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BROOKVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
November 20, 2007

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

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

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

Carl Snedeker, of 827 Shaney Lane, congratulated all the Council Members who were elected to Council.

Manager Wright reported the City received an addendum for extending our recycling contract with Rumpke for 2008. The proposal reflects a 2.9% rate increase, or an annual increase of \$1,260. Manager Wright recommended that Council accept the addendum as presented.

Motion by Ullery, second by Hanos to accept the addendum to the 2005 Recycling Contract with Rumpke for curbside pickup and disposal of commingled recyclable materials one-day per week at a monthly cost of \$3,780. All yeas, motion carried.

Manager Wright presented a refuse rate increase proposal for 2008 for Council review and discussion during the next Council meeting. Manager Wright commented that the General Fund has made transfers to the Refuse Fund for a number of years and we've also experienced a \$3.00 per ton increase in tipping fees since July 2005 along with cost of living increases. The last refuse rate increase was in February 2005. Manager Wright commented the survey results that were provided show Brookville with the lowest cost per month compared to six other entities.

Manager Wright reported the Church/Orchard Street Reconstruction Project is moving along nicely. Paving of the roadway should take place this week.

Manager Wright reported we are in our prime time now with leaf collection. The crew has been working until dark during the week and on Saturdays to keep up with the falling leaves.

Manager Wright presented an update on the Christmas light display. At this time construction of the set is under way. The City committed to provide a control building and electric service for the light display, which is now completed. Manager Wright stated the City will continue to work with the organizations to provide any assistance they may need.

Manager Wright reported he attended a ribbon cutting ceremony today for the improvements to I-75 between Stanley Avenue and Route 35 to Edwin Moses Blvd. Manager Wright reported this will be a three-phase project and the length of the project is seven years.

Manager Wright reported the City of Brookville will be a contributor toward the 2008 Government Equity in the amount of \$19. The Government Equity, or GE, is the other half of the Montgomery County ED/GE Program.

Police Chief Preston did not have a report, but informed Council that the Christmas light show is on schedule and everything should be set up by next Tuesday in order to do a test run before the first show, which is scheduled for November 30.

Law Director Stephan gave an update to Council on the Mulberry Street Project where the City obtained a Community Development Block Grant to remove the building located on the property. The City acquired the property and once the grant funds are in place, the building will be removed.

Finance Director/Clerk Keaton reported six Board and Commission seats are set to expire December 31, 2007. Finance Director/Clerk Keaton stated she contacted the six individuals whose terms expire, and all six indicated they are interested in serving additional terms. Finance Director/Clerk Keaton recommended Council reappoint the six Board and Commission Members.

Motion by Duncan, second by Hanos to reappoint Richard Swabb to Planning Commission for a three-year term, Tim Colston to the Civil Service Commission for a five-year term, Kathleen Dafler to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a five-year term, David Monnin to Park Board for a four-year term, and Stephen Williams and Brett Hart to the Board of Tax Appeals for three-year terms, with all terms beginning January 1, 2008. All yeas, motion carried.

Finance Director/Clerk Keaton requested Council authorization to transfer \$8,000 from the General Fund into the Park Fund as appropriated.

Motion by Ullery, second by Reel to transfer \$8,000 from the General Fund into the Park Fund as appropriated and requested by Finance Director/Clerk Keaton. All yeas, motion carried.

Mayor Seagraves commended the Brookville Chamber of Commerce for their Annual Banquet which was recently held. The banquet was very nice.

Mayor Seagraves wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Chairperson Watkins, of the Brookville Planning Commission, read the Planning Commission's recommendation that Council accept and adopt proposed Ordinance No. 2007-20, which rezones 201 Sycamore Street in the City of Brookville, being 1.674 acres (Parcel ID C05 00114 0001) and 0.260 acres (Parcel ID C05 00203 0033) from its present zoning classification of "I-1" Light Industrial District to the new classification of "OR (PD)", Office Residential Planned Development Overlay District. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Reel, second by Duncan to read proposed Ordinance No. 2007-20. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Duncan, second by Reel to accept the second reading of proposed Ordinance No. 2007-20. All yeas, motion carried.

In Old Business, Member Hanos stated there are no safe routes to school, especially now that the school levy did not pass. Member Hanos stated she would really like to see sidewalks constructed on Westbrook and Brookville-Johnsville Roads.

Member Duncan asked if the City could proceed with engineering on this proposed project and wait one to two years to actually do the project?

Member Hanos commented that she felt the Westbrook Road Project should take precedence over the Hill/Harshman Street Project, due to safety issues with students walking to school.

Manager Wright stated Brookville-Johnsville Road is not a city road. It is a county road. We could possibly do a joint project with Montgomery County on this section of roadway.

Member Ullery inquired if we could construct only sidewalks next year and then at a later time widen the roadway and install curbs.

Manager Wright stated it can be done that way, but the City would get a better price with a larger project.

Member Duncan inquired if we can get an Ordinance on the books that would address the issue with people living in recreational vehicles on the streets.

Law Director Stephan stated he has gathered information on preparing such an Ordinance and he will begin drafting an Ordinance.

In New Business, Member Ullery requested an Executive Session on a Real Estate Matter.

Member Reel stated he thought it would be a nice gesture, on the City's part, if a letter could be prepared and signed by all of Council and presented to those servicemen and women who return from their overseas duties.

The consensus of Council is they are in favor of doing this.

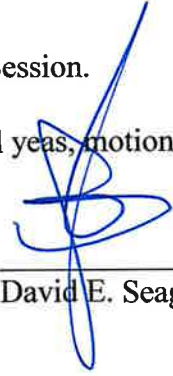
Member Hanos requested an Executive Session on a Personnel Matter.

Motion by Duncan, second by Cantrell to go into Executive Session on a Real Estate Matter as requested by Member Ullery and a Personnel Matter as requested by Member Hanos. All yeas, motion carried.

Mayor Seagraves called Council back into Regular Session.

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

  
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Sonja M. Keaton, Clerk

  
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David E. Seagraves, Mayor