but then added later on.

Manager Burkholder informed that is incorrect. He stated it would be far more expensive to go back at a later date and add the lighting plus the City would then be responsible for the entire cost. He stated it made more sense from a practical and a cost standpoint that since those lights are going to be on the outside of the curved vandal fence, which is required by ODOT, it is so much cheaper to have those lights put in at the time of the construction of the bridge. He stated that is why a plan began back in 2015 to determine if we wanted to add lights to the bridge, which makes sense from a safety standpoint. Manager Burkholder stated that was actually the determining factor in qualifying us to even go for the Transportation Alternative funds through the MVRPC because the federal money encourages you to have walking paths and this would be the lighting to ensure the safety. He informed a lot of people in the corporate park have been interested for quite some time in being connected so that employees can walk during their breaks.

Member Duncan stated he wanted the information on the bridge clarified. He agrees it will look really nice when it is all done. He stated it does not look so good for us to spend so much money on the bridge but yet in May we are asking for money by having two levies on the ballot. He stated he understands to receive grant money, we have to spend money.

Manager Burkholder stated it also goes back to the commitment made to our parks and the bike paths and some of the other improvements made to that infrastructure. He stated the reason that extra money had not been reported yet was because we simply did not know if we would receive the grant or not. He informed the notification Council received recently on the grant money only just happened this month, in March when the MVRPC Board approved the grant applicants. He did not want to announce anything that wasn't fully approved by the Board. He stated to get \$300,000 plus is a huge win and success for the City.

Member Cantrell stated that pays for safety, which is a major issue along the freeway and lighting is a major part of safety.

Member Letner asked who will maintain the lighting?

Manager Burkholder stated the City will be responsible. He stated the lights will be LED lights.

Member Duncan asked about the landscaping?

Manager Burkholder stated it will depend on how much landscaping we decide to do. He informed that normally we would sign an agreement with the Ohio Department Of Transportation (ODOT) as to the responsibility of who will mow the area. Normally ODOT will mow twice a year on an unimproved interchange, depending on their schedule. He stated if we do specific landscaping then we will be responsible to maintain it. He has asked the consultant to actually stage the area and make recommendations to the City so that if we do implement it going forward, we can do it in stages and we have some sort of a plan for the future. He stated it was important early on in the project to coordinate with all those involved, people may say the bridge isn't coming until 2018 but all of the planning for the bridge between the City, ODOT, MKSK landscaping and the engineers at Woolpert actually began back in early 2015.

Member Duncan stated he remembered years ago we had a Welcome to Brookville sign that someone complained about and we had to remove because it was impeding on their ability to take care of the area.

Manager Burkholder pointed to the Arlington Road Bridge renderings on display as an example. He stated he has not had any discussions with ODOT yet on the landscaping but he would like to discuss with them a possible modified agreement so that if we have a larger area, then they would maintain it but we would maintain the smaller areas or possible bushes.

Finance Director Keaton reminded the Community Park Cleanup Day is Saturday, March 25 from 10:00 a.m. to noon. The cleanup will include Golden Gate Park, Ward and Westbrook Parks. She informed trash bags, gloves, rakes etc. will be available at Shelter #3. She stated hot dogs and refreshments will also be served in Shelter #3 at noon following the cleanup. She informed in the event of bad weather, the event will be rescheduled for the following Saturday, April 1 at 10:00 a.m.

Finance Director Keaton reminded the City of Vandalia will once again have representatives at our City Building to assist our residents with the preparation of their local income tax return. The representatives will be here on Friday, March 31 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and again on Saturday, April 1 from 8:00 a.m. to noon. She stated the service is free to our residents.

Finance Director Keaton stated the City's Spring Newsletter should arrive in mailboxes this week. She informed the Newsletter is filled with a lot of information and if Council knows of any Brookville resident that did not receive a Newsletter, to please have them call the City Office.

Fire Chief Fletcher reported the Fire Department has been very busy as usual. He stated they had an extremely busy Friday and Saturday with a very active 36-hour period of 18 total calls including a two fires and a fatal crash on the interstate. He stated his Department continues to help our neighbors or be helped by our neighbors to get the job done.

Fire Chief Fletcher informed one of the largest uses of paper in the Fire Department are the daily and eight day checks done to their equipment. He informed as to date, all of these reports are documented on paper, but they have put a plan in place for this year and are building the back bone of that structure to utilize technology and capture the information electronically. He stated their personnel will have the capability to access the electronic files by their smart phones which will help make the process more sufficient and will include time stamps which helps with liability. Chief Fletcher stated personnel will be held to a higher level of accountability because of the way the program captures exactly who is doing the work and what exactly is being done. He stated he hopes this may turn into a pilot program they can possibly share with the Police and Service Department in the future for a more paperless approach. He explained that by doing the checks needed and documenting them on a daily basis it will show we are doing what we should be doing when we are supposed to be doing it in case there is ever any question. He stated if a tire blows out on a way to a call they can see if things were maintained when they should have been. Chief Fletcher stated hopefully once up and running he can share with Council a good use of technology and save a few trees in the process.

Police Chief Jerome reported the Brookville Police Department handled 151 Reportable Incidents year-to-date, compared to 133 during this same time last year. Police Chief Jerome reported Citations are down a total of 2 Citations year-to-date, for a total of 105 Citations issued year-to-date. There were 152 traffic stops for February compared to 144 during February 2016.

Police Chief Jerome informed the Police Department continues helping our neighbors as well. He reported they recently helped our neighbors to the south apprehend a felonious assault suspect from a Dayton incident that was being chased and ended up getting apprehended on Brookville-Johnsville Road. He reported last week officers assisted with a shooting in a residence, off of Westrbook, west of Heckathom. He stated we continue helping our neighbors as more things trickle in from the west as predicted. He informed we do have a great relationship with surrounding areas as we help them and they help us.

Police Chief Jerome provided Council with the Overdose Report from the County. There were 72 overdoses for the week. He reported we had one, which puts us up to four this year. He stated this one was disturbing because this one involved a young lady who had two small children in the house and a two month old infant laying next to her when she overdosed. She was revived by the Fire Department with Narcan and Children Services is now involved.

Police Chief Jerome stated he has continued to brag about the Lexipool Policies that we pay for every year. He informed the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy has recognized the daily training bulletins that our Staff does between their half-an-hour overlap times between shifts and will now give us credit for four of the required twenty hours for the year, which will help with our cost savings. He stated next year the required hours are to jump from 20 to 40 for the year.

Police Chief Jerome reported there was a Records Commission Meeting earlier this evening. His Department is looking at their current system for areas that may need tweaked and his Department did a big destruction last year. He stated as they have moved to more electronic on some things, they still need to move other things electronically, which will alter their current retention schedule from everything being stored as paper. He stated there are a few different things they need to catch up on and come in line with.

Police Chief Jerome informed the Police Department will be giving another test in April for part-time officers. He reported based on the last test given, he has one candidate that was just signed off on today by the City Manager and will be hired on as a part-time officer this week. He stated the candidate has passed everything, which is tremendous and in 90-120 days, hopefully we will see him on the road, since the process takes that long. He stated the candidate just graduated with his Bachelor's from EKU. Chief Jerome stated he hopes the next test yields some more positive candidates.

Police Chief Jerome stated he wanted to discuss the 2016 Annual Report, but he found two mistakes at the last minute and will correct and present at the second meeting in April. He informed the report defines a great breakdown because they went very broad in order to detail everything they do because they do a lot and want to show it.

Member Letner stated he has had a few business owners in the Downtown area complain about parking. He informed it seems to be in the eastern block, with employees parking on the street.

Police Chief Jerome stated a change will take an action by the legislative body. The time limit is not set by Ordinance.

Member Letner thought there was a two-hour limit?

Police Chief Jerome stated he has had a similar complaint recently but, there is not a limit for the entire street. He stated he will try to come up with some sort of solution and try to have enforcement increased in the area.

Member Kirklin asked if we could hold an event to bring the businesses together?

Mayor Seagraves stated he has received a similar call as Member Letner received and it seems the concern is some businesses have tried to speak with the others but have not had any luck.

Police Chief Jerome sated if his solution does not work then we may have to move forward with legislation. He stated he will send the community policing officer to that area and see what he can do.

Law Director Stephan advised Ohio Development Services Agency has approved the application of the City of Brookville to create Community Reinvestment Area #2. It is necessary to establish a Housing Council for this Community Reinvestment Area. The Housing Council is to be composed of two members appointed by the Mayor of the municipal corporation, two members appointed by the legislative authority of the municipal corporation, and one member appointed by the Planning Commission of the municipal corporation. The majority of foregoing appointed members shall then appoint two additional members who shall be residents of the political subdivision. It is requested that City Council appoint two people to the Housing Council for Community Reinvestment Area #2.

Law Director Stephan also requested that City Council appoint the same people to the Housing Council for Community Reinvestment Area #1. The terms of the members of the Housing Council are three years, and the terms of the members on the Housing Council for Community Reinvestment Area #1 have expired. Council may appoint members to the Housing Council from its own membership. Previously, Mayor Seagraves and former Council Member Garber were on the Housing Council for Community Reinvestment Area #1.

Member Cantrell asked what the Housing Council Members will do?

Law Director Stephan advised there is not a whole lot they have to do. They are to review the housing within the Community Reinvestment Area and to hear any appeals of any issues related to exemptions granted in the Community Reinvestment Area. He stated in the past, they have

rarely met but we are required by Ohio Law to have an Annual Meeting so we are trying to comply by having a Board in place.

Mayor Seagraves stated he would like to see Manager Burkholder and Finance Director Keaton on board as well from an administrative end. He stated it would be helpful to have staff on board that understands where we are with things. He asked who are the citizens that have been on the board in the past?

Law Director Stephan informed in the past, John Rhodes, Leon Williamson, Brent Boose and Dale Walters have all served as citizens on the Board in the past.

Member Duncan asked if Manager Burkholder and Finance Director Keaton are appointed then we would have enough people.

Mayor Seagraves stated we would still need one more Council Member.

Law Director Stephan advised he is looking for Council to appoint two people and then the Mayor would appoint two more people.

Mayor Seagraves asked if any Council Member wanted to volunteer?

Member Kirklin volunteered to serve on the Board.

Motion by Cantrell, second by Henry to appoint Mayor Seagraves and Member Kirklin to serve on the Housing Council for Community Reinvestment Areas #1 and #2 for a three year term. Member Kirklin and Mayor Seagraves abstained, motion carried with four yeas.

Law Director Stephan advised the Tax Incentive Review Committee (TIRC) of the City of Brookville met on March 15, 2017, and made recommendations regarding the 2004 Enterprise Zone Agreement of Green Tokai, and the 2016 Enterprise Zone Agreement of Green Tokai. Resolution 17-19 accepts the recommendation of the TIRC that the 2004 agreement has expired. Resolution 17-20 accepts the recommendation of the TIRC that the 2016 agreement should be continued. Law Director Stephan requested City Council dispense with the second and third readings of these resolutions for the reason that the annual Enterprise Zone report must be filed with Ohio Development Services Agency by March 31, 2017.

Mayor Seagraves asked if both Resolutions can be read in the same motion?

Law Director Stephan stated if there are no objections.

Motion by Duncan, second by Kirklin to read proposed Resolutions No. 17-19 and 17-20. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Duncan, second by Kirklin to accept the first reading, dispense with the second and third readings and adopt Resolution No. 17-19 entitled, "A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL FINDING THAT THE ENTERPRISE ZONE AGREEMENT OF GREEN TOKAI CO. LTD DATED AUGUST 2, 2004 HAS EXPIRED." and Resolution No. 17-20 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.

Mayor Seagraves thanked Vice-Mayor Cantrell for filling in for him at the last meeting. He was out of town on business.

Mayor Seagraves reminded of the Community Park Cleanup. He stated a lot of people utilize our parks and it seems everyone is always surprised each year how much trash is cleaned up. He informed they try to keep it to two hours and hot dogs are served afterwards. He stated gloves and bags are provided and even if you can only come out for an hour, any time is appreciated.

Member Kirklin informed there is a group of students who have been working very hard since January on a presentation of "Meet me to Saint Louie". She stated the play opens Thursday, March 23 at 7:00 p.m. She informed this week the students have been preparing for the play and also studying for ACT testing and these are kids who could be doing a whole lot of different things but are using their creativity and talents to present the show. She encouraged everyone to go see it.

Member Cantrell asked if the show will be at the high school?

Member Kirklin stated yes, the show will run Thursday, Friday and Saturday and tickets can be bought at the door.

In Old Business,

Mayor Seagraves informed the Council Rules will remain tabled as they are being reviewed.

Mayor Seagraves stated New Business was addressed in Law Director Stephan's report.

Mayor Seagraves welcomed members in the audience.

Wayne Bowman, of 248 E. Westbrook Road, would like to see a catch basin on Westbrook Road at the corner of Westbrook and Albert Road. He informed the area floods really bad, everyone knows about it but nothing has ever been done.

Member Cantrell asked for clarification on which corner of the road?

Mr. Bowman stated the northwest corner.

Member Duncan asked if there is sewer line that runs there?

Mayor Seagraves stated there should be sewer line.

Mayor Seagraves asked Mr. Bowman to speak with Manager Burkholder after the Meeting to exchange contact information so that we can follow up with him on this matter.

Kim Wilder, of 125 Marilyn Way, thanked Chief Fletcher and Chief Nickel. She recently took the Brookville CERT class. She informed the class was for nine weeks, and it was amazing. She hopes to never need it, but it was very informative and very well done.

Mayor Seagraves congratulated Ms. Wilder on taking the class and stated he knows both Fire Chiefs are very proud of the program.

Fire Chief Fletcher stated the course is two hours one night a week. He informed the CERT class is instructed by current CERT members. He informed that so many of the calls they go on as a Fire Department are because of ill prepared adults for everyday life, but with just a little bit of knowledge they wouldn't have needed to call for emergency personnel. He stated even if people took the CERT training and never ended up in a disaster or needing to help another person, the course still helps individuals to be better informed adults. Chief Fletcher stated he has had discussions with the Brookville School Superintendent about offering the CERT Class to students before they graduate.

Mayor Seagraves asked how many were in the class?

Ms. Wilder stated the class started with 12 but did not finish with 12, she is not sure why.

Fire Chief Fletcher informed at the end of the training they will simulate a disaster at the training center where they will be able to do some hands on training. He stated from leading an organization that not too many years ago depended entirely on volunteers, to today where the requirements to be firefighters/paramedics are far beyond what anyone could volunteer their time to do in most instances and to the call volume that we run today. He stated he is appreciative for us to still have something in our community for folks to volunteer their time and to want to be apart of a program like this.

Fire Chief Fletcher thanked Ms. Wilder for being here and this is something he definitely wants Council to be aware of.

Ms. Wilder stated she was surprised when she recently received a letter from Vectren about what to do in the event of a gas leak. The letter didn't say to shut off your gas, but she now knows how to shut off her gas if she needed to.

Member Cantrell thanked her for taking the time to take the class.

Mayor Seagraves asked Police Chief Jerome if he has a Women's Self Defense Class scheduled?

Police Chief Jerome stated they are 0 for 2 for the Women's Self Defense Class. He informed when they do not have a class scheduled, they have 100 people ask for one and when they schedule a class, they only get a few to actually sign up.

Mayor Seagraves asked how long does the Women's Self Defense Class run?

Police Chief Jerome stated the class is only for one day.

Ms. Wilder stated she took that class in the past and it was great too.

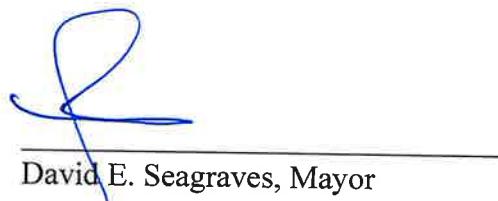
Police Chief Jerome informed they will try to hold another class this year.

Motion by Cantrell, second by Kirklin to enter into Executive Session per Ohio Revised Code 121.22 (G)(1) to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual. All yeas, motion carried.

Mayor Seagraves called Council back into Regular Session.

Motion by Kirklin, second by Henry to adjourn. All yeas, motion carried.



Meghan Wheeler, Clerk

David E. Seagraves, Mayor