

BROOKVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
February 19, 2013

The Regular Meeting of the Brookville City Council was called to order by Mayor Seagraves at 7:30 p.m. on February 19, 2013 in the City Council Chambers. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Members Apgar, Duncan, Garber, Howard and Letner; Police Chief Jerome, Fire Chief Fletcher, Law Director Stephan, Assistant Manager/Finance Director/Clerk Keaton, and Manager Wright were present. Member Cantrell was absent.

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

Motion by Apgar, second by Letner to accept the February 5, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

Mayor Seagraves announced Council will be recognizing members of our Police and Fire Departments this evening and advised that Council respects each one of them and is thankful to them and their family members for the sacrifices they make to protect and serve the community.

Police Chief Jerome reported the heroic actions of Police Officer Miller and Police Officer Mitrison resulted in establishing an awards system for the Brookville Police Department, and these two Officers are the first recipients. Police Chief Jerome stated both Officers do a good job every day, but in this incident, the Officers went above and beyond the call of duty at a traffic accident and he is very proud of them. Police Chief Jerome stated he is happy to report the youngest victim of this accident is recovering from her injuries.

Police Chief Jerome then presented a Commendation of Bravery to Officer Mark Miller and a Commendation of Bravery to Officer Jessi Mitrison for selflessly and heroically placing themselves in harm's way to save the life of another. Police Chief Jerome stated on Sunday, January 6, 2013, the Officers responded to a traffic crash on Interstate 70 at the 21 mile marker. When the Officers arrived on the scene, they rushed toward a burning vehicle that had struck a gasoline tanker. Without concern for their own personal safety, Officers Mitrison and Miller rushed to the aid of two motorists that were trapped inside a burning vehicle. Officers Mitrison and Miller quickly retrieved fire extinguishers from their police cruisers and began to combat the burning vehicle. While continuing to keep the fire from spreading to the trapped motorists and the gasoline tanker, Officers Mitrison and Miller broke several windows out of the burning vehicle to provide lifesaving ventilation to the trapped motorists. Both Officers continued to render aid and remained at the side of the injured motorists until they were relieved by Firefighters and Paramedics from the City of Brookville Fire Department. Officers Mitrison's and Miller's actions reflect great credit upon themselves and serve as a shining example of the City of Brookville Police Department's motto of "Excellence in Service". Police Chief Jerome stated he is very proud of both Officers and they are definitely deserving of this award.

Fire Chief Fletcher announced he is presenting a Unit Citation to the Fire Department members that responded to this call, because it was not the action of just one person within the Fire Department that made this call successful, it was everyone coming together to do their job as a team effort. This call came in as an entrapment involving a tanker truck. The Police Officers took steps to protect bystanders and took action to prevent a small fire from becoming a larger one, and broke windows to provide fresh air to trapped occupants. Fire Chief Fletcher stated he is convinced that the outcome of this incident would have been tragic if the Police Officers had not taken the action that they did. The first arriving Firefighters led by Captain Mike Hensley quickly stretched a handline and extinguished the remaining fire, an action plan and backup plan were quickly developed and executed in a manner that provided both occupants the best opportunity for survival. Fire Chief Fletcher advised the responding Fire Department personnel operated in a manner reflecting the high standards and expectations we have set for ourselves as an emergency service. Fire Chief Fletcher stated he is very proud to have the opportunity to present commendations to Firefighter Todd Marburger, Firefighter/Paramedic Tonya Marshall, Lieutenant Kyle Ullery, Captain Mike Hensley and Captain Ed Ullery. Fire Chief Fletcher stated there are two

additional recipients who received commendations but are not able to be present this evening; Firefighter/Paramedic Travis Dafler and Firefighter/Paramedic Bradley Herr. Fire Chief Fletcher thanked each recipient and commended them for making a difference in people's lives.

Fire Chief Fletcher advised the 12 year old young lady that was injured in this accident was transferred from Dayton Children's Medical to Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis which is midway between where her parents live. This young lady was severely injured and was not expected to live. She is now in rehabilitation for severe leg injuries and a closed head injury but the prognosis is she will return to a normal productive life and do all the things young teenagers do. Fire Chief Fletcher reported the father has recovered from his injuries. Fire Chief Fletcher stated our personnel did a wonderful job and he is convinced that without the Brookville Police Officers actions, these people would have burned to death. Fire Chief Fletcher said if our Fire Department members had not come together as a team, got everything done quickly and transported the patients to a trauma center, they would not have lived. Fire Chief Fletcher commended all of them for a job well done.

Mayor Seagraves thanked the Police Officers and Fire Department Members for selflessly giving on a daily basis. Mayor Seagraves stated bigger isn't always better. He believes that in a community like ours, it is more than a job; it is personal, because you know the people. Mayor Seagraves stated their professionalism is second to none and thanked them from the bottom of his heart. Mayor Seagraves stated this was truly a happy ending for everyone.

Member Garber commented his neighbor called him last night because his wife had fallen and he needed help getting her back into bed. Member Garber stated he and his wife were unable to get her up and called 911 for help. The call was answered after one ring and the response was very quick. The Fire Department members who responded were professional, caring, considerate and patient with a couple who were both 85 years old. Member Garber stated within ten minutes everything was done, including the paperwork. Member Garber stated he is so glad we moved our dispatching to Englewood; his wife did not even give the address, stating only that it was across the street from their house and the Fire Department found them quickly.

Manager Wright had no report.

Fire Chief Fletcher reported the transition to the new dispatch center is going well. The only issue is a couple of cell towers that are not routing 911 calls correctly. There has been no problem with transferring these calls to the Englewood Dispatch Center, so there has been very little delay.

Member Garber stated it is very comforting to dial 911 and not have someone ask a million questions before getting someone on the way to help.

Police Chief Jerome presented a DDTI/AccuGlobe map to show an example of the technology we now have with the Englewood Dispatch Center. The example mapped every street that one of the Officers patrolled in a shift and noted what time he was there. Chief Jerome explained this is installed on his computer here at the Police Department. Police Chief Jerome stated the card readers have been installed in the police cruisers, allowing Officers to swipe a driver's license and get their driving history and information quickly. Police Chief Jerome stated in terms of technology, we are light years ahead of where we were before.

Police Chief Jerome reported the additional rifles were received today, and the rifle training program will begin in early March. Police Chief Jerome reported the Brookville Police Department handled 86 Reportable Incidents year-to-date, which is up by 4 incidents over this same time last year. Citations are down 39 from this same time last year for a total of 63 Citations and 142 Traffic Stops were made in the month of January.

Police Chief Jerome reported Huntington National Bank was robbed on February 13, 2013 and he is fairly certain it is the same suspect in our December 2012 robbery and a bank robbery in the City of Englewood several months ago. Police Chief Jerome advised the

Police Department is working hard on the case but it takes time and patience to solve this type of crime.

Law Director Stephan had no report.

Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton presented an itemized accounting from the Brookville Historical Society of the expenditures paid with the \$4,000 Grant received from the City of Brookville in 2012. Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton reported the Historical Society is requesting a Grant for operating expenses in 2013.

Motion by Garber, second by Howard to authorize a \$4,000 Grant to the Brookville Historical Society for operating expenses in 2013. All yeas, motion carried.

Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton reported we are participating with the Cities of Clayton, Englewood, and Union to hold an Electronics Recycling Day on Saturday, June 22 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., in the parking lot of the Englewood Government Center. A second Electronics Recycling Day will be held on Saturday, September 28 at the same time and same location.

Member Garber stated it is very frustrating to fill out local tax returns online because the City of Vandalia requests so much information. Member Garber advised the local government does not need to know anything other than local wages and local tax withheld. Member Garber stated he filled out the form manually and it was much easier.

Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton advised the reason there is so much to fill out online is because the W-2 is not submitted as it is with the paper form. None of the information that is shared with the State is shared with the City.

Mayor Seagraves advised we are blessed to have the City of Vandalia as our administrative agency as they work well with us.

Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton stated the State Auditors actually visit the City of Vandalia when they audit us and randomly pull hardcopy files to make sure the W-2's are attached.

Mayor Seagraves reported the Mayor's Ball went extremely well, was well attended and raised approximately \$4,000 to help local families. Mayor Seagraves invited everyone to help put the Easter food packages together for our needy families on March 23, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. Mayor Seagraves thanked everyone who helped to make the Mayor's Ball fundraiser successful.

Member Garber commented on the Park Board minutes regarding whether to hold the Car Show, stating that Park Board may have gotten the wrong impression about Council being all for it. Member Garber stated Council will support whatever Park Board decides to do.

Manager Wright advised Park Board has not reached a decision on whether or not to hold the Car Show. Manager Wright stated he thinks Park Board will decide to move on to something else.

Member Garber stated he wants Park Board to understand that Council will support their decision either way.

Member Apgar commented that Park Board began holding the Car Show to raise money. They have not gained any attendance in the three years since it began. Park Board is looking for something different to raise more money and will make a decision on whether or not to hold the Car Show at their next meeting.

Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton reported there is a Planning Commission Meeting this Thursday, February 21, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

Motion by Duncan, second by Apgar to read proposed Resolution No. 13-02. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Duncan, second by Apgar to accept the third reading and adopt Resolution No. 13-02 entitled "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO DISPOSE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY EITHER AT A PUBLIC AUCTION, PRIVATE SALE OR BY INTERNET AUCTION." All yeas, motion carried.


Motion by Apgar, second by Garber to read proposed Ordinance No. 2013-03. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Duncan, second by Apgar to accept the second reading of proposed Ordinance No. 2013-03. All yeas, motion carried.

There was no Old Business.

There was no New Business.

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

  
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Sonja M. Keaton, Clerk  
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David E. Seagraves, Mayor