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BROOKVILLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
May 6, 2008

The Regular Meeting of the Brookville City Council was called to order by Mayor Seagraves at 7:30 p.m. on May 6, 2008 in the City Council Chambers. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Members Cantrell, Duncan, Garber, Letner, Reel and Ullery; Assistant Manager Sewert, Law Director Stephan and Director of Finance/Clerk Keaton were present. Fire Chief Nickel arrived later. Manager Wright and Police Chief Preston were absent.

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 April 15, 2008 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

Gregory Brush, Montgomery County Clerk of Courts, gave a brief presentation on the Montgomery County Clerk of Courts and the various services they provide. Mr. Brush reported the Montgomery County Auto Title is an authorized Passport Acceptance Agency and they are ready to serve the citizens with five convenient locations throughout Montgomery County. Mr. Brush stated the Auto Title Division is the only authorized Passport Acceptance Agency that takes required photos for passports. In 2007, the number of passport applications processed increased 72% from 2006. Mr. Brush stated the federal government requires passports for travel outside the United States. In 2007, the Montgomery County Clerk of Courts Auto Title Division initiated on-site passport services for groups of fifteen or more. Staff went to schools, churches and civic groups to assist in the completion of passport applications, take required photos, and answer any questions regarding passport processing procedures.

Assistant Manager Sewert requested authorization to advertise for bids for the Hill/Harshman Street Reconstruction Project along with authorization to enter into Agreements for the purchase of right-of-way on the Hill/Harshman Street Project.

Motion by Garber, second by Ullery to allow Manager Wright to advertise for bids for the Hill/Harshman Street Reconstruction Project as requested. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Duncan, second by Cantrell to accept the revised design that straightens out Harshman Street with the sidewalks up against the curbs and to move forward with the execution of Agreements for the purchase of right-of-way on the Hill/Harshman Street Reconstruction Project. All yeas, motion carried.

Assistant Manager Sewert requested authorization to advertise for bids for the NatureWorks Project, which is administered by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

Motion by Ullery, second by Reel to allow Manager Wright to advertise for bids for the NatureWorks Project as requested. All yeas, motion carried.

Chief Nickel arrived.

Assistant Manager Sewert requested Council input on including the replacement of curb and gutter to the existing Sidewalk Program. Assistant Manager Sewert stated a particular area that needs curb and gutter replacement is Terrace Park Boulevard. Assistant Manager Sewert asked Council to drive through this particular area and consider this idea, so we can have further discussion at the next Council Meeting.

Member Garber asked approximately how much cost would this add to the Sidewalk Program?

Assistant Manager Sewert stated the curb and gutter replacement would be close to the same cost as the sidewalk replacement itself.

Assistant Manager Sewert reported a Community Development Block Grant was recently submitted for the Brookville Downtown Building Reinvestment Project. Phase One would include facade improvements and reinvestment in downtown existing buildings from the Bikeway to Mulberry Street.

The consensus of Council is that they are in favor of this Grant.

Assistant Manager Sewert reported Council should have a copy of a letter sent to Bindy Herkins from Manager Wright in response to her concerns expressed at the last Council Meeting.

Fire Chief Nickel thanked the City and Staff for their support and assistance on the passing of EMT Tasha Longyear.

Fire Chief Nickel reported the Brookville Fire Department responded to a two-story farmhouse fire on Sunday. Fire Chief Nickel stated this was a significant fire and the losses are still being totaled.

Member Garber inquired on how the new tanker performed during this fire.

Fire Chief Nickel stated the tanker has met all of their expectations and they are very pleased with the vehicle.

Fire Chief Nickel reported Payless was issued a temporary occupancy permit on Monday.

Law Director Stephan reported the Montgomery County Commissioners accepted and approved the proposed annexation of 1.142 acres along E. Upper Lewisburg-Salem Road to the City of Brookville at their April 22, 2008 meeting. Law Director Stephan stated there is a 60-day waiting period before we can accept the annexation into Brookville.

Finance Director/Clerk Keaton presented the April 30, 2008 Fund Balance for Council review and approval.

Motion by Duncan, second by Reel to approve the April 30, 2008 Fund Balance as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

Finance Director/Clerk Keaton requested Council approval to adopt proposed Resolution No. 08-21, which amends the 2008 Appropriations.

Motion by Reel, second by Garber to read proposed Resolution No. 08-21. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Reel, second by Duncan to accept the first reading, dispense with the second and third reading and adopt Resolution No. 08-21 entitled "A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2008 APPROPRIATIONS, AS SET FORTH BELOW, PURSUANT TO SECTION 5705.40 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE AND SECTION 12.35 OF THE OHIO ADMINISTRATIVE CODE AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY." All yeas, motion carried.

Finance Director/Clerk Keaton requested Council authorization to set up a new investment account with Star Ohio to invest Bond Proceeds and funds received from the Ohio 629 Grant that will be used toward the payment of the 2008 Note in 2009.

Motion by Duncan, second by Garber to allow Finance Director/Clerk Keaton to setup a new investment account with Star Ohio as requested. All yeas, motion carried.

Finance Director/Clerk Keaton announced the Youth-In-Government Council Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 29 at 7:00 p.m. in the Brookville High School Auditorium. Finance Director/Clerk Keaton requested Council authorization to set a Special Council Meeting for that date and time.

Motion by Garber, second by Duncan to hold a Special Council Meeting for Youth-In-Government on Thursday, May 29, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Brookville High School Auditorium. All yeas, motion carried.

Finance Director/Clerk Keaton announced that she and Manager Wright reviewed the three Brookville Historical Society utility accounts, and a small refuse adjustment was made on two of the accounts at no cost to the City.

Finance Director/Clerk Keaton announced the City's Basic Financial Statements have been submitted to the State Auditor and a copy is available for review in the front office.

Mayor Seagraves had no report.

Chairperson Watkins, of the Brookville Planning Commission, read Planning Commission's recommendation that Council accept and adopt Ordinance No. 2008-03, which rezones Lots 2267-2272 from its present zoning classification of "R-2(PD)" Urban Residential Planned Development Overlay District, to the new zoning classification of "R-1B" Urban Residential District. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Garber, second by Ullery to read proposed Ordinance No. 2008-03. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Duncan, second by Garber to accept the second reading of proposed Ordinance No. 2008-03. All yeas, motion carried.

In Old Business, Member Duncan commented that there seems to be a lot of cats around Brookville again and asked Jim Hoffman, of the Brookville Star, if he could place an article in the Star reminding people that the Brookville Police Department has animal traps available. If a cat is trapped, it is the property owner's responsibility to take any trapped cat to the Montgomery County Animal Resource Center, or the Humane Society. The City is the responsible party for paying the associated costs of boarding the cats and/or euthanasia, if necessary.

In New Business, Member Ullery inquired if the City could contact Clay Township to see if there is anything that can be done with a house on E. Westbrook Road, just outside the city limits. The house is in deplorable condition.


Assistant Manager Sewert stated he will speak to Zoning Officer Snedeker on this particular situation.

Member Duncan inquired if "Stop Ahead" signs could be placed on Arlington Road at Wolf Creek Street, both directions. Member Duncan stated he has seen numerous vehicles drive right through the stop sign, including a semi truck.

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



Sonja M. Keaton, Clerk



David E. Seagraves, Mayor