

BROOKVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
January 15, 2008

The Regular Meeting of the Brookville City Council was called to order by Mayor Seagraves at 7:30 p.m. on January 15, 2008 in the City Council Chambers. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Members Cantrell, Duncan, Garber, Letner, Reel and Ullery; Manager Wright, Assistant Manager Sewert, Fire Chief Nickel, Police Chief Preston, Law Director Stephan and Director of Finance/Clerk Keaton were present.

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

Motion by Reel, second by Duncan to accept the January 2, 2008 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

Carl Snedeker, of 827 Shaney Lane, stated he was present tonight to present facts that he collected on refuse pickup. Mr. Snedeker stated he spoke with an employee of Rumpke, who has 630 stops and he works 12-hour days to get that done. Mr. Snedeker indicated the individual works by himself on the refuse truck. Mr. Snedeker commented this equates to approximately 52 customers an hour that are picked up. This is a very efficient operation for one person.

Member Garber stated Dayton Power & Light has wrestled with crew size over the years, and there are many aspects that you need to look at in determining what is efficient.

Member Letner stated with our refuse employees, this is not their only job. When they are done with refuse pickup, they have other jobs to do, such as mowing, snow removal, limb pickup, large item trash pickup, etc.

Member Garber stated having additional employees on the trash truck provides a second set of eyes, which offers additional safety precautions with the size trucks that are used for refuse pickup, especially in the tight alleys that we have.

Manager Wright requested approval for three Change Orders on the Fire Department tanker. The Change Orders resulted in a net deduction of \$627.27. Manager Wright stated as the fire tanker was being constructed, minor changes were made.

Motion by Ullery, second by Cantrell to authorize and approve Change Order #1 that decreased the amount by \$680.27, Change Order #2 that increased the amount by \$220 and Change Order #3 that decreased the amount by \$167, which resulted in a net deduction of \$627.27 on the fire tanker, as recommended by Manager Wright. All yeas, motion carried.

Manager Wright reported Council should have a Memorandum from him on 2008 Capital Improvement Projects. Manager Wright requested direction and Council action on one of the two projects that were presented to Council during budget discussions. Manager Wright indicated that interest has been shown on both projects, however, we cannot do both projects in 2008. Manager Wright stated it would be his recommendation that we proceed with the Hill/Harshman Street Project this year and move forward with planning and acquiring financing for the Westbrook Road Project. Manager Wright remarked the Hill/Harshman Street pavement is in poor condition, the water main needs replaced and currently there are no sidewalks or curbs in this area. Manager Wright stated Westbrook Road is a prime candidate for multiple outside funding sources, such as Issue One, Safeways to School and Permissive Tax, which we can apply for during 2008. Discussion followed.

Motion by Duncan, second by Garber to authorize Manager Wright to proceed with the Hill/Harshman Street Project in 2008. All yeas, motion carried.

Fire Chief Nickel reported the fire tanker is in and it is a very nice piece of equipment. The tanker is at the radio shop having the radio equipment installed, and next week striping and lettering will be added. This new tanker will replace the old tanker. Training on the new tanker will take place later this month. Fire Chief Nickel stated an interactive DVD was delivered with the tanker, and employees are watching the DVD now.

Fire Chief Nickel reported the State of Ohio has mandated additional hours of recertification for Firefighters, Instructors and Inspectors, which will require additional training hours. Fire Chief Nickel indicated the Brookville Fire Department is ahead of the game. The Fire Department conducts in-house training several times each month, and has for a number of years. With this new procedure the Bureau of Motor Vehicles will know, at the time of your drivers license renewal, the certifications received so they can be placed on that individuals driving record for homeland security purposes.

Police Chief Preston presented the Brookville Police Department Call Analysis for December 2007 and the Incident Log from January 1 to January 14. Police Chief Preston reported the Brookville Police Department responded to 187 Priority 1 calls, 308 Priority 2 calls and 120 Priority 3 calls during December. The Brookville Police Department handled a total of 7,378 calls during 2007, which was a decrease of 541 calls during 2006. Total reportable incidents were 589 for 2007 compared to 678 in 2006.

Law Director Stephan had no report.

Finance Director/Clerk Keaton reported our website, [www.brookvilleohio.com](http://www.brookvilleohio.com), is up and running with a new design. Finance Director/Clerk Keaton stated the City is now able to go in and make changes and additions within the website.

Finance Director/Clerk Keaton requested authorization to transfer \$50,000 to the Street M&R Fund, \$25,000 to the Park & Rec. Fund, \$250,000 into the Capital Improvement Fund and \$50,000 to the Note Retirement-NorthBrook Fund as appropriated for in 2008.

Motion by Garber, second by Cantrell to authorize the transfer of \$50,000 to the Street M&R Fund, \$25,000 to the Park & Rec. Fund, \$250,000 into the Capital Improvement Fund and \$50,000 to the Note Retirement-NorthBrook Fund as appropriated for in 2008. All yeas, motion carried.

Finance Director/Clerk Keaton requested authorization to set the labor rate of \$40 per hour for the Service Department Mechanic to charge for work performed on the City fleet.

Motion by Duncan, second by Garber to set the labor rate of \$40 per hour for the Service Department Mechanic to charge for work performed on the City fleet in 2008. All yeas, motion carried.

Finance Director/Clerk Keaton stated at the December 2007 Council Meeting, it was stated that amendments need to be made to the Senior Citizen/Permanently and Totally Disabled Utility Discount Ordinance to remove language that references the homestead exemption, since the dollar threshold was removed by the Ohio General Assembly in 2007. Finance Director/Clerk Keaton reported she received information from the Montgomery County Auditor's office, which Council requested, that indicates 493 residents of Brookville will now receive the homestead credit. In 2006, only 124 residents received that credit. Finance Director/Clerk Keaton commented that the utility discount was initially introduced to assist our homeowners who are on a limited income. Finance Director/Clerk Keaton recommended Council authorization to amend the ordinance to read that the total household income does not exceed \$28,000 and to remove all reference to the homestead exemption credit.

Motion by Reel, second by Duncan to authorize Finance Director/Clerk Keaton to prepare an ordinance that amends the Senior Citizen/Permanently and Totally Disabled Utility Discount as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Duncan, second by Garber to read proposed Ordinance No. 2007-25. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Duncan, second by Cantrell to accept the third reading and adopt Ordinance No. 2007-25 entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES PART 9, TITLE 5, SECTION 957.06 (a) FIXING THE RATES AND CHARGES TO ALL REFUSE CUSTOMERS SERVICED BY THE CITY OF BROOKVILLE, OHIO." Duncan yea, Cantrell yea, Garber yea, Letner yea, Ullery yea, Reel nay and Seagraves yea. Motion carried with six yeas and one nay.

Motion by Duncan, second by Reel to read proposed Ordinance No. 2007-24. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Duncan, second by Reel to accept the second reading of proposed Ordinance No. 2007-24. All yeas, motion carried.

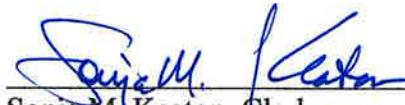
In New Business, Member Garber requested an Executive Session on a Personnel Matter.

Member Letner inquired if the City could place "4-WAY" signs below the stop signs at the intersection of Western, Market and Wolf Creek. This would assist in making everyone aware that this is a four-way intersection.

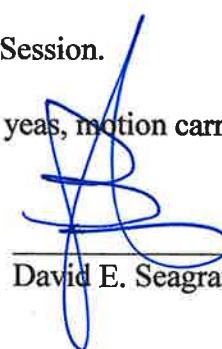
Motion by Garber, second by Duncan to go into Executive Session on a Personnel Matter as requested by Member Garber. All yeas, motion carried.

Mayor Seagraves called Council back into Regular Session.

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



Sonja M. Keaton, Clerk



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David E. Seagraves, Mayor