

BROOKVILLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
November 15, 2011

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

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

Motion by Apgar, second by Cantrell to accept the November 1, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

State Representative Mike Henne reported he wanted to address Council this evening on the news circulating around the state on the state wanting to collect local income tax. Representative Henne stated he has heard, loud and clear, that cities are not interested in the state collecting local income tax. Representative Henne stated when he campaigned for office, the number two concern expressed to him were the municipal tax codes. The tax returns are too burdensome. He is working on preparing a bill that would "simplify" the municipal tax codes, and that his bill will not allow for the taxes to be collected by the state of Ohio. Representative Henne commented solving issues that burden employers and employees alike is a challenge.

Mayor Seagraves stated he appreciates Representative Henne's comments, but taking control away from the City collecting its own local income tax is a big mistake. The City will continue to monitor any future bills involving local income tax.

Manager Wright reported the Nutrition Way Project is complete and open for traffic.

Manager Wright reported the hydrant flushing program was finished in three days with no problems.

Member Garber asked how the recent hydrant and water main valve repairs went on Westbrook Road?

Manager Wright said everything went well.

Manager Wright reported the leaf collection program is going well and the new leaf vacuum was delivered today and should be put in service soon.

Manager Wright reported Chief Preston is absent tonight as he is attending a range training session.

Manager Wright reported for Chief Preston that five police agencies participated in the Veterans' Day luncheon at Rob's Restaurant. The event was well attended and is a good example of how various agencies can work together.

Member Cantrell stated she saw the contractor working on the new sidewalk along East Upper Lewisburg Road near Golden Gate Estates.

Manager Wright replied construction of the sidewalk began this week and should be completed this week, weather permitting.

Fire Chief Nickel presented the Brookville Fire Department Incident by District Report from November 2 through November 15, 2011 that shows there were a total of 46 calls for service. Of those 46 calls for service, 39 were attributed to rescue calls. Fire Chief Nickel reported this total includes a fatal accident on I-70 at the State Route 49 southbound ramp and several serious EMS calls.

Fire Chief Nickel reported the Lieutenant promotion process is complete and he would like to swear in those selected to be promoted at the next Council meeting.

Fire Chief Nickel stated the Brookville Fire Department is losing an employee to the Dayton Fire Department.

Fire Chief Nickel commented the Veterans Day program at Rob's Restaurant and at Brookville High School were both very moving.

Manager Wright complimented Chief Nickel and Assistant Fire Chief Fletcher on their Lieutenant Promotion process.

Law Director Stephan reported the sale of 5.7 acres in the NorthBrook Industrial Park to Matt Balsbaugh of B. Concrete was completed last week.

Law Director Stephan reported Council should have a Memo from him outlining the changes to the proposed Ordinance on retention/detention ponds. These changes will be discussed at the Planning Commission meeting this week.

Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton had no report. Discussion was held on when to hold the Budget Work Session. The consensus of Council is to hold the Budget Work Session on December 20, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. prior to the Regular Council Meeting, unless the budget is completed sooner.

Mayor Seagraves commented the Veterans Day assembly at Brookville High School was well attended and the school did a good job recognizing all Veterans in attendance.

Mayor Seagraves thanked the Brookville Chamber of Commerce for their Annual Chamber Dinner that was held last weekend and reported the Chamber recognized BrookHaven as the Business of the Year; Ron Brandt as the Businessperson of the Year; and Mick Waltz as Citizen of the Year.

Motion by Duncan, second by Apgar to read proposed Resolution No. 11-12. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Duncan, second by Apgar to accept the third reading and adopt Resolution No. 11-12 entitled "A RESOLUTION OPPOSING CENTRALIZED MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX COLLECTION IN THE STATE OF OHIO." All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Apgar, second by Cantrell to read proposed Resolution No. 11-16 through Resolution 11-22. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Duncan, second by Apgar to accept the first reading of proposed Resolution No. 11-16 through Resolution 11-22. All yeas, motion carried.

Manager Wright commented these proposed Resolutions for full-time hourly and Department Heads reflects a 1½% wage increase in 2012. The City had a wage freeze in 2011. The part-time wage Resolution has not been amended since 2008.

Motion by Duncan, second by Garber to read proposed Resolution No. 11-23. All yeas, motion carried.


Motion by Duncan, second by Cantrell to accept the first reading of proposed Resolution No. 11-23. All yeas, motion carried.

There was no Old Business.

Under New Business, Member Letner advised on November 26, 2011 the Dayton Gems will be recognizing the City of Brookville and discount tickets can be purchased through the Dayton Gems.

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


Sonja M. Keaton, Clerk


David E. Seagraves, Mayor