

BROOKVILLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
June 4, 2013

The Regular Meeting of the Brookville City Council was called to order by Mayor Seagraves at 7:30 p.m. on June 4, 2013 in the City Council Chambers. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Members Apgar, Cantrell, Duncan, Garber, Howard 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 Apgar, second by Letner to accept the May 21, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

Manager Wright presented information to Council regarding a Community Savings Program through DP&L Energy recently presented to him by Bob Stallman, Community Relations Director for DP&L Energy. Manager Wright stated the Community Savings Program requires Brookville to select DP&L Energy as their endorsed residential supplier at the current rate of \$0.0649 with a term through December 31, 2014. This Program leaves the option to participate in the program to the individual customer. Manager Wright stated the program requires Council approval for implementation.

Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton advised the Community Savings Program would offer a discounted rate of \$0.0649/kW through December 31, 2014, with no early termination fee. DP&L Energy's current residential mass market offer in the DP&L service area is \$0.0679/kWh with an early termination fee of \$75.00.

Member Garber inquired about residents opting-in or out of the program?

Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton stated this is not a part of the Government Aggregation Opt-In/Opt-Out Program. This is a separate program where DP&L Energy will work with the community to develop a community savings communications plan to make residents aware of the program.

Member Garber commented that residents can already select their own supplier and this gives them another option.

Manager Wright stated that is correct.

Member Cantrell asked if another energy company requested Council endorse their rate or Savings Program, can that be done? Member Cantrell stated she does not want it to look like Council is recommending one energy company over another.

Manager Wright stated he does not think endorsing this program would not preclude Council from endorsing another program, but he will confirm this with DP&L.

Member Howard asked if residents have already signed up with DP&L at the current rate, will they be able get the Community Savings program rate, and what would trigger the change to the lower rate?

Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton stated it is her understanding that residents will get the lesser rate, but she doesn't know how that change will be triggered.

Member Letner asked what if residents are currently at a lower rate?

Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton stated it is not a requirement for residents to sign up; they can stay at the lower rate.

Member Letner asked if residents can still negotiate a lower rate, and be in the Community Savings program?

Assistant City Manager stated she would have to check into that.

Member Duncan inquired if there is any liability if the customer goes with the Community Savings rate and then receives a large bill?

Law Director Stephan stated there is no liability on the part of the City to guarantee the rates. This is a voluntary program which residents can choose to participate in.

Manager Wright said he would like to clarify that this is not Government Aggregation. This does not require our citizens to opt-in or opt-out. Manager Wright stated if there are no objections, staff can prepare a Resolution for our next Council Meeting. Manager Wright asked Council to review the packet of information provided so they can discuss the issue at the next Council meeting.

Member Duncan asked if the rates are locked?

Manager Wright replied the rates are locked in for a year.

Manager Wright requested Council authorization to advertise for bids for our Annual Street Resurfacing Program. Manager Wright reported there will be an additional \$115,000 to \$120,000 coming from Montgomery County in Permissive Tax, which will be used to pave Westbrook Road from Wolf Creek Street to Western Avenue.

Motion by Cantrell, second by Howard to allow Manager Wright to advertise for bids for our Annual Street Resurfacing Program. All yeas, motion carried.

Manager Wright reported the Service Department will finish up this week with the asphalt repairs to streets where water main breaks occurred this winter.

Manager Wright reported the City recently took delivery of 500 additional recycling totes and the Service Department has delivered 62 of the totes to residents on our waiting list. Manager Wright advised residents should contact the City office if they would like to have one of the recycling totes.

Manager Wright reported we also took delivery of our new police cruiser. It will be outfitted and ready for service in a few weeks.

Manager Wright reported he tried to attend a pre-construction meeting on the traffic signal at Arlington and I-70 last week, but he was the only one in attendance. The meeting should be rescheduled in a few weeks.

Mayor Seagraves advised he spoke with Randy Chevalley last week and he stated the project is scheduled for July.

Manager Wright reported two employees of the Service Department lost their mother recently and stated our thoughts and prayers go out to the family.

Fire Chief Fletcher reported the call volume for the Fire Department continues to be extraordinary, with 121 EMS and 19 Fire incidents in the month of May. Crews handled a total of 140 incidents for the month, which is 18 more incidents than in May of 2012. Fire Chief Fletcher stated the Fire Department has handled 652 incidents in 2013, an increase of 103 incidents from one year ago. EMS calls account for 83.1% of all calls for service.

Fire Chief Fletcher reported two dollar loss fires occurred during the month of May; a kitchen fire with an estimated \$25,000 loss and an RV fire which resulted in an approximate \$24,000 loss. Fire Chief Fletcher reported with this high call volume, he has had to rely more on mutual aid from other departments than he would like to do.

Mayor Seagraves asked what is driving the call volume up?

Fire Chief Fletcher responded it is EMS activity. Several calls today were related to illegal drug use. Fire Chief Fletcher stated his department can tell when uncut heroin hits the streets

because they will receive EMS calls of addicts not breathing. Fire Chief Fletcher reported his department works closely with the Police Department to share drug information. Fire Chief Fletcher reported automobile accidents seem to be down right now, which is good considering it is summer and school is out.

Fire Chief Fletcher reported he is in the process of evaluating emergency notification systems and thinks he has found one suitable for our needs. He will present the information at the staff meeting tomorrow for discussion. Fire Chief Fletcher stated the most cost effective method would be to be a part of a notification system with other communities that is administered by another agency, such as the Englewood Dispatch Center.

Member Duncan asked if Fire Chief Fletcher knows whether Perry or Clay Township intend to put a fire levy on the next ballot?

Fire Chief Fletcher replied Perry Township will put on a permanent renewal levy on the ballot this year and an additional levy in 2014. Fire Chief Fletcher advised he has met with Clay Township Trustees and they agree that there is a need for additional monies, but there will not be anything on the ballot for them until 2014.

Police Chief Jerome reported the Brookville Police Department handled 292 Reportable Incidents year-to-date, compared to 296 at this same time last year. Citations are down 46 from this same time last year for a total of 242 Citations year-to-date.

Police Chief Jerome stated that calls are up this month for the Police Department, with quite a few thefts that are under investigation. The Police Department made 39 arrests in the month of May, OVI's are up, and the Police Department is heavy on traffic stops right now. The Police Department has found a lot of drugs during traffic stops and has also been ticketing for no seatbelts.

Police Chief Jerome reported two new employees are out of training, which gives us more manpower. Police Chief Jerome commented if our medic crews were not doing what they are doing, we would have quite a few heroin overdoses in the City. Police Chief Jerome stated drug users are leaving our City, buying the drugs, and bringing them back here to use them. Police Chief Jerome stated the Police Department is focusing on traffic to keep the element out.

Member Howard asked how the current drug saturation compares to one year ago?

Police Chief Jerome said it is up, with heroin being the hot, quick, cheap, drug right now. Police Chief Jerome stated the users are buying it cheap in Dayton and other local Cities, and are bringing it home to use it. Police Chief Jerome stated it's not that we have dealers in town, but we have a lot of users. Police Chief Jerome stated activity is up and visibility is important; the bike patrol is out; and the Police Department is ready for it.

Member Garber asked if heroin is the drug of choice now over cocaine?

Police Chief Jerome stated the law requiring a signature and identification to purchase cold medications containing pseudoephedrine has reduced meth usage, as this is the main ingredient to make meth. Police Chief Jerome said drug users will use the quickest and easiest drug to get, and that is currently heroin. The users are mostly young kids, who are driving to Dayton to purchase the drugs and then bringing the drugs back to Brookville to use them.

Fire Chief Fletcher stated there is no quality control with heroin because it is not a prescription drug made by a pharmacist. This means users never know what strength they might get.

Member Garber asked why the heroin is so cheap?

Fire Chief Fletcher stated it is cheap because of Interstate 75, which goes from Detroit to Florida. Every major city along I-75 has easy access to the drug, making the cost to purchase it cheap.

Member Duncan stated he heard there are not as many drug busts in Montgomery County as there are in Preble County because the prosecutors here do not want to deal with drug cases.

Police Chief Jerome stated enforcement is typically taken to where the penalties will be higher and faster. Criminals know where they will get away with more. However, in Montgomery County's defense, there is more crime here and our jails are fuller, so many times a judge will put those charged with drugs on home detention, or some other avenue rather than locking them up.

Police Chief Jerome stated that Interstate 70 is also a major drug thoroughfare for drugs.

Law Director Stephan had no report.

Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton presented the May 31, 2013 Fund Balance for Council review and approval.

Motion by Duncan, second by Cantrell to approve the May 31, 2013 Fund Balance as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton advised she is pleased to report that our 2012 Basic Financial Statement has been filed with the State Auditor and is available for review.

Mayor Seagraves had no report.

There was no Old Business.

Member Duncan commented the tree limbs and bushes at the old Benchmark Office facility need to be trimmed.


Manager Wright advised we have mowed the property in accordance with our Ordinance covering noxious weeds and high grass, but he is not sure trimming trees is covered in our Ordinance. Manager Wright stated he will look into it.

Member Garber asked if any of the streets in Terrace Park have been surveyed for the Curb Replacement Program?

Manager Wright stated two streets have been surveyed in the Terrace Park plat. One street needs 55% of the curbs replaced and the other needs 54% of the curbs replaced. Manager Wright stated the surveying will continue until the entire plat is done.

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


Sonja M. Keaton, Clerk


David E. Seagraves, Mayor