

BROOKVILLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
May 3, 2011

The Regular Meeting of the Brookville City Council was called to order by Mayor Seagraves at 7:30 p.m. on May 3, 2011 in the City Council Chambers. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Members Apgar, Cantrell, Garber, Letner and Ullery; Police Chief Preston, Manager Wright, Law Director Stephan and Assistant Manager/Finance Director/Clerk Keaton were present. Member Duncan was absent. Fire Chief Nickel arrived later.

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

Motion by Letner, second by Ullery to accept the April 19, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

Joy DesLauriers-Davis, of the Greater Dayton Regional Transit Authority (RTA), gave a presentation on Dayton RTA's strategic planning for the future. Dayton RTA's vision is to be the premier transit driver in the area and its mission is to provide quality public transportation that meets community needs. Ms. DesLauriers-Davis stated Dayton RTA is one of only five cities in the United States that has electric trolley buses. Dayton RTA buses are 100% ADA accessible and all of the fixed route buses are equipped with bike racks. Ms. DesLauriers-Davis reported Dayton RTA has over 3,300 bus stops in Montgomery County with 23 stops in Brookville. In 2010, Dayton RTA transported 2,800 passengers to and from the City of Brookville. Dayton RTA has made \$45,000 in transit investments within Brookville since 1996 and encouraged Brookville city staff to apply for grant funds available in October. Ms. DesLauriers-Davis reported the majority of public agencies get their revenue from local tax revenues. With state and other funding dramatically decreasing and expenses continuing to increase, RTA has already taken steps to help balance the budget. Ms. DesLauriers-Davis encouraged Council and the public to take the "Strategic Planning Questionnaire" online at i-riderta.org to help them plan for the future and continue to meet the needs of Montgomery County citizens.

Fire Chief Nickel arrived at 7:41 p.m.

Gregory Brush, Montgomery County Clerk of Courts, gave a video presentation on mandatory electronic filing of court documents, which makes documents readily available and reduces the amount of hard copy files that must be stored and copied. Electronic filing of court documents has allowed Montgomery County to increase efficiency with 25% less manpower. Mr. Brush stated the software program, which is up for several nationwide awards this year, was developed in house and is the only program like it in the nation.

Anthony Jordan, of Boy Scout Troop 48, introduced himself and stated he is present this evening to help fulfill requirements towards his Eagle Scout Communications Badge.

Manager Wright reported the City was awarded a Montgomery County Solid Waste Grant in the amount of \$10,466.50 to purchase recycled rubber mulch and borders for the playground areas at Ward Park and Westbrook Park playgrounds. The City will contribute \$8,563.50 to the project.

Manager Wright requested Council authorization to advertise for bids for the Wolf Creek Sanitary Relief Project that will be constructed from Karrland Drive at Wolf Creek Street to the interceptor sewer next to the creek. The project was budgeted for this year and is estimated at \$84,000.

Motion by Cantrell, second by Ullery to authorize Manager Wright to advertise for bids for the Wolf Creek Sanitary Relief Project. All yeas, motion carried.

Manager Wright stated Council should have received a packet of information prepared by Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Keaton on proposed Ordinance No. 2011-03 and proposed Ordinance No. 2011-04 to amend the water and sewer rates within the City of Brookville.

Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Keaton advised proposed Ordinance No. 2011-03 increases the water rate 1.7%. Water rates have two components, the basic service charge, otherwise known as the water meter charge, which increases 2.1%; and the volume charge, otherwise known as the consumption charge, which increases 1.5%; for a net increase of 1.7%.

Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Keaton advised proposed Ordinance No. 2011-04 increases the sewer rate 9.1%.

Motion by Apgar, second by Letner to read proposed Ordinance No. 2011-03. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Letner, second by Cantrell to accept the first reading of proposed Ordinance No. 2011-03. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Ullery, second by Apgar to read proposed Ordinance No. 2011-04. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Apgar, second by Garber to accept the first reading of proposed Ordinance No. 2011-04. All yeas, motion carried.

Member Garber commented that the Water and Sewer Funds should be independent enterprises and Council postponed increasing the water and sewer rates for as long as possible.

Manager Wright stated with the recent problems with our lift stations, the City will have to invest some money in upgrading them in the next few years.

Mayor Seagraves reported several citizens have expressed relief that the water and sewer rates are increasing gradually rather than a large percentage at one time. Mayor Seagraves stated the rate increases are warranted to keep up with much needed maintenance.

Fire Chief Nickel commented he uses the Montgomery County electronic filing program frequently and finds it to be quite helpful. Fire Chief Nickel indicated he was glad to be back after his recent surgery and thanked everyone for their support while he was recovering.

Fire Chief Nickel presented the Brookville Fire Department Incident Type Summary by District Report for March and April that showed there were a total of 284 calls for service. Of those 284 calls for service, 244 were attributed to rescue calls.

Police Chief Preston reported the Brookville Police Department Incident Log from April 19 through May 1, 2011 shows there were 35 new cases for investigation with 31 closed and 4 pending further investigation. The Brookville Police Department closed 19 of these cases by arrest.

Police Chief Preston advised the Opening Day Parade for Brookville Baseball Club will be held on May 7 and Brookville Roadster is holding their 2nd Annual Car Show on May 14, 2011. Brookville Roadster expects about 350 cars to participate.

Law Director Stephan had no report.

Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton presented the April 30, 2011 Fund Balance for Council review and approval.

Motion by Cantrell, second by Apgar to approve the April 30, 2011 Fund Balance as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton requested Council approval to transfer \$100,000 to the Capital Improvement Fund from the General Fund as appropriated.

Motion by Garber, second by Ullery to approve the transfer of \$100,000 from the General Fund into the Capital Improvement Fund as appropriated and requested. All yeas, motion carried.

Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton presented a request from Doug Newsock, of 611 Golden Maple Avenue, to block off Golden Maple Avenue from Golden Beech Drive east to the dead end of Golden Maple Avenue for a graduation party for three Brookville High School graduates on Sunday, May 29, 2011 from 1:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Motion by Ullery, second by Garber to approve blocking off Golden Maple Avenue from Golden Beech Drive east to the dead end of Golden Maple Avenue for a graduation party for three Brookville graduates on Sunday, May 29, 2011 from 1:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. All yeas, motion carried.

Mayor Seagraves reminded everyone that May 5, 2011 is the National Day of Prayer.

Mayor Seagraves commented he is impressed with the court document electronic filing system and thanked Montgomery County Clerk of Courts Gregory Brush for his presentation.

In Old Business, Fire Chief Nickel reported most of the major remodeling at the firehouse is completed. Fire Chief Nickel commented the remodeling has boosted moral within the Fire Department after the recent defeat of the income tax levy to fund a new fire station.

There was no New Business.

Motion by Cantrell, second by Ullery to adjourn. All yeas, motion carried.


Sonja M. Keaton


David E. Seagraves, Mayor