

Brookville City Council
Regular Meeting
May 16, 2017

The Regular Meeting of the Brookville City Council was called to order by Mayor Seagraves at 7:30 p.m. on May 16, 2017 in the Brookville Council Chambers. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Members Apgar, Cantrell, Duncan, Henry, and Letner; City Manager Burkholder, Police Chief Jerome, Fire Chief Fletcher, Finance Director Keaton, Law Director Stephan, and Clerk Wheeler were present. Member Kirklin was absent.

Mayor Seagraves informed Member Kirklin is absent tonight due to her daughter having surgery.

Roll Call by Clerk Wheeler.

Mayor Seagraves stated the Meeting is being recorded, if anyone needs to speak amongst themselves to please excuse themselves.

Motion by Duncan, second by Apgar to approve the Agenda as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Duncan, second by Apgar to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of May 2, 2017. Member Cantrell abstained, motion carried with six yeas and one abstention.

Adam Murka, Director of Strategic Relationship for Sinclair Community College, informed he was here last in 2015. He is back again to hear thoughts and concerns from the community, give updates and to just stay involved and connected. He informed he is a proud 2002 Brookville graduate and he does not get back home nearly enough.

Mr. Murka stated Sinclair Community College is this community's college. Over the past 10 years, 229 people have completed a college degree from Sinclair Community College. He informed 1,824 people who live in Brookville have enrolled in Sinclair. Forty-four current employees of Sinclair live in Brookville and 55 Brookville students are currently taking classes through the College Credit Plus Program. He informed the College Credit Plus Program helps students to get a jump on their college education while still in high school for a fraction of the cost of other universities.

Mr. Murka reported that by 2020, 65% of all jobs across the country will require more than just a high school education. He stated the bottom line is that college after high school is not going to be an option but a requirement for our children and grandchildren.

Mr. Murka stated he is proud to say that Montgomery County students who come to Sinclair Community College, pay the lowest tuition costs in the state of Ohio. He stated Sinclair is a value and they are here for the community but you can't talk about the successes of Sinclair without talking about the successes of their students.

Mr. Murka provided Council with a handout with Sinclair College Facts and success stories of various students. He informed the Young Scholar Program is a great program for students to get quality education. He explained the program allows students in Sinclair's Nursing Program to train in the new Health Sciences Center opening in the fall of 2017 and to train together with other students in medical programs from all over the campus as they would in a real-life hospital. Right now, the students are scattered all over campus in 12 different programs. He informed the new Health Sciences Center will allow everyone to train and work together which is what employers are saying they want. He stated 90% of graduates stay here in Montgomery County after graduation and that is why investing in Sinclair is so important.

Mr. Murka reported 3,400 students enrolled in the College Credit Plus Program during the fall of 2016. He informed this program allows students to earn college credits while still in high school. He informed the average age of students at Sinclair is 31 years old. They have a vast range of students from high school age all the way up to 89 years young.

Mr. Murka described the Double Degree Program is for students who have received a degree from Sinclair and then continues their education at Wright State University. He stated the program

allows students to have access to the benefits and services at both schools, along with transferring seamlessly. He stated Sinclair is all about quality and affordability to help ensure every student in the region can have the opportunity to get the education they need at a price they can afford.

Mr. Murka stated Sinclair students also like to give back. Sinclair offers Service Learning opportunities which give students an opportunity to help others while getting real world experience. He informed students take part in opportunities with food banks and health fairs and do so more often than students at other four year universities.

Mr. Murka stated Sinclair supports students of all backgrounds because not all students need the same thing. They have 31,000 students who study with them each year and not all students need the same thing. He stated Sinclair tries to reach students before they get in trouble to keep them in school.

Mr. Murka informed they had a student who was 89 years' young who took advantage of Sinclair's College for Lifelong Learning. He informed Sinclair offers over 150 non-credit classes, seminars and workshops and lifelong learners can study investing, technology, history and lots more. He informed there are 1,273 students who are taking some type of a non-credit class. He stated whatever stage of life someone is at, Sinclair is here to help.

Mr. Murka informed last weekend Sinclair held their commencement and they had 4,600 people, which is more than they have ever had earn a degree. He informed the CEO of the Gates Foundation was their guest speaker and she was very excited about the things going on in Montgomery County.

Mayor Seagraves thanked Mr. Murka for attending.

Member Letner encouraged him to keep up the good work.

Manager Burkholder thanked Mr. Murka for speaking tonight. He introduced Adrien Nieto, a Sinclair student who is now our new GIS intern who was recently hired.

Adrien Nieto informed he just graduated from Sinclair in the Geography Program.

Members of Council welcomed Adrien.

Manager Burkholder informed Adrien has been working with Zoning Officer Snedeker. He informed one challenge in our community is to identify all of the valves and the various infrastructures. He stated they have already identified a valve covered up by pavement. He informed in order to find the valve, Adrien went back to a Google Map from 2011 and was able to see where the valve used to be in the street. They then went to the location of where the 2011 Google Map showed the valve and discovered the valve can no longer be seen because it has been covered up by pavement. Manager Burkholder informed Adrien with his skills is working with Zoning Officer Snedeker to begin mapping these type of things so that when we do have a problem out in the field, like a water main break and we have to turn off a valve, all of the valves will be mapped on the GIS. He stated he is extremely happy to have Adrien onboard and very happy he and Zoning Officer Snedeker are already producing results.

Manager Burkholder gave an update on the Firehouse Project. He informed the building pad is under construction. There have been some delays because of the inordinate amount of rain. He informed the Project is awaiting the installation of the temporary electrical service.

Manager Burkholder reported old Market Street is under construction at the south end with the installation of the 12" water line.

Manager Burkholder informed we are awaiting the repaving bids. He stated that due to the bids received we may need to reduce the number of streets.

Manager Burkholder reported the installation of fiber to all City facilities has been initiated. He informed this is essential to providing high speed internet to all facilities and is needed for the City's new phone system. He reported Staff has been in training on Office 365 Software and transitioning email accounts.

Manager Burkholder informed the City has been awarded the Ohio Safety Grant for \$165,835 to pay for the new fire station generator and the equipment for the Emergency Operations Center. He informed the City has received the paperwork from the State of Ohio and requested Council's approval by motion to sign the Agreement. He informed Brookville was the only entity in Ohio to receive any funds from the grant.

Manager Burkholder reported the Miami Valley Career Technology Center (MVCTC) completed the demolition of the City's BMX Track. He informed the pole removal and final grading was delayed due to the weather. He thanked MVCTC for all of their help and hard work.

Manager Burkholder informed additional electric service to Golden Gate Park is in engineering with DP&L and the City will be receiving a refund check. He explained the City received a \$5,000 grant last year for electrical upgrades at the park which will help facilitate when we have the Community Picnic.

Manager Burkholder informed Zoning Officer Snedeker is working with Montgomery County Building Department regarding the use of the County Building Department for our commercial building reviews.

Manager Burkholder stated the drywall, trim work and painting is almost complete at the Foothill Project. He informed work on the bathrooms will begin very soon. He informed the project is back on track, he has been working directly with the manager at Lowe's and he checks on the progress of the project every day.

Manager Burkholder informed the City renewed its membership in the Center for Local Government Organization. He stated Staff will be meeting with the Staff from the Center for Local Government (CLG) to discuss contracting for garbage service. He informed the City will be looking at contracting out for garbage service and he will bring a recommendation back to Council later on for their consideration.

Manager Burkholder reported the City has reduced bulk trash pick-up from twice a week to once a week to cut back on costs. He informed bulk trash was being picked up on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Manager Burkholder informed he recently attended the Mayors and Managers dinner in Centerville. He stated Centerville's City Manager, Greg Horn, has served as a City Manager for 40 years and is retiring at the end of the month.

Manager Burkholder provided Council with pictures of the Foothill Project. He informed the home has had quite a transition from its early days. He informed crews gutted the entire house. The home is a 900-square foot home with a single car garage that is the full depth of the home. He informed all new windows, doors, drywall, mechanical, plumbing, and electrical have been installed. He stated that really nothing could be salvaged in the home. Manager Burkholder reported we worked with DP&L and also private contractors to take down the trees in the back of the house. He informed the entire lawn was torn up last year and re-seeded, and a modest landscaping package was added. He stated all new concrete driveway and sidewalks were done in the front and a new concrete patio was added in the back of the home. He stated basically the home is now a brand-new home. He informed the electrical service has also been upgraded.

Member Henry asked if we have any idea how much the resale value might be on the home?

Manager Burkholder informed we have not had any kind of appraisal done on the home yet. He would like to hold an open house once the home is completely finished for not only Council Members but the community as well. An open house will give everyone a chance to walk through the home. He informed he would also like to put a portfolio together of before and after pictures. He stated the home was purchased for \$2,000 and is part of the Landbank Program to rehab distressed properties in a neighborhood.

Member Cantrell stated it will practically be a brand-new home, someone will definitely want it.

Manager Burkholder stated the home is practically a brand-new home. He informed we even went to the extent of having a crack in the brick repaired by a stone mason.

Member Henry stated the pictures look very nice.

Mayor Seagraves stated it will enhance the neighborhood.

Member Duncan asked what day will bulk trash be picked up?

Manager Burkholder informed Fridays will be bulk trash pick-up day.

Member Cantrell asked if recycling will be reviewed also?

Manager Burkholder informed yes, recycling will be reviewed. He stated we save approximately \$12,000 per year or \$1,000 per month by having recycling and not having tipping fees on that trash. He informed we also spend approximately \$50,000 per year to pay Rumpke to have the recycling program within the City. He reported that in some of the preliminary discussions with different haulers we have been told if we have three people on a trash truck then we are not saving any money because of too much labor. He stated currently if it takes approximately six hours a day, five days a week for three different people that equals 18 hours a day in labor times five days a week and by contracting out the trash service, those employees could be doing something else somewhere else in the City. He stated we will now be a part of a local government group, who is looking to get four or five local governments together. So far, the City of Bellbrook will also be a part of this group. He and Finance Director Keaton will be meeting this week to further review details of the program.

Member Cantrell asked if it is like a regional group, where the more people who buy the better the prices?

Manager Burkholder stated yes. He informed there was a Cincinnati group, but now there are enough people interested to form a Dayton group also. He stated we are moving forward and if accepted by Council, the program would begin January 2018. He informed our recycling contract had a one year extension for this year.

Member Henry asked if the billing would come from Rumpke?

Finance Director Keaton stated it could go either way.

Member Cantrell asked when the City's new website went live? She stated she was on the website today looking up Ordinances and saw the new and improved site. She stated it looks wonderful.

Manager Burkholder informed the new website was supposed to go live on a certain date and then we ran into some problems. He explained the City thought we owned our own domain names through the company we currently had, only to find out they sold our domains to a third party. He informed it took some time to track down the third-party information and get them to respond. He stated the issue has now been resolved. Manager Burkholder asked Clerk Wheeler what date the site actually went live?

Clerk Wheeler informed the new website just went live today. She stated it was not announced because no one was exactly sure when it would switchover, just that it could be anytime.

Member Cantrell stated the new website looks good and so does the new calendar on the site. She suggested adding the upcoming Memorial Dedication on May 20 to the calendar.

Manager Burkholder stated Clerk Wheeler has worked diligently on the new site for months and has worked with all of the different departments. He stated Staff will continue to add information and constantly be refining things. He informed that Staff now has the capability to add information and make changes to the website on their own instead of having to contact the host company and pay to have any changes made to the site.

Member Cantrell asked if photos can be added at any time?

Clerk Wheeler informed Staff now can add or delete photos to the site at any time.

Member Cantrell stated she is sure it has been a lot of work getting the new website running but a job well done.

Finance Director Keaton provided Council with a copy of the Income Tax Month End Report from Vandalia Tax for the month of April.

Finance Director Keaton stated as a follow-up to the April 18, 2017 Council Meeting, the Booster Pump Station that was installed earlier this year allowed us two pricing options. 1.) Rent the Booster Pump at a cost of \$4,250 per month or 2.) Purchase the Booster Pump at a cost of \$74,980. She informed if we decide to purchase the Booster Pump at a later date, Industrial Fluid Management (IFM) will credit up to 30% of the monthly rental fee (paid to date of purchase) toward the purchase price. She informed she requested a payoff proposal for June and IFM is allowing a credit of \$5,100, which brings the purchase price down to \$69,880. She informed this proposal expires June 1, 2017. She requested Council approval to purchase the Booster Pump at a cost of \$69,880.

Member Duncan asked if at a later date we no longer need this, can we sell it back?

Finance Director Keaton informed selling it back would be an option at a later date. She informed if we sell it, they would be interested in buying it back, but we do not know at what cost.

Mayor Seagraves stated we do know though with the current situation going on that we need that Booster Pump out there.

Motion by Cantrell, second by Henry to allow the purchase of the Booster Pump at the Industrial Park for \$69,880. All yeas, motion carried.

Manager Burkholder reported Shelter #2 is no longer. He informed within one day the building was taken down and all of the credit goes to the Service Department. He stated they did a phenomenal job to self-perform this demolition project. He stated fresh dirt was brought in to cover the area and they filled up five dumpsters full. He stated pictures of the task will be uploaded to Facebook.

Fire Chief Fletcher reported we went so long without a fire with a loss, but had one about a week ago when a tractor trailer full of cardboard caught fire on the highway. He informed it was about a four-hour operation for crews but fortunately, it did not damage the Preble County Line Road overpass. He stated the incident was about 60 feet into our jurisdiction, so it was unfortunately our loss to report. He informed with the help of our neighbors they were able to get the fire under control and only have a minor inconvenience to the public.

Fire Chief Fletcher stated the Fire Department has been seeing some open burning issues within the City and wanted to stress for everyone's benefit that only clean, dry wood can be burned within the City. He stated it cannot be a nuisance, which is defined by and or evaluated by the crew responding and along with the Police Department, they will handle each open burning complaint case by case. He stated just because someone is burning a fire does not mean they are breaking any laws but on the other hand you are not allowed to just burn anything you want in the City. He stated you are never allowed to burn any kind of waste and that yard waste needs to be disposed of properly through the City as well as any bulk trash.

Mayor Seagraves asked if it is uncommon to return the favor of mutual aid?

Fire Chief Fletcher stated it is not uncommon at all, we do it on a fairly regular basis. He informed the City of Trotwood is finding itself right now understaffed and getting hammered with calls and our Department has provided a good bit of assistance to them. He stated all of our neighbors help us at some point and we also help them. Chief Fletcher explained we have a policy in place, that we will not send our last ambulance we have available on duty to a City that will not do the same thing back for us. So basically, the last ambulance we have, will not go to Dayton, Trotwood or Harrison Township because those jurisdictions would not do that for us. He stated we reciprocate as we receive. He informed our closest communities, Englewood, Clayton, Phillipsburg, New Lebanon, and Lewisburg would send us their last ambulance to help us out and we would do the same for them.

Police Chief Jerome presented the Overdose Report. He reported during the week of May 8 to May 14, 2017 there were 83 overdoses and so far to date in May, there have been 177. He informed his Department will be a part of an upcoming heroin and opiate seminar. He informed other communities have done this type of thing as people have probably seen on the news. Bruce Langos from Montgomery County Drug Free coalition brings his expertise as well as a few other guest speakers to speak on how addiction can start, where it ends up, why people become addicted and even die. The event will be held at the Ridge Church and they will be teaming up with Clay Township and the Sheriff's Department. He informed the event will last about two hours, will include a powerful short video and people will have an opportunity to listen to a forum of family members and public officials in a panel discussion. He stated Police Officers get asked a lot of questions like why and how and they try to answer at the best of their ability. He stated they are like an information center lately and are trying to educate the public. Chief Jerome stated this seminar will give people a chance to listen to the information provided and ask questions free of charge.

Police Chief Jerome informed this Saturday, May 20 at 2:00 p.m. the Police Department will be a part of the Memorial Dedication. He described the memorials for Military, Police and Fire are in place at Gateway Park and look great. He informed it should be an awesome dedication with a care flight flyover, horses, bagpipes, and 21-gun salute. He stated Dave Monnin has worked very hard on this event and the recent event walk through went very well. He stated he is very excited for the event.

Police Chief Jerome informed Thursday, May 25th is the last day of school for students. He informed summer break always changes the dynamics for the Police Department because with no homework, sometimes kids get mischievous in the summer.

Police Chief Jerome stated his department recently lost their IT employee, who was sort of IT/Police Officer. He informed that Prostratus, the computer technology company the City has contracted with, has definitely made his life a lot easier and has saved him a lot of frustrations. He stated it is very nice to be able to call someone and have them just remote in within minutes and fix a problem. He stated over the five years he has been Chief he has had more than one server crash, and there is nothing worse. He informed now their servers are being backed up in multiple ways and the IT company can ensure him they are backing up daily, which has been a tremendous relief. He described that through their Capital Improvement plan, they had purchased three new computers, they have planned to purchase a few new ones each year. He stated for a process that used to take an entire day to hook up a new computer or several days for a complete migration which greatly affected their daily operation this time, the installation of the three new computers only took two hours. He informed it was unbelievable how fast they were able to install the computers and have them hooked up to the network. Chief Jerome stated Prostratus has definitely made his life easier.

Police Chief Jerome stated he is also excited about the new website and his Department has worked with Clerk Wheeler on their Department's page. He informed the Police Officer that recently left and who formerly did their IT was also the person that handled their website. He stated with the new website we will have so much more capability and be able to make changes and have a lot more out there for the public like calendars with upcoming event information, vacation house check forms, anonymous crime tips etc. He stated the Police Department is very excited for the new opportunities that the new website will bring and will also allow them to push out information to the public.

Police Chief Jerome stated Facebook can be awful. He stated they are fighting real challenges with Facebook right now. He informed people are very quick to spread things on Facebook without giving the Police Departments an opportunity to answer. He stated half-truths can be posted on Facebook and then get shared hundreds or even thousands of times within a very short period of time and there is no way to bring that back once it goes viral and that can really create a nightmare. He stated the Police Department does have a Facebook page that they use for positive things. He stated he encourages the community to use Facebook sparingly and to please call the Police Department first before putting things out there about a crime that could or could not have taken place and to please give the Police Department a chance to respond before trying to hold court in Facebook world. Chief Jerome stated they have had three big challenges in the last two weeks.

Member Duncan asked in light of the recent story of the Police Officer who did a drug bust and then almost overdosed himself because he had Fentanyl on him. He asked what if someone wants to be a good Samaritan and try to help someone, is there anything someone can do to protect themselves while trying to help?

Police Chief Jerome informed the Sheriff's Department does a great job at putting out alerts daily whether it be new drugs on the street or contamination phase drugs, just a tremendous amount of things that then get passed along to the troops via email daily. For instance, glove up every time you shake someone down because there are so many people have this stuff on them. He reported that last night they arrested four people, so they deal with it a lot. He informed they tell the troops, so that they aren't contaminated, to suit up. Chief Jerome stated the Police Department does rely on the Fire Department that if they would become affected, the Fire Department is there to administer Narcan to them if needed. He stated he did see the incident Member Duncan is referring to on the news, and it is not the first time it has happened and it won't be the last.

Member Duncan asked what about good Samaritans, what should they do?

Fire Chief Fletcher informed to treat it as a bodily function concern which means you really have no idea if that blood could harm you or not. He informed he was just on a crash yesterday where a bystander had gotten blood on them and they were able to decontaminate the bystander. He stated it is a personal choice if you decide to help or not. He would hate to tell people to be so concerned about their personal wellbeing that they don't help their fellow man but it is a personal choice. He stated it would seem obvious, but do not intentionally touch anything. He informed it is impossible to see with the naked eye if the powder is Heroin or Fentanyl etc. He advised to be mindful and to be careful of what you touch and do but, if accidentally exposed, make sure to seek follow up care and attention. It took hours for symptoms to occur with the officer like respiratory distress and unconsciousness and if he had been alone when they came about that would have been a really bad situation. Chief Fletcher stated latex gloves are not that expensive and that is what emergency personnel uses as a front-line barrier. He stated covered skin is the number one preventative measure for this type of exposure.

Law Director Stephan had no report.

Dave Monnin informed Park Board is very excited for the event and they think the weather should hold out. He informed people from the state house will be attending. He stated there will be some presentations awarded to the City. He feels everything is ready to go. He stated he has a very good Park Board behind him, very hard working girls. He feels like the guy from Charlie's Angels. Mr. Monnin stated he is very much looking forward to this event as this will only happen once in Brookville.

Mayor Seagraves thanked him and the other Park Board Members for all of their hard work.

Member Cantrell asked if all of the bricks are done?

Mr. Monnin stated no, that is an ongoing thing.

Member Cantrell thanked Park Board Member Carolyn Haney because she has seen her out raking several different days cleaning around the trees at Gateway Park.

Mr. Monnin stated they also had help from some 7th and 8th grade students in cleaning up the park.

Member Cantrell stated she saw Kettering recently had a problem and asked Mr. Monnin if everything on the Memorial program was proof read?

Mr. Monnin stated yes.

Mayor Seagraves wished everyone a Happy Memorial Day.

In Old Business

Motion by Duncan, second by Cantrell to read proposed Ordinance No. 2017-05. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Duncan, second by Apgar to accept the third reading and adopt Ordinance No. 2017-05 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT MARIJUANA CULTIVATORS, PROCESSORS, AND RETAIL DISPENSARIES IN THE CITY OF BROOKVILLE." All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Apgar, second by Cantrell to read proposed Ordinance No. 2016-15. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Apgar, second by Henry to accept the third reading and adopt Ordinance No. 2016-15 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1161 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BROOKVILLE, OHIO." All yeas, motion carried.

In New Business,

Manager Burkholder requested a motion by Council to allow the City to enter into an Agreement for the Ohio Safety Grant in the amount of \$165,835. He stated the local match will be approximately \$41,000.

Motion by Cantrell, second by Apgar to allow the City Manager to enter into an Agreement for the Ohio Safety Grant in the amount of \$165,835 to pay for the new fire station generator and the equipment for the Emergency Operations Center. All yeas, motion carried.

Member Cantrell asked Finance Director Keaton if the grant applications were submitted yet for the ADA ramps?

Finance Director Keaton informed not yet, the applications are due by Friday, May 19. She is almost finished with our application.

Manager Burkholder informed Staff will be bringing to Council how they would like to move forward with Shelter #2. The City has the \$75,000 CDBG funds which has to be spent by the end of the year. He reminded Council rejected all of the previous bids submitted. He informed he and Zoning Officer Snedeker are working on some possible alternatives. He has consulted with the Finance Director and we do not want to lose the \$75,000 but want to bring in some numbers so that hopefully we can execute something. He informed he has also updated the Park Board on the subject. The \$75,000 was so that we could add handicap accessible restrooms to the facility. He explained that some of the costs is that the shelter did not have water, it had electric and a little electrical heater but we would like to add water and gas to it which is needed for the restrooms. He stated that in speaking with the Chamber and the community picnic, we want to get water and utilities over to that side of the road for future uses. He stated it has also recently popped up that without that shelter we currently do not have electricity going to the fountains in the pond and we need those, so we may have to look at some alternatives in the short term. He stated the electrical service ran from the shelter.

Mayor Seagraves stated we need to keep the aeration going in the pond.

Manager Burkholder stated we do need to keep the aeration going to keep the pond viable. He informed he and Finance Director Keaton have talked about another possible grant that would widen the pathway from the Community Theatre and bring it across the bridge to replace the old path. He stated there is more benefit to the shelter building being there than just the building itself. He reminded when the previous building was built the building codes were different and to build the new shelter, we cannot just build a residential house, it must be a commercial type building that will pass all of the inspections and safety requirements. He stated the electrical service will also be upgraded on the new building which will be consistent with the overall electrical plan in the park. He informed service will be added this year at Golden Gate Park through the DP&L Grant. The electrical upgrades will help with future events held at the park, especially the Community Picnic. He stated building the new shelter is a little more complicated than sometimes it has been portrayed.

Member Cantrell stated the park is very valuable real estate and all of the events held at the park bring so many people to Brookville, from the Community Picnic to car shows to the Community

Theatre and baseball games, etc. She stated anything we can do to improve that area, even if it takes longer than what we initially anticipated, we need to follow through.

Member Letner asked if that building had its own electric meter?

Finance Director Keaton stated it was tied in.

Member Letner asked then how is the electric service terminated then? He asked why couldn't we have a pull box put in the ground and have the service tied in so that we can run aerators?

Manager Burkholder stated the original plan was we would already have it going, we didn't anticipate the bids would come in so high and it would have been tied into the service for the replacement shelter.

Member Letner stated that is understandable but in order to run the aerators now, since we aren't going through with a new shelter at this time, we need to put the box in the ground and tie the service in because we need the aerators for the pond. He stated if it is metered somewhere else the wire can be tied in through a pull box and buried in the ground.

Manager Burkholder stated it was originally looked at to bring it over from the Liber Center. He stated we can do that, there will be a cost associated with doing that. He just wants to make sure to coordinate it so that it goes in the right spot so that when the new shelter is built we have it in the proper spot. He stated that could be the interim fix though.

Tom Brandt, 183 Brooke Woode, asked if prior to May 8th when the City employees were told to relinquish their vehicles and no longer drive them home, if any sort of cost savings analysis was done?

Manager Burkholder stated no.

Bruce Garber, 434 Sycamore, stated at a past Meeting, Council was hesitant to purchase the booster pump and postponed a decision until a pending report was received from the engineer, but now tonight, they all voted to purchase the pump. He asked what kind of information was found out that changed their minds?

Mayor Seagraves informed Council met with the group in Executive Session and Council received the answers they needed. He informed they do know the pump is going to be necessary to maintain and operate to function the water pressure at the industrial site so rather than to continue making a monthly payment, Council thought it would be financially better to buy the pump.

Mr. Garber asked if there is a check valve there which prevents circulation or is a gate valve?

Manager Burkholder informed all of the questions Council had were answered in the Executive Session and the booster pump is performing. It is not going in a circular motion like Mr. Garber had once suggested.

Mr. Garber stated he wants to know if it is a check valve or gate valve?

Manager Burkholder stated it is a gate valve.

Mr. Garber stated check valves are meant to prevent back flow.

Manager Burkholder stated this topic was discussed in Executive Session and all of the questions raised by all of the Council Members were answered adequately and because it was done in Executive Session, all of the details cannot be discussed. He stated he can say the booster pump was properly designed and is functioning properly as evidenced by the fact it did boost the pressure where it needed to boost it.

Mr. Garber stated he turned in a danger tree on Rock Street that was taller and deader than the one taken down on Sycamore Street. He asked if Manager Burkholder has reviewed the tree yet to see if it should be removed?

Manager Burkholder asked who he sent the information to on the tree?

Mr. Garber stated he sent the information to Finance Director Keaton to forward to the City Manager.

Manager Burkholder asked Mr. Garber what the policy was when he was on Council regarding trees?

Mr. Garber stated residential lots were the responsibility of the resident or business.

Manager Burkholder informed he checked with the Zoning Department and they determined the tree on Rock Street is outside of the right-of-way, so that would be the responsibility of the homeowner.

Mr. Garber stated the tree is actually right on the corner of an alleyway and kids walk to school that way. He asked if Manager Burkholder is not concerned with the safety of kids? He stated the tree on Rock Street is no more out of the right-of-way than the tree on Sycamore Street was. He stated there is also a dead tree on the boulevard in Terrace Park and since the City Manager is back that way everyday he has probably seen it. He asked whose responsibility the removal of that tree will be?

Manager Burkholder stated he believed the tree in Terrace Park is the City's.

Mr. Garber stated he has more trees to turn into Manager Burkholder since he has started removing trees.

Manager Burkholder stated that is not correct Mr. Garber.

Mr. Garber stated he promised he would keep providing locations of dead trees.

Manager Burkholder stated Mr. Garber is misinterpreting what the policy is on dead trees.

Mr. Garber commended Law Director Stephan and Finance Director Keaton for not displaying campaign signs in their front yards that read Vote No income tax, Issue 3. He stated those signs were intentionally misleading and meant to confuse voters but is typical of the unethical, we don't care what the residents think because we know better attitude of the majority of Council. He stated those signs were to try and confuse residents into casting a ballot that would be exactly opposite of what their intentions were.

Member Letner stated the booster pump is performing as designed.

Mr. Garber stated the pump may be performing as designed but there is still a blockage somewhere and it could still be on Payless property.

Member Letner stated that is a different story but as far as the pump goes, it is performing as designed.

Jerry Letner, 28 Brookside, stated he was reviewing the election results and the turnout. He stated it seems to him for the numbers he saw that citizens either don't want to be informed or don't want to take the time. He stated his wife suggested the City having Town Hall Meetings once or twice a year, not in the Council Chambers, but maybe at the school or other location where people can come with a list of questions and get some answers in a more controlled environment. He stated some people just aren't informed or maybe some just don't care. He stated the turnout was only about 2,000 and that was very low.

Mayor Seagraves stated Council knew the turnout would be low. He stated the Board of Elections anticipated the turnout overall would be low being a non-presidential year. Mayor Seagraves stated that what is discouraging is we can get all of the information out we want but still have a very low turnout. He stated he doesn't care how people vote, he clearly sees how the citizens voted and he commends them for voting. What he is unhappy about is the fact we only had 15% show up, and that's not good. He stated in a community like Brookville where you are trying to do good things and get the community involved, you would hope you would get more than 15%.

He stated we can provide water and get people to the well but it's up to the individual to drink it. Mayor Seagraves stated he understands the vote clearly and Council can see that clearly and understand it. He stated he is very disappointed in the low turnout of voters attendance.

Mr. Letner stated if you are trying to make a difference, it was definitely a low turnout.

Member Cantrell stated Mr. Letner has an excellent idea with the Town Hall Meetings. She informed Council did try that though back when the income tax vote was on the ballot. They held it at the Leiber Center and only had two people show up. She stated Council sat there for four hours for only two people to show up, it was sad. She stated that unfortunately, it seems the only way people want to communicate these days is on social media and sometimes that is incorrect or fake news.

Mr. Letner stated in response to Manager Burkholder's comments earlier about sourcing out the refuse pick up. He stated he lived in Centerville for a period of time and found the Rumpke and Waste Management disposal to be very restrictive on what they will or will not pick up. He stated he thinks Brookville has had it pretty good here and people are used to getting their trash picked up with no repercussions. He advised caution and to look at all avenues before making a decision.

Mayor Seagraves informed that is one of the overall concerns. He has asked the City Manager to get with Staff and look at a variety of overall considerations on how to reduce the budget. He stated obviously trash pick will be one of the concerns. He stated residents here are spoiled, and they don't realize that until they move away. He stated a lot of services we provide other communities charge for. He thanked Mr. Letner for his suggestion.

Ralph Dove, of 939 Calmer Ernst Boulevard, stated something he sees that maybe no one else does is where the new bridge is going to be, when you then turn to go towards Golden Gate Park, that turn lane is very narrow, not properly sized. He stated once the new Fire Station is built and the trucks come down that road there is no place to go, people have to stop when they want to turn into Golden Gate Park to avoid going over the yellow lines. He stated he knows it will cost money to widen the road but while doing bridge and doing other things, maybe that would be a good time to take a look at it. He stated maybe he is the only one that sees the problem but he drives that way several times a day.

Mr. Dove stated whoever put the road way into our beautiful Golden Gate park put a hump in the middle of road for everyone to drive over?

Mr. Dove asked if the City has a contact person to contact regarding the DP&L poles on Upper Lewisburg Salem Road? He stated there are four or five poles that look like they are going to fall over.

Manager Burkholder stated he just recently noticed them leaning also and isn't sure if it's from recent wind or what.

Member Cantrell stated maybe from over time.


Mayor Seagraves stated he wanted to clarify the City is not doing the bridge, the State of Ohio is replacing it. He stated that Mr. Dove makes a good point at looking into widening the road but it all comes at a cost and right now we are looking at ways to change and reduce the budget. He stated Manager Burkholder can get back with Mr. Dove on a contact regarding the poles.

Mr. Dove stated there is going to be a lot of traffic.

Motion by Duncan, second by Apgar to adjourn. All yeas, motion carried.



Meghan Wheeler, Clerk



David E. Seagraves, Mayor