

BROOKVILLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
May 19, 2015

The Regular Meeting of the Brookville City Council was called to order by Mayor Seagraves at 7:30 p.m. on May 19, 2015 in the City Council Chambers. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Members Apgar, Cantrell, Duncan, Garber, and Kirklin; Fire Chief Fletcher, Police Chief Jerome, Law Director Stephan, Manager Wright and Assistant Manager/Finance Director/Clerk Keaton were present. Member Letner was absent.

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

Motion by Apgar, second by Kirklin to accept the May 5, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes, May 11, 2015 Special Meeting Minutes, May 12, 2015 Special Meeting Minutes, May 13, 2015 Special Meeting Minutes, May 14, 2015 Special Meeting Minutes and May 15, 2015 Special Meeting Minutes as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

Manager Wright reminded everyone the Annual National Veterans' Awareness Ride event is tomorrow at 4:30 p.m. Manager Wright advised there will be a short ceremony and encouraged Council to attend.

Manager Wright stated with the passage of Issue 12, it is his recommendation that Council direct Staff to address our insufficient Fire Department facilities in the near future.

Member Apgar inquired about our salt supply for next winter?

Manager Wright replied we are set for salt for next winter.

Member Duncan thanked Manager Wright for his years of service, stating he appreciates everything Manager Wright has done for the City of Brookville. Member Duncan stated Manager Wright will be sorely missed and wished him the best of luck. Member Duncan commented when he retired that Manager Wright told him to get a job so he is telling Manager Wright to get a job.

Member Cantrell stated their recommendation to Manager Wright is to get a job.

Member Apgar agreed with Member Duncan, stating Manager Wright has done a great job in the City and commented he was present for Manager Wright's first meeting and his last meeting. Member Apgar stated Manager Wright has done a good job and thanked him for his service.

Member Cantrell stated she would like to echo the previous comments and stated Council will take his recommendation into consideration and hopefully see that come to fruition under a new City Manager. Member Cantrell thanked Manager Wright and stated it has been a pleasure to work with him.

Member Kirklin echoed everyone's comments and stated growing up as a kid in this community Manager Wright was already serving and dedicated to the community. Member Kirklin stated it has been eye-opening to serve on Council for the last four years and see how much he does for the City and how he has touched our residents. Member Kirklin thanked Manager Wright for his service.

Mayor Seagraves commented Manager Wright has done a tremendous job and stated that Manager Wright is well-respected and well-liked throughout Montgomery County. Mayor Seagraves stated it will take some doing to replace Manager Wright and stated he appreciates Manager Wright's hard work and commitment to the community.

Member Garber stated he has known Manager Wright for many years. He has been a great personal friend and an excellent, level headed City Manager. Member Garber stated when Manager Wright lived on a street in Brookville he was always reluctant to improve the street as he did not want citizens to have the impression that he was taking better care of his own

neighborhood than he would for anyone else. Member Garber stated he appreciates the many all-nighters Manager Wright has pulled and the many breakfasts he has purchased for the City crews. Member Garber stated Manager Wright's family and his family are personal friends and wished good luck to his old friend.

Mayor Seagraves recognized all the Staff that have worked with Manager Wright, stating it has been fun for Council. Mayor Seagraves thanked Staff for promoting the income tax levy and under Manager Wright's leadership getting it passed. Mayor Seagraves assured residents the money will be used properly.

Member Garber inquired about the rodeo held at Golden Gate Park this past weekend?

Manager Wright replied the rodeo event was well attended and successful despite the weather.

Assistant Manager/Finance Director/Clerk Keaton reported the Montgomery County Board of Elections shows the final tally for Issue 12 as 542 votes in favor and 496 votes against the levy. Assistant Manager/Finance Director/Clerk Keaton thanked the citizens for supporting Issue 12, which goes into effect January 1, 2016.

Assistant Manager/Finance Director/Clerk Keaton reminded everyone the City Wide Garage Sales start on June 4, 2015.

Assistant Manager/Finance Director/Clerk Keaton invited the public to a Retirement Open House for City Manager John Wright on Thursday, May 28, 2015 from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Christena Leiber Center in Golden Gate Park.

Fire Chief Fletcher had no report.

Member Garber asked if citizens can sign up for the Hyper-Reach Emergency Notification System yet?

Fire Chief Fletcher advised the company is currently building the reverse 9-1-1 information. Fire Chief Fletcher stated as soon as there is something to roll out we will promote it heavily.

Member Kirklin inquired if Chief Fletcher has a timeline as to when it will be ready?

Fire Chief Fletcher stated he does not have a timeline but has no reason to believe it will not be ready to roll out at the Community Picnic.

Police Chief Jerome reported the Brookville Police Department has handled 216 Reportable Incidents year-to-date, compared to 221 during this same time period last year. Police Chief Jerome reported Citations are up a total of 44 Citations over last year, for a total of 218 Citations issued year-to-date. The Brookville Police Department had 174 Traffic Stops in April 2015 compared to 101 Traffic Stops in April 2014.

Police Chief Jerome reported the Office Down 5K Memorial on Saturday was a huge success with 195 people who ran or walked in the race. Police Chief Jerome stated the feedback from participants was complimentary and they plan to hold the event again in the future.

Law Director Stephan had no report but requested an Executive Session on a Personnel Matter to consider the hiring of a City Manager.

Mayor Seagraves thanked everyone for passing Issue 12 and promised that Council will do their best to address all of the issues and spend the money wisely.

Assistant Manager/Finance Director/Clerk Keaton announced the May Planning Commission Meeting has been cancelled due to lack of items for an agenda.

There was no Old Business.

There was no New Business.

Motion by Duncan, second by Apgar to go into Executive Session on a Personnel Matter to consider the hiring of a City Manager as requested by Law Director Stephan.

Member Garber inquired whether the Chamber of Commerce President Jim McGrath will be coming to Council to present the picnic plans.

Member Apgar stated Mr. McGrath has been to Park Board to present the Chamber's Picnic plans.

Mayor Seagraves stated there is a motion on the floor and called for a vote. All yeas, motion carried.

Mayor Seagraves called Council back into Regular Session.

Law Director Stephan stated five candidates were interviewed last week for the position of City Manager and Council has narrowed it to two. Law Director Stephan stated the two finalists will be interviewed a second time on June 3 and June 4, 2015 and asked for a motion to schedule Special Council Meetings.

Motion by Duncan, second by Apgar to set a Special Council Meeting for the purpose of interviewing City Manager candidates on June 3, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. and June 4, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. All yeas, motion carried.

Mayor Seagraves stated per our Charter, Council must appoint an Interim City Manager until a new City Manager has been selected.

Law Director Stephan stated Section 5.01(D) of the Municipal Charter requires the appointment of a person to serve as Acting Manager and called for Council to adopt a motion to appoint an Acting Manager effective June 1, 2015.

Motion by Cantrell, second by Kirklin to appoint Law Director Stephan as the Acting City Manager effective June 1, 2015. All yeas, motion carried.

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


Sonja M. Keaton, Clerk


David E. Seagraves, Mayor