

BROOKVILLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
May 20, 2014

The Regular Meeting of the Brookville City Council was called to order by Mayor Seagraves at 7:30 p.m. on May 20, 2014 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 as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Kirklin, second by Apgar to accept the May 6, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

Manager Wright reported the Service Department recently repaired another major water main on Johnsville Brookville Road. The water main was an eight inch pipe, which broke three times in four days, within a ten foot span of pipe. Manager Wright reported the cause was a deteriorated pipe, which was the same situation as the recent water main break in front of the Speedway station. Manager Wright reported the water was shut off multiple times, causing some inconveniences to residents.

Member Garber asked if the break was caused by electrolysis?

Manager Wright replied that is a good possibility but he does not know how to prove that.

Member Kirklin asked Manager Wright what electrolysis is?

Manager Wright asked Member Garber to answer the question due to his expertise.

Member Garber stated any electric current on metal pipe will corrode the pipe if the soil is the right acidity. The electric current could be generated by sources such as DP&L, the railroad or telephone company. Member Garber commented for example, water heaters have a sacrificial anode to counteract the voltage, and in this case it may have been our pipe that acted as the sacrificial anode. Member Garber advised that gas companies normally bond a chemical pot to the pipe so that it is eaten up instead of the pipe. This may be something we could research doing in the future.

Member Apgar asked if the pipe deterioration could be detected by camera?

Manager Wright replied that the water system is a closed system so we cannot run cameras through the lines. The deterioration is occurring on the outside of the pipes so running a camera inside the pipe would be useless. Manager Wright stated hopefully the breaks were two isolated, unrelated incidents.

Member Kirklin asked with the exception of the corrosion pattern on the pipes, were there any other similarities between the water main break at Speedway and the break on Johnsville Brookville Road?

Manager Wright commented the erosion patterns looked almost identical on the two pipes.

Member Letner asked if both locations were backfilled with the same material?

Manager Wright replied both locations were backfilled with limestone, which we have used as backfill for years.

Member Letner asked if the pipes were cast iron or ductile iron?

Manager Wright replied he believes the pipes were ductile iron because the pipes did not break when cut like cast iron would.

Manager Wright reported the City took delivery of new flower planters made possible with Leaf and Blossom Club grant monies and the City of Brookville funds. Manager Wright

thanked Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton for coordinating the project and the Service Department for placing the flowers throughout the city. Manager Wright reported he has received a lot of compliments on the flowers.

Member Cantrell said the planters look excellent and asked what happened to the small planters that were used last year?

Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton replied those will be planted with flowers and placed along Market Street. Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton stated that Stockslagers Nursery planted the large planters for us and the Leaf and Blossom Club will be planting the smaller planters and contacting businesses to take care of them as they have in the past.

Member Cantrell stated Alex Workman, of 112 Walnut Street, contacted her with a complaint about the debris from surrounding buildings ending up in his yard every time it rains. Mr. Workman stated he has called the City office a few times about the runoff from the apartments next door but nothing was resolved.

Manager Wright advised there is a drainage ditch near Mr. Workman's house that the Service Department cleaned out recently because it was clogged, causing Walnut Street to flood. Manager Wright stated this drain is probably what Mr. Workman is referring to, and he will look at the situation to see if there is anything the City can do to resolve the problem.

Member Garber asked if the pre-bid meeting regarding the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project went well?

Manager Wright replied the meeting went well, and several of the contractors that attended accepted the invitation to visit the plant afterward. Manager Wright advised the bid opening is this Thursday and he expects to get some good bids.

Member Duncan asked if the City property at the rear of the post office has been mowed as several postal workers have complained to him about it?

Manager Wright replied it has not been mowed yet but he will take care of it.

Fire Chief Fletcher had no report.

Mayor Seagraves commented that AMVETS was very appreciative that the Fire Department cooked the food at their benefit on Saturday night.

Fire Chief Fletcher stated AMVETS Commander John Childers offered to allow the City to use their facility for an employee picnic.

Police Chief Jerome reported the Brookville Police Department has handled 239 Reportable Incidents year-to-date, compared to 250 during this same time period last year. Citations are down 26 for a total of 172 Citations year-to-date. Police Chief Jerome reported the Police Department will escort the Rolling Thunder Ride to the Wall group through Brookville to the AMVETS tomorrow around 4:00 p.m. Police Chief Jerome stated a large crowd is expected as this year marks the 10 year anniversary for the riders.

Law Director Stephan addressed the question Member Garber raised at the April 15 Council Meeting regarding Senate Bill 6. Law Director Stephan reported this bill establishes a procedure for removing fiscal officers from office if they violate Ohio law. Law Director Stephan stated the interesting aspect of this law is that for chartered communities, their Charter prevails over this new state law if there is a removal procedure in the Charter. Senate Bill 6 also establishes education requirements for fiscal officers both before they take the position and ongoing education for current fiscal officers.

Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton commented this law will be beneficial for township fiscal officers that have little to no fiscal experience when they are elected.

Law Director Stephan also addressed Member Garber's question on the Joint Economic Development Zone (JEDZ) bill, which has several versions pending. Some are proposing to do a moratorium on JEDZ, some are eliminating JEDZ. But the bottom line issue is that

JEDZ can be created between a city and a township or groups of townships and they do not have to have a contiguous boundary. Municipal income tax can be imposed in the JEDZ. The General Assembly has received complaints from businesses and employees in JEDZ areas that are required to pay the tax and are not receiving direct benefits from the tax. Law Director Stephan advised we do not have any JEDZ so this bill will have no direct impact on us.

Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton reported we now have a "Look Who's Recycling" survey on our website under Community Events. Residents are encouraged to complete the survey. Rumpke will select one recycling pledge per quarter, as a spotlight recycler in the community. The winner will receive a \$100 gift card. Winners must be a resident of the City, 18 years of age and agree with the rules that are listed on the survey. Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton reported the program was implemented immediately. The first recipient has been selected and plans are to have the winner attend a Council Meeting so they can be recognized and receive their gift card. The program will be featured in our Summer Newsletter, which will be mailed to residents next month.

Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton reminded everyone of the City wide Garage Sales starting on June 5. Residents can print a map from our website with the streets and dates of the garage sales.

Mayor Seagraves wished everyone a safe and happy Memorial Day weekend.

Mayor Seagraves reported the Mayors and Managers Association has recommended to permanently move the annual Beggar's Night to October 31 each year beginning with this year.

Motion by Letner, second by Kirklin to set Beggar's Night in Brookville annually on October 31 from 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. beginning October 31, 2014. All yeas, motion carried.

Member Garber commented he attended the circus with his grandchildren and they really enjoyed it. Member Garber asked if everything went well for the Police and Fire Departments?

Fire Chief Fletcher reported everything went well for the Fire Department with no issues.

Police Chief Jerome said the circus went very smooth and he was pleasantly surprised.

Member Kirklin commented they practically snapped their fingers and disappeared following their second act.

Mayor Seagraves reminded everyone that Ritter Plumbing is working on the gas meter replacement program and advised residents to use caution when driving on the streets where they are working.

Member Garber asked if there were any issues with the Relay for Life 5k Run?

Police Chief Jerome reported the run went well.

Manager Wright asked the Fire Chief to comment on the new fire engine?

Fire Chief Fletcher reported the terms of the sale required a pump test certification so the seller is replacing some valves to ensure it will pass the certification before we take delivery of the engine.

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


Sonja M. Keaton, Clerk


David E. Seagraves, Mayor