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BROOKVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
January 2, 2007

The Regular Meeting of the Brookville City Council was called to order by Mayor Seagraves at 7:32 p.m. on January 2, 2007 in the City Council Chambers. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Members Duncan, Garber, Hanos, Reel, Sanders 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 Sanders to accept the Agenda as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Sanders, second by Garber to accept the December 19, 2006 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

Dottie Watkins and Gary Horstman, representing the Brookville Historical Society, thanked the City for their assistance in acquiring CDBG funding that assisted the Historical Society in purchasing the property at 3 Hay Avenue, which they closed on last week.

Montgomery County Sheriff Vore stated he was here this evening to answer any questions that Council and the Administrative Staff may have from the Work Session that was held in December on regional dispatching.

Member Garber stated we currently have Dispatch Contracts in place with other entities, what will they do if Brookville decides to go with the County?

Sheriff Vore commented that he has already met with Farmersville and he is meeting with New Lebanon in the very near future. Sheriff Vore stated the same proposal that was submitted to Brookville and the other entities will be submitted to these entities for their Police Departments. Sheriff Vore stated he is advocating to share the \$1.5 million, should the County receive the money from the State if at least 60% of the county's population would agree to participate with the regional dispatch center, with those entities who sign on by the January 31, 2007 deadline and who are still with them on the July 1, 2007 deadline.

Manager Wright stated he has met with the other entities that we currently contract with and he has made them aware that the City may contract with the County for dispatch services. Manager Wright stated the City will allow ample time for those entities to look elsewhere. The current Dispatch Contracts allow for a 60-day written notice to either party to terminate.

Sheriff Vore stated there will be a phase-in period on bringing entities on board. The County has to order radios once the entities acknowledge they will be contracting with the County.

Member Hanos asked what happens to those entities if they cannot afford to go with the County?

Manager Wright stated the other entities are currently paying more to us than they would be paying to the County per call.

Member Ullery stated by 2011, most entities will likely have to upgrade their equipment for narrow banding.

Member Hanos asked Fire Chief Nickel what position the Fire Alliance is taking on this regional dispatching?

Fire Chief Nickel stated the Alliance has always been interested in regionalism. The Fire Alliance is in favor of those entities contracting with the County for dispatching services.

Mayor Seagraves commented we need to consider the costs that the City will be saving by contracting with the County.

Member Sanders inquired if technology and software upgrades will be absorbed through the per call charges.

Sheriff Vore stated the County is trying to upgrade everything now, before everyone comes on board.

Manager Wright stated regional co-operation is the wave of the future. Technology is more advanced and readily available at a regional center. We are small and very limited on resources. Initially, we will save more than \$200,000 per year just in operating costs. Combine that with a \$100,000 9-1-1 system upgrade requirement within the next year, and additional technical upgrade requirements in the next 24 months, our savings in just two years will exceed half a million dollars. Manager Wright commented closing the doors on our center is not what he would like to do. Bottom line, our technology should advance and our cost should reduce, with a slight decrease in convenience to both citizens and staff. Manager Wright stated it is his recommendation that Brookville enter into contract negotiations with Montgomery County for consolidated emergency services dispatching.

Motion by Hanos, second by Garber to enter into contract negotiations with Montgomery County for consolidated emergency services dispatching, with the Administrative Staff to present a Resolution of support at the next Council Meeting. All yeas, motion carried.

Member Sanders inquired if we can install a telephone on the outside of the building for those residents that show up at the building after hours and need assistance.

Manager Wright stated we are looking at this currently. We need to obtain additional information before a decision is made.

Manager Wright stated in reference to our recycling program, Council needs to consider the following when making a decision on recycling. The 2007 recycling budget, which is the same as the 2006 recycling budget, will cover the increase from the hauler. We have experienced no evident increase in tonnage with our trash routes from decreased recycling participation. The City has received calls and comments from our citizens to keep curbside pickup. Studies have shown that drop-off centers are not nearly as efficient as curbside pickup, and recycling is the environmentally correct thing to do. Manager Wright mentioned another point to consider, not directly related to recycling, but to solid waste is we have experienced a \$3.00 per ton increase in tipping fees since July of 2005, in addition to cost of living increases. A refuse rate increase needs to be considered in the near future. The last refuse rate increase went into effect February of 2005. Manager Wright stated he recommends that we keep the curbside recycling program as is and renew with Rumpke for 2007 at the new rate and direct Finance Director Keaton to study current rates and propose new rates to offset increased operating expenses.

Member Reel commented if we do not go forward with curbside recycling pickup we would be saving money, wouldn't we?

Member Sanders stated we would be saving money if we went to a drop-off center.

Member Duncan stated maybe we should let our citizens contract with private haulers on an individual basis if they are interested in recycling.

Member Sanders commented we could offer some form of recycling at a lower cost with no increase in refuse rates, and this is what he would like to see.

Member Reel asked if it would be possible to provide curbside recycling pickup every other week, versus every week?

Manager Wright stated he will find out if this is a possibility.

Member Hanos inquired if we would be looking at increasing the refuse rates this year.

Finance Director/Clerk Keaton stated we may have to increase rates some time mid year or later, or continue to supplement the Refuse Fund with transfers out of the General Fund.

Motion by Hanos, second by Garber to continue one day per week curbside recycling collection with Rumpke for 2007 on a month-to-month basis at a cost of \$3,675 per month, and to research and evaluate options to be implemented in 2008. Garber yea, Hanos yea, Ullery yea, Reel yea, Duncan yea, Sanders nay, and Seagraves yea. Motion carried with six yeas and one nay.

Manager Wright requested Council authorization to prepare wage Resolutions for the next Council Meeting for the Department Heads and the Law Director with the same 3.25% increase as the hourly employees for 2007.

Motion by Hanos, second by Ullery to authorize the preparation of wage Resolutions for the Department Heads and Law Director Stephan that reflects a 3.25% increase. All yeas, motion carried.

Manager Wright reported Council should have a copy of a flyer on a public involvement meeting that is scheduled for Thursday, January 25, 2007 at the New Lebanon Village Offices from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. The Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission will host an Open House/Public Meeting to discuss the potential transportation improvements for the Western Montgomery County Transportation and Land Use Study.

Fire Chief Nickel reported this past holiday weekend was a busy weekend. The Brookville Fire Department received 17 EMS calls.

Police Chief Preston presented an overview of the Incident List and Brookville Police Department Time Analysis from December 19, 2006 to January 1, 2007. Police Chief Preston reported there were 276 calls for service in this time period. The average response time was 1.49 minutes. Year-to-date totals for reported incidents are down 129 reports or 16% and total calls handled are up 239 or 3.1% compared to 2005.

Law Director Stephan had no report.

Finance Director/Clerk Keaton presented the December 31, 2006 Fund Balance for review and approval.

Motion by Reel, second by Duncan to approve the December 31, 2006 Fund Balance as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

Finance Director/Clerk Keaton requested Council approval to adopt the 2007 Appropriations.

Motion by Reel, second by Duncan to read proposed Resolution No. 07-01. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Duncan, second by Garber to accept the first reading, dispense with the second and third reading and adopt Resolution No. 07-01 entitled "ANNUAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY." Garber yea, Hanos yea, Ullery yea, Reel yea, Duncan yea, Sanders nay and Seagraves yea. Motion carried with six yeas and one nay.

Finance Director/Clerk Keaton requested Council approval to adopt the City of Brookville Investment Policy, which replaces the Investment Policy that was last adopted in 1996.

Motion by Ullery, second by Garber to approve the City of Brookville Investment Policy as presented with a correction to change the word to, to so under Safety, Item 3. All yeas, motion carried.

Finance Director/Clerk Keaton requested approval for the renewal of our membership with the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission (MVRPC) for 2007.

Motion by Duncan, second by Seagraves to approve the renewal of our membership with the MVRPC, and to appoint Mayor Seagraves as Member and Manager Wright as Alternate to the MVRPC Board and Manager Wright as Member and Assistant Manager Sewert as Alternate to the Technical Advisory Committee for 2007. Garber nay, Hanos yea, Ullery yea, Reel yea, Duncan yea, Sanders yea and Seagraves yea. Motion carried with six yeas and one nay.

Finance Director/Clerk Keaton requested authorization to receipt 75% of the revenue from EMS Billing into the General Fund for operating costs and 25% of the revenue from EMS Billing into the Fire Capital Improvement Fund for major equipment purchases.

Motion by Ullery, second by Garber to authorize and direct Finance Director/Clerk Keaton to receipt 75% of the revenue from EMS Billing into the General Fund and 25% of the revenue from EMS Billing into the Fire Capital Improvement Fund. All yeas, motion carried.

Finance Director/Clerk Keaton requested authorization to set the labor rate for the Service Department Mechanic at \$40 per hour for 2007, for work performed on the City fleet.

Motion by Duncan, second by Garber to authorize the labor rate of \$40 per hour for the Service Department Mechanic to charge for work performed on the City Fleet in 2007. All yeas, motion carried.

Finance Director/Clerk Keaton requested authorization to transfer \$50,000 to the Street M&R Fund, \$25,000 to the Park & Rec. Fund, \$50,000 to the Note Retirement-NorthBrook Fund and \$200,000 to the Capital Improvement Fund as appropriated for 2007.

Motion by Garber, second by Hanos to authorize the transfer of \$50,000 to the Street M&R Fund, \$25,000 to the Park & Rec. Fund, \$50,000 to the Note Retirement-NorthBrook Fund and \$200,000 to the Capital Improvement Fund as appropriated for 2007. All yeas, motion carried.

Mayor Seagraves wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Mayor Seagraves reminded everyone about the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast scheduled for January 4, 2007 from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. at Rob's Restaurant.

Mayor Seagraves commented that he recently attended the memorial service for the mother and father that recently drowned on Christmas Day, and he also met with the family of the victims. The family members stated they have been overwhelmed by the outpouring of sympathy and support from the community.

Member Ullery commented that he also attended the memorial service and wanted to remind the community that we need to show our support to the children now and in the future.

Member Hanos commented that she can't say enough praises to the EMT personnel that responded to a recent emergency. Member Hanos expressed her appreciation for the fast and efficient response. They handled themselves very professionally.

In Old Business, Member Sanders stated the reason he voted no on the approval of the 2007 Appropriation Resolution is because he felt that the City could delay some of the road projects to save taxpayers money and that we need to wait for economic development to help offset the costs.

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

  
Sonja M. Keaton, Clerk

  
David E. Seagraves, Mayor