

BROOKVILLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
October 7, 2008

The Regular Meeting of the Brookville City Council was called to order by Mayor Seagraves at 7:30 p.m. on October 7, 2008 in the City Council Chambers. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Members Duncan, Garber, Letner, Reel and Ullery; Manager Wright, Assistant Manager Sewert, Law Director Stephan, Fire Chief Nickel, Police Chief Preston and Director of Finance/Clerk Keaton were present. Member Cantrell was 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 September 16, 2008 Regular Meeting Minutes with a correction to the comments made by Member Garber on proposed Resolution No. 08-28. Member Garber stated General Motors is not going to take into consideration what a seven-member Board has to say. This proposed Resolution is pretty useless. If the City was willing to put monetary funds to this cause, that would be different. All yeas, motion carried.

Tim Hopkins, Superintendent of Brookville Schools, and Scott Rutherford, President of the Brookville School Board, were in attendance requesting Council endorsement of the 3.99 mill operating levy for Brookville Schools on the November 4, 2008 ballot. Mr. Hopkins distributed a fact sheet on the 3.99 mill operating levy, which shows what the levy will cost homeowners, including senior citizens 65 and older that have the Homestead Exemption. The fact sheet also offers comparisons in cost per pupil expenditures and cost comparisons.

Motion by Garber, second by Letner to endorse the passage of the 3.99 mill operating levy for Brookville Schools on the November 4, 2008 ballot. All yeas, motion carried.

Garnett Buckley, of 31 March Avenue, commented that the City did a good job of cleaning the debris around the City after the windstorm.

Manager Wright reported he held a Staff Meeting last week and we critiqued the storm recovery operations. Manager Wright stated we found that we did everything the way we should have. Citizen cooperation was excellent; without that, the job may have been more difficult. Manager Wright reported he was very pleased with the way all of the departments handled the situation and worked well together. Manager Wright reported the Service Department is still continuing with storm cleanup and picking up limbs more than one day per week. Manager Wright stated the City has disposed of more wood chips in these last four weeks than we did all of last year.

Manager Wright reported annual leaf collection will begin some time within the next two weeks. Leaves will be picked up daily, weather permitting, beginning at one end of the city and working completely through all of the streets before starting the route over. Manager Wright asked that leaves be raked to the curb; grass clippings, sticks and brush should not be combined with the leaves, as this clogs the vacuum.

Manager Wright reported the Annual Street Repaving Program is completed. Manager Wright stated 10 different streets were paved this year. Wagner Paving did an excellent job. Their quality of work and timing was excellent.

Manager Wright reported all of the city streets that require striping have been striped for 2008.

Manager Wright reported the Hill/Harshman Street Project has all of the curb and most of the sidewalk installed. Next week they should be paving the roadway, and once that is completed, the Contractor will conduct the finish work, such as seeding.

Manager Wright announced that he and Finance Director Keaton will be attending a joint Preliminary Damage Assessment meeting for jurisdictions that incurred eligible costs because of the September 14 high wind event. Representatives from the Ohio Emergency Management Agency and the Federal Emergency Management Agency will review documentation and begin the process of determining Ohio's overall eligibility for federal reimbursement. Manager Wright stated the City's estimated costs totaled \$25,000 to \$30,000.

Fire Chief Nickel reported the Fire Prevention Parade held on Saturday kicked off Fire Prevention Week. Fire Chief Nickel thanked everyone for their participation during the Annual Fire Prevention Parade and activities, which was a great success. Fire Chief Nickel thanked Bob and Sally Batz for organizing the parade and activities. Fire Chief Nickel reported fire prevention activities will be held at Westbrook Elementary all of this week. Fire Chief Nickel reported the Shriners have indicated they will be participating in the Fire Prevention Parade once again next year.

Police Chief Preston thanked Fire Chief Nickel for a nice parade.

Police Chief Preston presented the Brookville Police Department Incident Log from September 17 through October 6, 2008. Police Chief Preston reported there were 35 new cases for investigation with 28 closed and seven pending further investigation.

Member Garber inquired if the Police Department encountered any problems with their extra patrolling during the power outage.

Police Chief Preston stated there were no problems. Citizens really appreciated the extra coverage in their darkened area.

Law Director Stephan had no report.

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

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

Finance Director/Clerk Keaton reported the 22nd Annual Miami Valley Planning & Zoning Workshop will be held on December 5, 2008, and requested authorization for the City to pay the registration fees for those interested in attending.

Motion by Garber, second by Ullery to authorize the City to pay the \$50 registration fee for those members of Planning Commission, BZA, Council and Administrative Staff who are interested in attending the 22nd Annual Miami Valley Planning & Zoning Workshop on December 5, 2008 at Sinclair Community College. All yeas, motion carried.

Finance Director/Clerk Keaton requested authorization to transfer \$25,000 from the General Fund to the Park & Rec. Fund and \$25,000 from the General Fund to the Street M&R Fund as appropriated.

Motion by Garber, second by Ullery to authorize the transfer of \$25,000 from the General Fund to the Park & Rec. Fund and \$25,000 from the General Fund to the Street M&R Fund as requested by Finance Director/Clerk Keaton. All yeas, motion carried.

Mayor Seagraves thanked Fire Chief Nickel and City Staff for a successful Fire Prevention Parade.

Mayor Seagraves proclaimed the month of October 2008 as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month and October 17, 2008 as National Mammography Day in the City of Brookville.

Mayor Seagraves recessed the Regular Meeting of Council at 8:00 p.m. for the Public Hearing, which is a combined meeting with Council and Planning Commission, on proposed Ordinance No. 2008-07, which provides zoning for the recently annexed territory consisting of Lots 2602 and 2603 of the revised and consecutive numbers of lots of the City of Brookville, Ohio to the zoning classification of R-1B, Urban Residential, pursuant to the zoning ordinances of the City of Brookville.

The Public Hearing was recorded and is on file with the Clerk at the Municipal Offices.

Clerk Keaton advised a Legal Notice was published in the September 24 and October 1 editions of the Brookville Star, letters were mailed to the two property owners, and it was posted on the City's website advising of this Public Hearing. The City Office did not receive any phone calls, nor did anyone stop in the office to review the proposed Ordinance.

Law Director Stephan stated these are the two properties along E. Upper Lewisburg Salem Road that were recently annexed. These two lots are residential properties. The proposed zoning of R-1B was reviewed by Planning Commission and that is their initial recommendation subject to this Public Hearing. Planning Commission will make a final recommendation following this Hearing. The lots meet all of the R-1B zoning requirements. This zoning fits with the adjacent zoning in Hunters Run Subdivision.

There was no one else present to speak at the Public Hearing.

Motion by Duncan, second by Garber to close the Public Hearing. All yeas, motion carried.

Planning Commission Member Williamson read Planning Commission's recommendation that Council adopt proposed Ordinance No. 2008-06, which rezones part of Lot 2173 from its present zoning classification of I-2, General Industrial District to the new classification of HS, Highway Service District. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Reel, second by Ullery to read Ordinance No. 2008-06. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Duncan, second by Ullery to accept the second reading of proposed Ordinance No. 2008-06. All yeas, motion carried.


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



Sonja M. Keaton, Clerk



David Seagraves, Mayor