

BROOKVILLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
April 21, 2015

The Regular Meeting of the Brookville City Council was called to order by Mayor Seagraves at 7:30 p.m. on April 21, 2015 in the Brookville Council Chambers. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Members Apgar, Cantrell, Duncan, Garber, Kirklin and Letner; Fire Chief Fletcher, Police Chief Jerome, Law Director Stephan, Manager Wright and Assistant Manager/Finance Director/Clerk Keaton were present.

Motion by Duncan, second by Apgar to accept the Agenda with two additions. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Cantrell, second by Apgar to accept the April 7, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

Police Chief Jerome presented the Officer of the Year Award to Police Officer Tim Maples, stating Officer Maples created the Brookville Police Departments website, installed the camera system throughout the building, and updates and oversees all of our technology and IT items in addition to his road patrol duties. Police Chief Jerome advised Officer Maples came to us from the private sector and represents the City well. Police Chief Jerome presented Captain Cherish Isaacs with the first ever Peer Officer of the Year Award. Chief Jerome stated Captain Isaacs was nominated by her fellow Officers and he was surprised that they picked a supervisor to receive the award. Chief Jerome commended Captain Isaacs on a successful first year of supervision and stated she is just two weeks from completing her Bachelor's Degree. Chief Jerome stated Captain Isaacs plans to begin work immediately on her Master's Degree.

Mayor Seagraves commended Police Officer Maples on completing his first year with no complaints and Captain Isaacs for her nomination by her peers. Mayor Seagraves stated he is proud of both Officers and thanked them for a job well done.

Manager Wright reported Vectren Energy will be replacing 2,600 feet of gas line on Brookville Phillipsburg Road beginning May 1. The project, which is expected to last six weeks, is north of the City limits and there will be some temporary road closures during construction.

Manager Wright reported the South Hill Street Community Gardens Project was successful last year, and organizers have asked the City for the use of a water tank again this year. Manager Wright reported an Eagle Scout Project will replace the water tank with rain barrels on the site later this year.

Manager Wright advised proposed Resolution No. 15-04 will allow us to apply for financial assistance from the NatureWorks Program and asked Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton to expand on the proposed Resolution.

Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton reported the NatureWorks Grant is a state funded grant program that provides up to 75% of project cost assistance to Ohio municipalities, counties and townships for acquisition or development of public outdoor recreation areas. Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton reported she is requesting financial assistance for the reconstruction of our existing basketball court in Golden Gate Park by putting a 2-inch asphalt overlay on top of our existing court and installing a new basketball court next to our existing court, as our court is heavily used from open to close on a daily basis.

Motion by Apgar, second by Kirklin to read proposed Resolution No. 15-04. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Duncan, second by Cantrell to accept the first reading, dispense with the second and third reading and adopt Resolution No. 15-04 entitled "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE NATUREWORKS GRANT PROGRAM, AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY." All yeas, motion carried.

Manager Wright reported we were notified by Montgomery County that we are the recipient of a Keep Montgomery County Beautiful Grant submitted by Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton on behalf of the Leaf and Blossom Club. The money will be used for our flower planters on Market Street.

Manager Wright reported the Wastewater Treatment Plant Rehabilitation Project is progressing on schedule and should be finished in late June or July.

Manager Wright reported a Community Forum for the income tax levy is scheduled for April 30, 2015 at the Christena Leiber Center from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. and encouraged Council Members to attend.

Manager Wright advised the door knockers for the proposed income tax increase are in and Council can pick them up for distribution beginning on Thursday.

Member Kirklin asked if we want to get them out this weekend?

Manager Wright stated that is the goal, weather permitting.

Member Cantrell asked if the door knockers should be hung on the door?

Manager Wright stated that is correct, they should not be hung on the mailbox.

Member Letner stated he would rather knock on the door and hand it to people personally.

Member Cantrell commented that a letter is missing on the BMX sign.

Manager Wright stated he will look into it.

Member Garber commented that he can arrange a Think Hot Program presentation for the Fire and/or Police Department if they are interested.

Fire Chief Fletcher expressed interest as they have a lot of new personnel and said the Fire Department would be glad to host a presentation.

Assistant Manager Keaton had no report.

Fire Chief Fletcher had no report.

Police Chief Jerome reported the Brookville Police Department has handled 169 Reportable Incidents year-to-date, compared to 172 during this same time period last year. Police Chief Jerome reported Citations are up a total of 53 Citations year-to-date, for a total of 189 Citations issued year-to-date.

Police Chief Jerome reported the Click It or Ticket Program will begin in May.

Police Chief Jerome reported the Police Department will hold their annual Prom Promise Program on April 24, 2015. This year's theme is a Deny the Reaper Program where one student is randomly selected and pulled from class every 15 minutes to represent the national statistic of one alcohol related death that occurs every 15 minutes. Police Chief Jerome stated this is a very powerful program that he believes will be very effective on raising student awareness.

Member Kirklin stated she has heard good feedback on Officer Brian Lyons presence in the schools.

Police Chief Jerome stated Officer Lyons does a daily walk through of the schools and has a passion for getting involved with the students. Officer Lyons recently put on a texting program for the students and did an excellent job.

Police Chief Jerome reported the FBI is putting on a Bank Training program for all of our banks on April 28, 2015.

Police Chief Jerome reported the Police Department will host the Community Pre-School Trike-A-Thon and the Optimist Bike Rodeo again during the first week of May. The Police Department will also participate in the BBC Parade on May 2, 2015.

Member Garber stated Fairborn Police Department recently launched an app that updates the public on Police Department activity.

Police Chief Jerome stated he will look into that.

Law Director Stephan had no report.

Member Garber commented it is probably too early to talk about the marijuana ballot issue.

Member Garber asked about the HB107 proposal where residents can petition the state to have a speed limit changed on the street where they reside. Member Garber commented isn't that our jurisdiction?

Manager Wright replied we set speed limits based on ODOT regulations. This cannot be altered without a traffic study.

Law Director Stephan stated he will review HB107.

Mayor Seagraves stated he wants to stress that the proposed income tax increase is not a property tax and it only affects about 23% of the residents of Brookville. It will not affect senior citizens on Social Security or a pension as the tax is only on earned income. Mayor Seagraves stated it has been many years since the City increased the income tax rate. Mayor Seagraves stated the most important thing is for everyone to get out and vote at the Primary Election.

There was no Old Business.

There was no New Business.

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


Sonja M. Keaton, Clerk


David E. Seagraves, Mayor