

BROOKVILLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
October 18, 2011

The Regular Meeting of the Brookville City Council was called to order by Mayor Seagraves at 7:30 p.m. on October 18, 2011 in the City Council Chambers. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Members Apgar, Cantrell, Duncan, Letner and Ullery; Fire Chief Nickel, Police Chief Preston, Manager Wright, Law Director Stephan and Assistant Manager/Finance Director/Clerk Keaton were present. Member Garber was absent.

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

Motion by Duncan, second by Apgar to accept the October 4, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

Mayor Seagraves presented a clock/desk set to Jim Hoffman in recognition of his dedicated service to the City of Brookville as Editor of the Brookville Star from 1983-2011 and wished him only the very best in his future endeavors. Mayor Seagraves stated that Mr. Hoffman was truly a dedicated writer and a very important messenger for the City.

Member Garber arrived.

Member Duncan thanked Mr. Hoffman's wife Kim for allowing him to be away from home so much. Member Duncan also commented that Mr. Hoffman could always be trusted and he proved that when President George Bush came to Brookville.

Manager Wright stated he appreciated that he could share information with Mr. Hoffman and always be confident that it would be handled appropriately.

Member Apgar stated he appreciated the fact that Mr. Hoffman was always in attendance at every community event.

Member Letner agreed and thanked Mr. Hoffman for giving up so much of his personal time to be at every community event.

Sharon Griffiths, of 521 Salem Street, stated she was here this evening in reference to her vehicle that was towed recently by the Brookville Police Department. Ms. Griffiths said she is handicapped and disabled and not having a vehicle has put a stop to all of the things she needs to do, such as go to Columbus once a month. This jeopardizes her Social Security/disability check. Ms. Griffiths stated she has done some research and found from January through October of this year; only four vehicles have been towed for being abandoned vehicles. She does not know if these vehicles were legally licensed. Ms. Griffiths stated the towing of her vehicle has devastated her life because it is the only vehicle that she has and she lives on one income. Ms. Griffiths said the Police Department randomly enforces this rule. Ms. Griffiths stated she can look around her block and see vehicles with handicap stickers that have not moved for two weeks. Her niece's vehicle is currently broke down and it has been parked in front of her residence for more than two weeks and it has not been towed. Ms. Griffiths repeated that this rule is seldom and selectively enforced. Ms. Griffiths said that residents using the ride share program may have vehicles that are parked in front of their residences for four days or more. Ms. Griffiths stated she is not going to let this go until her vehicle is returned to her. It is her only means of transportation and she will return to Council time and time again until she gets her vehicle back.

Mayor Seagraves asked Police Chief Preston when he anticipates having the investigation done regarding the incident with Ms. Griffiths vehicle.

Police Chief Preston stated the investigation should be wrapped up this week.

Manager Wright reported the Service Department will be flushing hydrants beginning November 1 and running through November 4. This will be done nightly from 11:00 p.m. until 4:00 a.m. Manager Wright advised residents are to call the City office if there are any water concerns or problems.

Manager Wright advised the Nutrition Way Project is on schedule and the roadway is ready to be paved when the weather permits.

Manager Wright reported leaves are being collected daily, also weather permitting.

Manager Wright reported he will be attending a meeting tomorrow with the Montgomery County Solid Waste District. The Solid Waste Board is scheduled to take action on closing the North facility at tomorrow's meeting, and send their recommendation to the County Commissioners, who will make the final decision. Manager Wright commented that he is not very optimistic about keeping the North facility open, which will put northern communities in a bind.

Fire Chief Nickel presented the Brookville Fire Department Incident by District Report for October 5 through October 18, 2011 that shows there were a total of 47 calls for service. Of those 47 calls for service, 38 of those were rescue calls.

Fire Chief Nickel reported the new medic has been ordered and will be ready in approximately six months.

Fire Chief Nickel reported the Fire Prevention Activities and Parade were well attended and went smoothly. Fire Chief Nickel thanked Service Department Superintendent Ron Brandt and his crew for their assistance and commented that the Downtown area looked good.

Fire Chief Nickel reported the Fire Prevention Program in the elementary and intermediate schools has been completed and the Fire Department will be holding a fire safety and basic first aid course at the high school on November 10, 2011.

Fire Chief Nickel stated the Brookville Community Preschool will be at the Fire Station 1 tomorrow for Fire Prevention activities.

Fire Chief Nickel reported the Fire Department cooked 200 chickens last Saturday for the VFW's fall picnic.

Member Garber commented that he would like to tour Fire Station 1 to view the recent renovations.

Fire Chief Nickel responded that Member Garber and other members of Council are welcome for a tour anytime.

Police Chief Preston presented the Brookville Police Department Incident Log and Arrest Log for October 4 through October 17, 2011 which shows there were 31 new cases for investigation with 22 closed and 10 pending further investigation. The Brookville Police Department closed 15 of these cases by arrest.

Police Chief Preston reported the second Neighborhood Watch Meeting was held last night with the residents of the Terrace Park Plat, with 20 people in attendance. The feedback from those who participated was positive. The next Neighborhood Watch meeting will be held with the downtown merchants in the first two weeks of November.

Police Chief Preston reported there were five unlocked cars that were gone through in the Sterling Meadows plat on October 15. Police Chief Preston stated this obviously was done by different people as the two that were arrested for this before, are still in jail.

Police Chief Preston advised the annual Shoot House Training Program was held this weekend as part of the Officers' Range Training Program. The Shoot House went well and was excellent training.

Police Chief Preston reported one Officer will be out for the next two weeks to attend Evidence Technician Training; and the Detective is still on sick leave which leaves the Department running a little short. Police Chief Preston stated he has been on a two year wait to get an Officer into this training, which is why he went ahead and sent an Officer even though they are already short-handed.

Police Chief Preston reported the Annual Ident-a-Kid Program and Eddie Eagle Gun Safety Program were held at the elementary school on October 13 and went well.

Law Director Stephan had no report.

Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton advised six Board and Commission seats are set to expire on December 31, 2011. All individuals whose terms expire have been contacted and all six are interested in serving additional terms. Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton recommended Council reappoint Leon Williamson and Brent Boose for 3-year terms on Planning Commission, Kelly Kopf for a 5-year term on Zoning Board of Appeals, David Monnin for a 4-year term on Park Board, Treva Price for a 3-year term on Board of Tax Appeals and Amanda Zimmerlin for a 5-year term on the Civil Service Commission.

Motion by Duncan, second by Ullery to reappoint Leon Williamson and Brent Boose for 3-year terms on Planning Commission, Kelly Kopf for a 5-year term on Zoning Board of Appeals, Dave Monnin for a 4-year term on Park Board, Treva Price for a 3-year term on Board of Tax Appeals and Amanda Zimmerlin for a 5-year term on the Civil Service Commission. All yeas, motion carried.

Mayor Seagraves thanked Service Department Superintendent Ron Brandt, Manager Wright and staff for their help and clean-up before and after the Fire Prevention Festival and Parade.

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 first reading of proposed Resolution No. 11-12. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Cantrell, second by Garber to read proposed Resolution No. 11-13. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Duncan, second by Apgar to accept the first reading, dispense with the second and third reading and adopt Resolution No. 11-13 entitled "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A MASTER TAX-EXEMPT LEASE/PURCHASE AGREEMENT, EQUIPMENT SCHEDULE, AN ESCROW AGREEMENT, AND RELATED INSTRUMENTS AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY." All yeas, motion carried.


There was no Old Business.

In New Business, Member Letner commented on a recent letter from Julie Champaign, advising she received help from several Brookville citizens as she was traveling east on I-70 to Columbus, Ohio. Ms. Champaign stated she was having trouble with her vehicle and stopped in the Brookville area where several workers at R & B Contracting repaired her vehicle for her at no charge.

Member Letner advised the Annual Breast Cancer Walk was held in Dayton on October 15, and he was impressed and amazed at the generosity of Brookville residents who donated to the cause, especially in these economic times. Member Letner thanked everyone who participated in the walk.

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


Sonja M. Keaton, Clerk


David E. Seagraves, Mayor