

BROOKVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
April 19, 2011

The Regular Meeting of the Brookville City Council was called to order by Mayor Seagraves at 7:30 p.m. on April 19, 2011 in the City Council Chambers. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Members Apgar, Cantrell, Duncan, Garber, Letner and Ullery; Police Chief Preston, Manager Wright, Law Director Stephan and Assistant Manager/Finance Director/Clerk Keaton were present. Fire Chief Nickel was absent.

Motion by Duncan, second by Apgar to accept the Agenda with an addition. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Cantrell, second by Garber to accept the April 5, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

State Representative Mike Henne introduced himself as the new State Representative and stated he is here tonight to address any questions or concerns anyone may have. Representative Henne stated he is easily accessible by contacting him at his home or his office and is eager for the opportunity to be of assistance to his constituents.

Police Chief Preston presented Officer Tom Simon and Officer John Hanson with the 2010 Officers of the Year Award for their performance and outstanding service to the community. Police Chief Preston stated both Officers were chosen not only for the dedication and professionalism they demonstrate on a daily basis, but for going above and beyond the call of duty. During the early hours of September 25, 2010 Officers Hanson and Simon responded to an arson fire and at great risk to their own safety, helped save the lives of ten citizens by waking them and evacuating them from the burning building. Police Chief Preston stated he is proud of both men and their actions.

Officer Hanson stated he appreciates the opportunity to work for the City of Brookville and enjoys every minute of it. Officer Simon agreed.

Mayor Seagraves congratulated both men and thanked them for their service to the City of Brookville.

Manager Wright reported the City of Brookville received a Clean & Green Community of the Year Award from Rumpke Recycling for generating the highest volume of recyclables per household among Montgomery County communities that they serviced in 2010. Manager Wright stated this is a significant award and is highly appreciated.

Manager Wright reported the City participated in an E-Waste electronics recycling program this past weekend and asked Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton to report on the event.

Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton stated the E-Waste event held at Shelter #3 in Golden Gate Park was very successful with 5,610 pounds of recyclable electronic material collected. Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton thanked Service Department Superintendent Ron Brandt and her husband, Ray Keaton, for their help during the event.

Manager Wright advised the revised towing agreements have been distributed and asked Police Chief Preston for any comments.

Police Chief Preston reported our current towing companies have all signed the agreement and only one expressed a concern, which was over the possibility of losing revenue if a fourth towing company comes in. Police Chief Preston advised inspections have been done at Englewood Towing and he anticipates them to sign an agreement as well. The revised agreements with all four companies will be go into effect on May 1, 2011.

Member Garber inquired whether there were any water problems at the sewer plant or lift stations with the torrential rain we received today.

Manager Wright stated we did have very high flows at those locations and some minor street problems, yard flooding and a few calls about water in basements but nothing out of the ordinary for the amount of rain that we had.

Mayor Seagraves stated Fire Chief Nickel is still on sick leave after his recent knee replacement and wished him a speedy recovery.

Police Chief Preston presented the Call Analysis Report for the months of January, February, and March, 2011. Police Chief Preston reported the Brookville Police Department responded to 532 calls for service in January, 531 calls in February and 600 calls for service in the month of March. The Brookville Police Department has handled a total of 1,663 calls through March, which is an increase of 60 calls or 3% over this same time last year. Total reportable incidents are down 37, or 25% less than this same time last year. Police Chief Preston reported the Brookville Police Department had 23 arrests from April 1 through April 18, 2011. The Brookville Police Department Incident Log from April 1 through April 18, 2011 shows there were 34 new cases for investigation and all 34 cases have been closed.

Police Chief Preston reported the Brookville Police Department has completed their annual training in Defensive Tactics and Use of Force. Police Chief Preston stated the Annual 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Seatbelt Program was presented on March 28, 2011 at Westbrook Elementary.

Police Chief Preston advised a drug drop off program for unwanted and/or unused prescriptions was held on April 7 in conjunction with the Life Line Screening Program at Golden Gate Park and approximately 10,000 to 12,000 pills were collected. The annual event was so successful that that the Police Department will begin allowing residents to bring their unwanted/unused prescriptions to the Brookville Police Department for disposal anytime during normal office hours.

Police Chief Preston reported with the upcoming prom season and graduation, the Brookville Police Department met with Rite Aid, McMakens, Speedway, Gas America, Brookville Party Supply, O'Rileys Drive Thru and Brookville Express to review with them the importance of checking ID's for alcohol sales. Police Chief Preston also reported the Brookville Community Preschool brought their students to the City building for their Annual Safety Bike-a-Thon on April 14 and 15, 2011.

Law Director Stephan had no report.

Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton reported the City's Note went to market and was priced on April 6, 2011. Fifth Third Securities purchased the \$600,000 Note. The interest rate on the 2011 Note is 1.625%, versus 2.75% in 2010 and 2.88% in 2009. Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton stated the Note was closed on today and tomorrow the 2010 Note will be paid off.

Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton advised the dedication of Golden Gate Park Shelter #3 in honor of Terry Fasnacht is scheduled for Thursday, April 28, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton presented the Ohio Department of Development 2010 Census Population for Montgomery County, which shows the City of Brookville had the largest combined population growth from 1990-2010 than any other entity in Montgomery County.

Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton reported to Council that we need to re-visit water and sewer rate increases as discussed during the November 16, 2010 Council Meeting and during the 2011 Budget Workshop that was held in December. The City of Dayton increased their water rates 1.6% that will go into effect with the June 2011 billing. Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton announced she found out today that the City of Dayton increased their well field charges from \$.50/1,000cf to \$.60/1,000cf in December of 2010. The City of Brookville continues to pay the well field charge that the City of Dayton charges on each account which in 2010 totaled \$9,549.

Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton proposed an approximate 1.7% increase on water rates and an approximate 9.1% increase on sewer rates. The net increase would be approximately a 4.4% combined water and sewer rate increase. This would increase the average homeowner's bill by \$7.95 per quarter, or \$2.65 per month based on an average usage of 3,000 cubic feet. Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton compared the proposed water and sewer rate increase against the 2011 Water & Sewer Rate Survey of nearby communities.

Manager Wright stated if more money is not generated for the Water and Sewer Funds, money will have to be transferred out of the General Fund to meet expenses. This in turn will create a need to raise taxes in order to generate money for the General Fund. Manager Wright also commented that tap-in fees generated a lot of income in the past, however, with the current economy there is no building going on, so there are no tap-in fees being generated. Discussion followed.

The consensus is to prepare an Ordinance to increase water rates and an Ordinance to increase sewer rates for the next Council Meeting.

Mayor Seagraves reported the Annual Mayor's Ball was very successful and generated enough proceeds to provide Easter dinners for 55 families, rather than the projected 50. The remainder of \$350 will be donated to the Juvenile Diabetes Fund.

There was no Old Business.

There was no New Business.

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

  
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Sonja M. Keaton, Clerk

  
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David E. Seagraves, Mayor