

BROOKVILLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
March 20, 2007

The Regular Meeting of the Brookville City Council was called to order by Mayor Seagraves at 7:30 p.m. on March 20, 2007 in the City Council Chambers. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Members Duncan, Garber, Hanos, Reel, Sanders and Ullery; Assistant Manager Sewert, Police Chief Preston, Law Director Stephan, and Director of Finance/Clerk Keaton were present. Manager Wright arrived later and Fire Chief Nickel was absent.

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

Motion by Sanders, second by Reel to accept the March 6, 2007 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

Mayor Seagraves welcomed everyone to the Council Meeting.

Dan Swigart, of 803 Shaney Lane, stated he appreciated the way the Service Department cleaned off the streets this winter; they were the best that he came across. Mr. Swigart commented that he rides his bike a lot, and he was able to continue riding his bike throughout the winter. Mr. Swigart stated he drove through a lot of other cities this winter and their streets were not cleaned off as well as the City of Brookville streets.

Gary Horstman, representing the Brookville Historical Society, thanked Assistant Manager Sewert, Service Superintendent Ron Brandt, and the front office staff for their assistance during the destruction of the log cabin on Clay Street.

Garnett Buckley, of 31 March Avenue, inquired if anyone knew what the difference was between Vectren Energy and Vectren Choice. Mrs. Buckley commented that someone she knows had received a telephone call from Vectren Choice and she signed up with Vectren Choice, and when she received her natural gas bill, it was much larger than hers for a smaller home.

Wayne Ward, of 951 Calmer Ernst who was in attendance, commented companies call around to see if people want to sign up for them to be their natural gas supplier, because you now have a choice in selecting the company that supplies you with natural gas. Vectren Choice Advance is one of the companies that you can choose. It is different from Vectren Energy.

Jeff Puthoff, of Choice One Engineering representing Jeff Bruns the Developer of the Meadow Glen Subdivision, requested approval for a revision to the existing Final Plat. Mr. Puthoff stated that Mr. Bruns would like to take five lots east of Meadow Glen Avenue, which would have contained three and four-family dwellings, and split them down the center, so to speak, to create ten lots with zero-lot line duplexes. Mr. Puthoff stated changing from three and four-family to two-families creates less density. We are basically taking 16 potential units down to 10 units. These are going to be complete condo ownership, each side would be owned. This revision will follow the same restrictive covenants as previously submitted.

Discussion followed.

Motion by Garber, second by Seagraves to approve the Final Plat revision for the Meadow Glen Subdivision No. 2 to replat Lot #2401 as Lot #2533 and #2534; to replat Lot #2402 as Lot #2535 and #2536; to replat Lot #2405 as Lot #2537 and #2538; to replat Lot #2406 as Lot #2539 and #2540, and to replat Lot #2407 as Lot #2541 and #2542, for the five two-family zero-lot line dwellings approved as a Special Use by Planning Commission and to apply the same restrictive covenants to these two-family dwellings as previously submitted for the three and four-family units. All yeas, motion carried.

Police Chief Preston presented an overview of the Incident List and Brookville Police Department Time Analysis from March 6 to March 19, 2007. Police Chief Preston reported there were 264 calls for service in this time period. The number of reportable incidents are down 49 reports or 34.7% and total calls handled are down 259 or 16.2% from this same time last year. The average response time was 1.62 minutes.

Police Chief Preston reported things are progressing in the change over to the Montgomery County Sheriff's Communications Center. Police Chief Preston announced the Montgomery County Sheriff has hired two of our dispatchers, Traci Webb and Charlotte Eby, and their last working day for the City of Brookville will be March 30, 2007.

Law Director Stephan reported proposed Ordinance No. 2007-05, which has been added to the Agenda, is before Council tonight for a first reading. Law Director Stephan indicated the City is selling approximately .53 acres, just west of Hunters Run Drive to Building by Design. In the Agreement to sell this lot, the zoning needs to be changed from its present classification of Conservation District to the new classification of R-1B, which will create a sellable residential lot. Law Director Stephan indicated there will be a 10' easement on the north side of the lot that will contain a walking path. Law Director Stephan commented this lot will meet the R-1B frontage requirements. The developer will update the walking bridge adjacent to this lot for access from the development to Golden Gate Park, which will tie into the walkable community theme.

Discussion followed.

Motion by Reel, second by Garber to read proposed Ordinance No. 2007-05. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Duncan, second by Reel to accept the first reading of proposed Ordinance No. 2007-05. All yeas, motion carried.

Mayor Seagraves set a Public Hearing on proposed Ordinance No. 2007-05 for April 17, 2007 at 8:00 p.m.

Law Director Stephan requested an Executive Session on a Real Estate Matter.

Finance Director/Clerk Keaton reported Brookville Park Board will be holding their 7th Annual Community Park Cleanup Day on Saturday, March 24 from 9:00 a.m. to noon at all city parks. Hot dogs and refreshments will be served at noon in Shelter #3 at Golden Gate Park.

Finance Director/Clerk Keaton reminded everyone that the Vandalia Income Tax Department will have representatives at the City Building on Friday, March 30 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and again on Saturday, March 31 from 8:00 a.m. to noon to assist citizens with their local income tax return, free of charge.

Finance Director/Clerk Keaton reported Time Warner Cable announced that their agreements with the following networks are scheduled to expire soon, Discovery Espanol, Fox Sports Espanol, and Cine Latino. They may be required to cease carrying these stations March 31, 2007. Several On Demand programs have been added and will result in several channel line-up changes.

Finance Director/Clerk Keaton announced the spring edition of the City Newsletter was mailed out this week. If residents do not receive their copy, they need to contact the City office.

Mayor Seagraves reminded everyone if they did not have prior plans to come out and assist with the park cleanup.

Mayor Seagraves announced that Council should have a copy of the 2006 Annual Report and that the presentation of the report to Council will be done at a later date.

Mayor Seagraves presented a recognition plaque to Dean Sanders for his dedicated service to the citizens of Brookville as a Planning Commission and Council Member.

Member Sanders thanked the Mayor and Council for the recognition plaque. Member Sanders stated he wanted to thank the citizens first and foremost; it has been an honor and a privilege to serve with Council. Member Sanders thanked the Staff for their professionalism and quick responses to citizens concerns. When citizens talk, the Administrative Staff jumps and responds quickly. Member Sanders commented both Planning Commission and Council have worked hard to make Brookville a great place to work.

Member Garber stated that he has always admired Member Sanders for making sure things are built as they were presented to Planning Commission and/or Council. Member Garber commented that Member Sanders has always had the citizens at heart.

Mayor Seagraves proclaimed that Member Sanders will be sorely missed on Planning Commission and Council.

In Old Business, Member Garber inquired on what all can be set outside on a front porch. Member Garber stated he recently saw a couch, chair and tables on a front porch.

Law Director Stephan stated some cities have regulations against such furniture being placed on the front porch. If the furniture is dilapidated, it would fall under our Property Maintenance Code.

Member Ullery remarked that the lot on the corner of Church and Orchard Street hasn't been leveled sufficiently.

Assistant Manager Sewert stated he has not spoken with the owner since last fall; he will contact him shortly.

Assistant Manager Sewert reported for Manager Wright that the trees in Westbrook Park have been removed to allow for proper drainage.

Mayor Seagraves requested an Executive Session on a Personnel Matter.

Motion by Duncan, second by Reel to go into Executive Session on a Real Estate Matter as requested by Law Director Stephan and a Personnel Matter as requested by Mayor Seagraves. All yeas, motion carried.

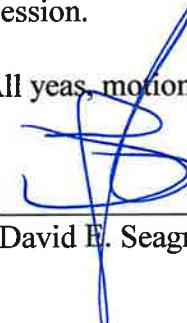
Manager Wright arrived during the Executive Session.

Mayor Seagraves called Council back into Regular Session.

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



Sonja M. Keaton, Clerk



David E. Seagraves, Mayor