

BROOKVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
February 3, 2015

The Regular Meeting of the Brookville City Council was called to order by Mayor Seagraves at 7:30 p.m. on February 3, 2015 in the Brookville Council Chambers. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Members Apgar, Cantrell, Garber, Kirklin and Letner; Fire Chief Fletcher, Police Chief Jerome, Law Director Stephan, Manager Wright and Assistant Manager/Finance Director/Clerk Keaton were present. Member Duncan was absent.

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

Motion by Apgar, second by Kirklin to accept the January 20, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

Mayor Seagraves commented he has had two encounters recently with our EMTs and Paramedics and there is not a better group of guys and gals that could have responded to take care of him. Mayor Seagraves stated he cannot say enough about our EMS staff and owes and loves all of them dearly. Mayor Seagraves stated Brookville is blessed and beyond lucky to have them.

Fire Chief Fletcher thanked Mayor Seagraves for his kind words on behalf of the Fire Department. Fire Chief Fletcher asked Firefighter Dustin Copley, Firefighter Bradley Herr and Lieutenant Jim Hart to come forward for well-deserved recognition. Fire Chief Fletcher stated Firefighter Dusty Copley joined our Fire Department in July of 2011 and has since completed his Level I and Level II Firefighter Training, Fire Inspector Training, became certified as an EMT basic and was the Honor Graduate of his Paramedic class at the Miami Valley Career Technology Center (MVCTC). Fire Chief Fletcher stated Dusty is a second generation Brookville Firefighter whose father served Brookville for many years. Dusty has matured into a very competent Firefighter and Paramedic. Fire Chief Fletcher stated on behalf of the Brookville Fire Department Officers Staff he is pleased to present Firefighter Dustin Copley with EMS Provider of the Year Award. Fire Chief Fletcher advised Firefighter Bradley Herr joined the Fire Department in 2007 and is a third generation Firefighter whose mother, father, step-father and grandfather have all served or currently serve as Firefighters. Bradley has taken on additional responsibilities including ordering station supplies and handling the lion's share of Fire Safety Inspections throughout the community. Bradley is extremely capable and often services as a Crew Leader of his shift when an Officer is not on duty. Fire Chief Fletcher stated on behalf of the Brookville Fire Department Officers Staff he is pleased to present Firefighter Bradley Herr with the 2014 Firefighter of the Year Award. Fire Chief Fletcher reported he has worked with Lieutenant James Hart for over fifteen years, beginning in Riverside. Jim has been with the Brookville Fire Department since May of 2005, and was promoted to Lieutenant in 2012. Fire Chief Fletcher stated the Fire Department is extremely dependent upon technology and Jim is the glue that keeps our technology together for us. Fire Chief Fletcher stated he personally depends on Jim and he definitely earns his pay. Fire Chief Fletcher stated it is difficult to select one of the Officers for an award as we have such a great group of Officers, however, they all agreed without a doubt that Jim is the deserving 2014 Brookville Fire Department Officer of the Year. Fire Chief Fletcher thanked the entire Brookville Fire Department for choosing to serve the City of Brookville.

Fire Chief Fletcher also introduced Firefighter Ryan Hope, and congratulated him on his graduation last week from the Paramedic Program at MVCTC.

Mayor Seagraves congratulated each award recipient on behalf of himself and Council and thanked all of our Firefighters and EMTs for their service to the City of Brookville, and stated he cannot begin to say enough about the level of commitment they have to the community.

Member Garber thanked the Firefighter's families for attending and commented it is nice to see the support that the families give to our Firefighters and Paramedics, which undoubtedly helps them in their service to the community.

Manager Wright reported the City participated in Phase II of the DP&L Site Certification process last week, which certifies industrial sites and hopefully makes them more marketable to prospective businesses. Manager Wright reported Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton and Economic Development Specialist Jim Snedeker worked very hard on the presentation and did an excellent job. Manager Wright reported we will now move on to Phase III of the process, which ultimately, if approved, will be a feather in our hat to attract future prospects.

Mayor Seagraves reported he attended the presentation and agreed if we receive the Site Certification it will definitely make us more marketable. Mayor Seagraves agreed that Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton and Economic Development Specialist Jim Snedeker worked very hard on the presentation and did an excellent job. Mayor Seagraves commended City Staff stating it was refreshing to sit down with people from the outside and be so prepared. Mayor Seagraves stated that hopefully we will reap the rewards of this soon.

Member Garber commented if nothing else they will provide feedback to Brookville as to how we can improve to make ourselves more marketable. Member Garber commented that Mayor Seagraves made it absolutely clear in the meeting that the City will work with any client coming in as we are lean, mean and our Staff is very equipped to move.

Manager Wright commented there are no guarantees but it is another tool in our toolbox and if nothing else it helps our Staff to hone their skills.

Manager Wright reported the storm sewer project in the Hay Avenue and JoAnna Street area has been completed. We will have to do some finish grading in the spring, along with replacing some fence posts and fencing.

Mayor Seagraves commented that Clay Township Trustees have voted to approve the renewal of the Fire Levy on the May ballot.

Manager Wright commented that we requested that Clay Township re-draw or re-district some of the Fire District in Brookville and he is hoping to meet with them soon regarding this issue.

Fire Chief Fletcher stated he believes asking for the renewal is absolutely the right thing to do. Most of the home values in the rural areas have increased, so the net result of that will be that the Fire Levy will bring in more money.

Assistant Manager/Finance Director/Clerk Keaton presented the January 31, 2015 Fund Balance for Council review and approval.

Motion by Garber, second by Cantrell to approve the January 31, 2015 Fund Balance as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

Assistant Manager/Finance Director/Clerk Keaton presented the Brookville City Wide Garage Sale Map for Council approval. The map shows one quadrant of town scheduled for each weekend during the month of June.

Motion by Kirklin, second by Cantrell to accept the Brookville City Wide Garage Sale Map and schedule for 2015 as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton reported the City of Vandalia Income Tax Department will once again have representatives at our City Building to assist our residents with the preparation of their local income tax returns, at no charge. The representatives will be here on Friday, March 27, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and again on Saturday, March 28, from 8:00 a.m. until noon.

Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton reported that Park Board has set Saturday, March 28 as our Annual Community Park Cleanup Day. Cleanup will be from 10:00 a.m. until noon. Trash bags and equipment will be provided at Golden Gate Park, Ward Park and the Westbrook Soccer Complex. Park Board and the City of Brookville will serve hot dogs and refreshments at noon in Shelter #3 at Golden Gate Park following cleanup.

Fire Chief Fletcher reported for the first time in three years we have seen a decrease in the number of incidents for January. The Fire Department responded to 109 EMS and 31 Fire Incidents for a total of 141 Incidents for the month, which is 19 less Incidents than handled in January 2014. Fire Chief Fletcher reported a significant number of their calls are at Brookhaven as there is a terrible amount of illness running through nursing homes right now.

Fire Chief Fletcher reported the Fire Department responded to just one structure fire during the month of January.

Fire Chief Fletcher reported he will be traveling to Grove City on Friday to inspect their new ambulance, which should be in service by the end of March.

Police Chief Jerome reported the Brookville Police Department has handled 39 Reportable Incidents year-to-date, compared to 52 during this same time period last year. Police Chief Jerome reported Citations are down a total of 10 Citations year-to-date, for a total of 35 Citations issued year to date. The Brookville Police Department made 108 traffic stops during the month of January, which is a decrease of 35 traffic stops over this same time period last year.

Police Chief Jerome reported Service Department Foreman Dale Godsey reported several subjects ice skating on the pond at Golden Gate Park today. Brookville Officers responded and after speaking with the subjects it turned out one of them was a suspect in a felony, who upon interviewing confessed to the crime. The other subject was arrested on an outstanding warrant from the City of Kettering.

Law Director Stephan advised he recently sent an update to Council from Doug Plunkett regarding the search for a new City Manager, which can be discussed at the next Council Meeting.

Mayor Seagraves thanked Vice Mayor Cantrell for filling in for him at the last Council meeting and thanked everyone for their thoughts, prayers and flowers he received during his illness.

Motion by Garber, second by Cantrell to read proposed Ordinance No. 2014-13. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Garber, second by Apgar to accept the third reading and adopt Ordinance No. 2014-13 entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1139.02(b) SPECIAL USES IN THE HIGHWAY SERVICE (HS) DISTRICT AND SECTION 1169.04(l) TO INCLUDE WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITIES AS A SPECIAL USE IN THE HIGHWAY SERVICE (HS) DISTRICT." All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Apgar, second by Kirklin to read proposed Resolution No. 15-01. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Apgar, second by Cantrell to approve the second reading of proposed Resolution No. 15-01. All yeas, motion carried.

There was no Old Business.

There was no New Business.

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

  
Sonja M. Keaton, Clerk

  
David E. Seagraves, Mayor