

BROOKVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
February 7, 2012

The Regular Meeting of the Brookville City Council was called to order by Mayor Seagraves at 7:30 p.m. on February 7, 2012 in the City Council Chambers. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Members Apgar, Cantrell, Garber, Howard and Letner; Fire Chief Nickel, Police Chief Preston, Manager Wright, Law Director Stephan and Assistant Manager/Finance Director/Clerk Keaton were present. Member Duncan was absent.

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

Motion by Apgar, second by Garber to accept the January 17, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented and the January 24, 2012 Special Meeting Minutes as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

Fire Chief Nickel presented the Firefighter of the Year Award to Firefighter/EMT Jim Hart. Fire Chief Nickel advised Firefighter Hart has been a dedicated part time Firefighter/EMT for the Brookville Fire Department since 2005. He is also the department's unofficial IT person. Fire Chief Nickel stated that in 2011, Firefighter/EMT Hart put in 1,850 hours with the Brookville Fire Department while holding down his full time job as a career firefighter with the City of Riverside. Fire Chief Nickel also recognized Firefighter/EMT Hart's wife and two daughters who were in attendance.

Fire Chief Nickel presented the EMS Person of the Year Award to Firefighter/EMT Chad Ferguson, who has been with the Brookville Fire Department since 2007. He began his career here as a cadet and has become a valuable member of our team. Firefighter/EMT Ferguson put in 2,500 hours as a part time and paid on call employee with the Brookville Fire Department in 2011.

Mayor Seagraves commented that he is amazed at the amount of time both Firefighter/EMT Hart and Firefighter/EMT Ferguson put in and give back to our community. Mayor Seagraves thanked both men and asked them to stay with our community, stating he sincerely appreciates the time and effort they put into their jobs. Mayor Seagraves also thanked Fire Chief Nickel and Police Chief Preston for the job they and all of their staff do, each of them putting their lives on the line day in and day out to serve the community and leaving their families at home is the ultimate sacrifice. Council echoed the Mayors comments, thanking the men for their service to the community.

Manager Wright encouraged Council to attend a February 16 meeting of the Montgomery County Future Advisory Committee, which is the first of a series of public forums trying to shape the future of Montgomery County.

Manager Wright reported we have worked out a deal with Rumpke where they are providing us with gently used red recycling bins at no charge. Manager Wright asked Council to report any feedback they receive on the new bins.

Manager Wright requested an Executive Session on a Contract Negotiation Matter and Real Estate Matter.

Member Garber inquired if there are any vacant or abandoned homes in Brookville that could be considered a nuisance or a Board of Health issue?

Manager Wright replied there is one on Western Avenue that we have been working to complete the legal issues for more than a year in order to legally demolish the structure. Manager Wright stated there is also a fire damaged home on Vine Street that we are working on.

Member Garber commented that the street lights on Market Street seem dim and uninviting after dark.

Manager Wright agreed that the lights are dimmer, advising we replaced the original bulbs with lower wattage bulbs.

Member Cantrell asked if the savings with the new bulbs is considerable?

Manager Wright said he would call the savings significant.

Member Apgar stated if we go back to the brightness we had, we have to go back to the old bulbs or increase the number of lights, which eliminates the cost savings.

Member Cantrell stated maybe we should go back to the old bulbs.

Manager Wright stated he would look into the lighting situation.

Fire Chief Nickel presented the Brookville Fire Department Incident by District Report from January 1 through January 31, 2012 which shows there were a total of 107 calls for service. Of those 107 calls for service, 90 were attributed to rescue calls.

Fire Chief Nickel reported there was a very challenging rescue call last week on Interstate 70, resulting from an accident. Fire Chief Nickel reported all agencies on the scene functioned extremely well together. Fire Chief Nickel reported the young lady involved in the accident was given the best chance of survival possible due to the efficiency of all agencies involved.

Police Chief Preston reported the Brookville Police Department Incident Log from January 1 through January 31, 2012 shows there were 45 new cases for investigation, with 43 closed and 2 pending further investigation. The Brookville Police Department closed 26 of these cases by arrest.

Law Director Stephan reported the city recently completed the purchase of the property at 7719 Arlington Road that Council previously approved.

Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton presented the January 31, 2012 Fund Balance for Council review and approval.

Motion Apgar, second by Howard to approve the January 31, 2012 Fund Balance as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

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 2011. Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton reported the Brookville Historical Society is requesting a Grant for operating expenses in 2012.

Motion by Garber, second by Letner to authorize a \$4,000 Grant to the Brookville Historical Society for operating expenses in 2012. All yeas, motion carried.

Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton reported the E-Waste Day has been scheduled for Saturday, April 21 from 9:00 a.m. to noon at Shelter #3 in Golden Gate Park. This date coincides with Earth Day the following day.

Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton advised the City of Vandalia Income Tax Department will once again have representatives at our City Building to assist residents with the preparation of their local income tax returns on Friday, March 23, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. and again on Saturday, March 24, from 8:00 a.m. until noon.

Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton reported Park Board has set Saturday, March 24 as our Annual Community Park Cleanup Day. Cleanup will be from 10:00 a.m. until noon. In case of inclement weather, the event will be held on the following Saturday, March 31 from 10:00 a.m. until noon.

Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton requested an Executive Session on a Personnel Matter to consider the appointment of a Board Member.

Member Garber inquired if Park Board should set a regular rate tier and reduced rate tier rather than approve them on a case by case basis.

Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton replied that is currently done for the longstanding organizations that use the park on a regular basis for activities involving youth.

Manager Wright stated he would not advise this as Park Board decides on a case by case basis and does turn some groups away.

Mayor Seagraves reminded everyone of the Mayor's Ball on March 3, 2012. Proceeds will be used to provide an Easter dinner for 77 families, with the remainder going to the Dan Linville fund.

Motion by Cantrell, second by Apgar to read Resolution No. 12-02. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Cantrell, second by Apgar to accept the second reading of Resolution No. 12-02. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Apgar, second by Cantrell to read Resolution No. 12-03. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Apgar, second by Garber to accept the second reading of Resolution No. 12-03. Garber nay, Letner yea, Howard yea, Apgar yea, Cantrell yea, Seagraves yea. Motion carried with 5 yeas and 1 nay.


There was no Old Business.

Motion by Cantrell, second by Apgar to go into Executive Session on a Contract Negotiation and Real Estate Matter as requested by Manager Wright and a Personnel Matter to consider an appointment of a Board Member as requested by Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Keaton. All yeas, motion carried.

Mayor Seagraves called Council back into Regular Session.

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

  
Sonja M. Keaton, Clerk

  
David E. Seagraves, Mayor