

BROOKVILLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
November 20, 2012

The Regular Meeting of the Brookville City Council was called to order by Mayor Seagraves at 7:30 p.m. on November 20, 2012 in the City Council Chambers. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Members Apgar, Cantrell, Duncan, Howard and Letner; Law Director Stephan, Assistant Manager/Finance Director/Clerk Keaton, and Manager Wright were present. Member Garber, Police Chief Jerome and Fire Chief Fletcher were absent.

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

Mayor Seagraves stated that Police Chief Jerome is on vacation and Fire Chief Fletcher is attending the Clay Township Meeting.

Manager Wright stated that Fire Chief Fletcher may arrive later after the Clay Township Meeting.

Motion by Cantrell, second by Apgar to accept the November 6, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

Jack Keegan, the Public Information Officer for the Western Region of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, distributed packets and stated they are doing an outreach program to local governments about electric & natural gas choice programs available, as well as aggregation efforts going on throughout the state. Mr. Keegan stated he just wanted to make himself available and inform Council. There is also information available on their website.

Member Cantrell asked if we as a group of citizens can select a common supplier of gas and/or electric.

Mr. Keegan stated yes, through government aggregation, a public vote of area population and certification through the Public Utilities Commission. Basically, communities are using bulk buying power to search for better prices.

Mayor Seagraves asked Manager Wright if our Miami Valley Cable Council offers anything like this. Manager Wright stated we are currently doing that through the Cable Council on the electric side.

Jack Keegan asked everyone to please call if there are any questions.

Member Letner asked how this effects co-ops or City owned utilities.

Mr. Keegan responded that they have no regulating authority over co-ops or municipal authorities. It will not affect them at all.

Roger Hoover, representing the Optimist Club, stated he wanted to thank Council for their support for all they do, last being the Pumpkin Walk. The City is tremendously supportive of them and on a really lousy night they had over 400 people. This is a combined effort of many clubs led by the Optimist Club and they really want to publicly thank Council, without Council support they cannot do what they do. This year the PTA did not have their Harvest Party, they were part of the combined effort. Next year the Pumpkin Walk will be celebrating its tenth year. Also, the Egg Scramble in the spring is supported by Council through Park Board and continues to be a sell-out and a great fund raiser for the Optimist Club.

Mr. Hoover stated the other thing is on behalf of his parking crew for high school football games; to their knowledge they are the only SWBL School that provides assistance with parking and again thanks to the City for help with the barricades and closing off the streets. The school relies on them to handle the parking, and did so again this year, with great cooperation from the City. Mr. Hoover stated he just wanted to come tonight to thank Council for all of their support and hope that this continues in the future. Mr. Hoover stated this is a great little town and we really want to thank the City for all the things they are able to do for the Optimist Club.

Mayor Seagraves thanked Mr. Hoover and said we cannot thank the Optimist Club for all they do and the tremendous amount they give back to the Community. Mayor Seagraves thanked Mr. Hoover personally for all he does to keep the Community as involved as possible. Mayor Seagraves stated he knows they really push hard for the youth and the Pumpkin Walk was really nice and of course the Easter Egg Hunt has always been tremendous.

Mr. Hoover stated one year they had approximately 250 volunteer hours for the 90 second Optimist Easter Egg Hunt.

Member Cantrell asked if we will see the Optimist waffles anytime soon.

Mr. Hoover stated they are having trouble making a profit. Mr. Hoover told Council to be sure and tell any Optimist members when they see them because he has been told at meetings they have not heard from the community that people want the waffles.

Former Council Member Ron Ullery wished everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

Mayor Seagraves thanked Jack Keegan for his presentation.

Manager Wright informed Council that leaf collection is still going strong. We are still running almost every day and will probably run through the first or second week in December. Manager Wright stated we are getting more aggressive on sign updates and replacements and our new sign shop is working out great. This is a good time of year for us to do this kind of work and he will have statistics at the next Council meeting.

Manager Wright reported the City submitted two projects to the Ohio Public Works Commission, one being the Terrace Park Boulevard Reconstruction and the other project involved improvements to our Waste Water Treatment Plant. Both projects did not score enough to be funded. At this time the Terrace Park Project will be put on hold and we will continue to seek funding. The Waste Water Treatment Plant is not an enlargement. The project involved upgrades and maintenance on existing equipment and to add one item for sludge treatment, which we will discuss at another meeting. Manager Wright stated we need to move forward with the Waste Water Treatment Plant upgrade and he is working with Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton and our operators to see how we can phase things in at the Waste Water Treatment Plant and hopefully start on a portion of this project next year. We still need to find funds, most likely through a very low interest loan and also look at other avenues for grants to subsidize the loan. Manager Wright will bring updates to Council in January or February.

Manager Wright commented that we are moving forward nicely with changing our dispatch center, and sees no problems at this point. Fire Chief Fletcher is working very closely with the City of Englewood to get the day to day items done that must be transferred from one center to other. Manager Wright stated he should have some sort of document or agreement at the next meeting.

Manager Wright reported the roof projects at the city buildings are 95% complete.

Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton stated the roofers did a good job and should complete the project in a couple weeks.

Manager Wright thanked Assistant Manager/Finance Director for sitting in for him at last meeting, as he was ill.

Manager Wright requested an Executive Session on a Personnel Matter before the end of meeting, as there may be some action taken.

Motion by Duncan, second by Howard to go into Executive Session on a Personnel Matter, as requested by Manager Wright. All yeas, motion carried.

Mayor Seagraves called Council back into Regular Session.

Manager Wright concluded his report.

Mayor Seagraves stated that Fire Chief Fletcher has not arrived and he has no report.

Mayor Seagraves and Council looked over Police Chief Jerome's report. Mayor Seagraves wanted to add a couple of positives and stated that he attended the Veterans Day lunch at Rob's Restaurant and thought they served over 900 veterans. Mayor Seagraves stated he can't say enough good about the Police Departments, this program, and Joe, the owner of Robs Restaurant. He stated it is a wonderful cause and people are so appreciative. He also enjoyed seeing all the Police Departments work together, Clay Township, Perry Township and Brookville.

Mayor Seagraves stated that the Feed Brookville Thanksgiving was this Saturday, and the Brookville Police co-sponsored that as well. They had well over 100 people. Police Chief Jerome had his entire family working there with him. Mayor Seagraves thanked Police Chief Jerome and his department.

Mayor Seagraves asked Manager Wright if he could share a little about the rifles received by the Police Department since Police Chief Jerome was not at the Meeting.

Manager Wright reported changes are being made nationwide for Police Departments to carry rifles instead of shot guns, and at this time we do not have the funds available to purchase new rifles. Police Chief Jerome was able to acquire six used rifles at no charge through the State of Ohio. Police Chief Jerome will be receiving six or seven additional rifles. The guns are not in service yet, and Police Chief Jerome will give more details at the next Council meeting.

Law Director Stephan reported there was discussion at the Planning Commission meeting about amending the Accessory Structure section of the Codified Ordinances. Law Director Stephan stated he will be present a draft Ordinance at the next meeting for Council and Planning Commission to review.

Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton reported Council should have a copy of an article she received through email that was recently published in the Columbus Dispatch that the Ohio Workers Compensation Board recently approved a proposal to reduce the average rates that public employers pay by 5% and this will go into effect January 1, 2013. Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton stated that should definitely help us.

Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton stated the Budget Work Session will be Tuesday, December 18 at 6:00 p.m. before the Regular Council Meeting.

Member Cantrell asked Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton if she had Planning Commission Meeting Minutes.

Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton stated they are not completed. They will be available by the next Council Meeting.

Mayor Seagraves thanked Manager Wright, Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton and Member Letner for attending the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast in Englewood, and stated Brookville was well represented.

Mayor Seagraves wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and thanked Council for all they continue to do; and also expressed thanks to the entire staff.

Mayor Seagraves wished a Happy Thanksgiving to all of our citizens.

There were no reports from Boards, Commissions or Committees.

Motion by Duncan, second by Howard to read proposed Ordinance No. 2012-11. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Duncan, second by Apgar to accept the second reading of proposed Ordinance No. 2012-11. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Duncan, second by Howard to approve the amendments to proposed Resolution Nos. 12-20 and 12-26.

Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton reported the Service Department Superintendent Step F was amended to reflect the same pay rate as the Police Major on proposed Resolution No. 12-20, and on Resolution No. 12-26 the Standby pay for the Fire Department increased by \$0.25 cents per hour from \$1.25 to \$1.50 for weekday hours and \$2.25 to \$2.50 for weekend hours.

Mayor Seagraves called for the vote to approve the amendments on proposed Resolution Nos. 12-20 and 12-26. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Duncan, second by Apgar to read proposed Resolution Nos. 12-20 through 12-26. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Apgar, second by Letner to accept the second reading of proposed Resolution Nos. 12-20 through 12-26. All yeas, motion carried.


There was no Old Business.

In New Business, Member Cantrell asked for an explanation about what was written in the Park Board Minutes about an email from the Chamber about the Golden Gate Park deed.

Assistant Manager/Finance Keaton explained that there is a deed for Golden Gate Park, and stated the Chamber requested why Council was not following the deed. Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton explained that there are four sections in the deed and the Chamber was referencing a certain section in the deed that explains that the park needs to be for nonprofit. Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton stated the Chamber was just bringing this to our attention and this was addressed at the Park Board Meeting and will be discussed at a future Park Board Meeting.

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


Sonja M. Keaton, Clerk


David E. Seagraves, Mayor