

BROOKVILLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
March 15, 2011

The Regular Meeting of the Brookville City Council was called to order by Mayor Seagraves at 7:30 p.m. on March 15, 2011 in the City Council Chambers. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Members Apgar, Garber, Letner and Ullery; Manager Wright, Fire Chief Nickel, Police Chief Preston, Law Director Stephan and Assistant Manager/Finance Director/Clerk Keaton were present. Members Cantrell and Duncan were absent.

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

Motion by Garber, second by Ullery to accept the March 1, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

Carla Beatty, President of the Brookville Chamber of Commerce, requested authorization for the Brookville Chamber of Commerce to hold their Annual Downtown Block Party on Saturday, June 11 from 6:00 to 11:00 p.m. The event will be held on Market Street between Walnut and Sycamore Streets. The band and four food vendors will be staged on Mulberry Street, which will be blocked from alley to alley. The Play Zone will be behind the stage area. Market Street will be blocked from Mulberry Street to just before the Clark Station. The beer and wine station will be in front of Candy Break close to the green space area. Alcohol will be served from 6:00 to 11:00 p.m. with a band playing from 7:00 to 10:30 p.m. Ms. Beatty stated the Chamber will hire the same number of security personnel as they did last year.

Motion by Apgar, second by Garber to allow the Brookville Chamber of Commerce to hold their Annual Downtown Block Party on Saturday, June 11, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. as presented, with Market Street being barricaded from Walnut Street to just before Sycamore Street, excluding the Clark Station and the bikeway; and with the proper permits being obtained from the Division of Liquor Control. All yeas, motion carried.

Police Chief Preston reported he was contacted by John Weaver, owner of Weaver's Towing, with a request for a rate increase for vehicles towed under the contract with the Brookville Police Department. Police Chief Preston advised Mr. Weaver stated a \$5 rate increase would not cover rising fuel costs. Police Chief Preston reported he also recently met with Bruce Terrell, of Englewood Towing, to discuss the details of our towing contract. Mr. Terrell has some questions about the towing rates too, and is present this evening to address Council.

Mr. Terrell stated he has been in the towing business for 41 years and tows for 28 police departments. Mr. Terrell stated he has reviewed our towing contract and it is his opinion that while the contract tow rate for Class A vehicles is well within the standards of the geographical region, the rising costs of fuel and operating expenses, along with changing insurance requirements for towing and vehicle storage warrants a slight increase.

Member Ullery commented the towing contract was reviewed by Council in 2008 and the tow rate was adjusted then due to rising fuel costs. Member Ullery advised that since that time, fuel prices went down significantly for a period, and although fuel prices are on the rise again, they are still not as high as they were in 2008 when the towing contract was adjusted.

Member Garber asked Mr. Terrell what he proposes the towing rates should be?

Mr. Terrell proposed a flat rate for a Class A vehicle (8,000 pounds or less) of \$95 and \$145 to transport a vehicle via flatbed or dolly. Mr. Terrell advised 66% or two thirds of the time, a vehicle will be transported using a flatbed or rollback car carrier. Mr. Terrell stated \$75 is a good rate for a recovery tow, and a fair rate for a service call or a dead run is \$55.

Manager Wright stated Mr. Terrell's comments and additional information presented will be taken under advisement by city staff. Manager Wright stated he will keep Council informed of any revisions.

Manager Wright stated Council should have received an Executive Summary, Community Health Assessment Report for 2010 from the Montgomery County Health Department and encouraged Council to review it.

Manager Wright presented a request from the Brookville Baseball Club to hold their annual Opening Day Parade on May 7, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. Lineup will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Carr Drive and the parade route will be the same as in previous years.

Motion by Garber, second by Letner to allow the Brookville Baseball Club to hold their Opening Day Parade on May 7, 2011 as requested. All yeas, motion carried.

Manager Wright advised a recent Dayton Daily News article reported the City of Brookville's population has grown by 11% since the 2000 census. The official report from the Census Bureau has not been received to date.

Manager Wright reported both pumps at the lift station on Mosier Drive went down over this past weekend. Manager Wright advised one of the pumps will need to be replaced at a cost of \$6,500 and the other will need to be replaced or rebuilt, making the total expense \$10,000 to \$12,000.

Manager Wright stated the 2010 Annual Report has been completed and Council should have a copy to review.

Manager Wright presented a plaque honoring William Terry Fasnacht for his dedication and involvement in the Brookville Community and the Brookville Community Theatre. Manager Wright stated a date will be set in April and Council is invited to attend the dedication ceremony where the plaque will be mounted on Shelter #3.

Fire Chief Nickel had no report.

Police Chief Preston reported Council will see in the Annual Report that there was an increase in volume of overall calls in 2010, however, both Part 1 and Part 2 crimes decreased. Police Chief Preston stated he is happy to report that in 2010, there were only 10 burglaries/breaking and enterings within the City of Brookville, while these crimes are rapidly increasing in neighboring jurisdictions. Police Chief Preston stated our officers have done an excellent job at keeping these crimes out of Brookville. Police Chief Preston also reported juvenile crime decreased by 55% in 2010 compared to 2009, which he attributes to the meetings and rapport built between the Brookville Police Officers and the youth within the community.

Law Director Stephan had no report.

Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton reported Council should have a copy of a letter from Doug LeConey, President of Flow Dry Technology thanking local business Thrush and Son for recently helping Flow Dry with a short term warehousing problem at their facility.

Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton presented a calendar published by the City of Vandalia that serves as their annual report to the community. Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton asked Council to consider moving in this direction with a similar publication, which would eliminate the lengthy annual report we currently prepare and still satisfy the requirements of our Charter.

Manager Wright stated the current annual report has increased in size as the community has grown, yet it does not get distributed to many people. Manager Wright stated going with a condensed calendar format would be more informative and useful to our citizens. Discussion followed.

Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton reported the Downtown Brookville Business Improvement Program, Phase 3 is underway and applications from businesses seeking financial assistance for exterior and/or interior improvements are due April 15, 2011. Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton advised the program will reimburse business owners up to 95% of the cost of building projects up to a maximum of \$15,000. Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton stated that 14 application packets have been picked up to date.

Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton reminded everyone of Community Park Clean-Up Day on Saturday, March 26, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. to noon at Golden Gate, Ward and Westbrook Parks. Hot dogs, chips and refreshments will be served in Shelter #3 at noon, for those participating in the cleanup. In the event of inclement weather, this event will be rescheduled for the following Saturday, April 2 at the same time.

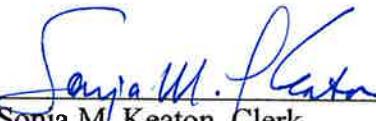
Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton announced the City of Vandalia will once again have representatives at our City Building on Friday, March 25 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and again Saturday, March 26 from 8:00 a.m. until noon to assist our residents with the preparation of their local income tax returns at no charge.

Mayor Seagraves had no report.

There was no Old Business.

There was no New Business.

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


Sonja M. Keaton, Clerk


David E. Seagraves, Mayor