

BROOKVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
April 18, 2006

The Regular Meeting of the Brookville City Council was called to order by Mayor Seagraves at 7:30 p.m. on April 18, 2006 in the City Council Chambers. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Members Duncan, Garber, Hanos, Reel, Sanders and Ullery; Manager Wright, Assistant Manager Sewert, Law Director Stephan, Fire Chief Nickel, Police Chief Preston 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 Duncan to accept the April 4, 2006 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

Jeff Sewert, representing the Brookville Kiwanis, requested authorization to hold a "Blaze of Glory" 5K run in conjunction with the Annual Fire Prevention Parade. The 5K run is scheduled for Saturday, October 7 on the bikeway at Carr Drive and proceeds to Golden Gate Park and back to Carr Drive.

Motion by Duncan, second by Garber to allow the Brookville Kiwanis to hold a 5K run on October 7, 2006 beginning at 8:00 a.m. as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

Mary Hill, of 363 Leisure Drive, asked if the City has looked into the possibility of having a public swimming pool with membership?

Mayor Seagraves commented the City has looked at this on several occasions. Many cities that currently run a public swimming pool lose money. It is quite expensive to run a swimming pool, even if a membership is charged.

Member Duncan commented the City has looked into installing a water feature in Golden Gate Park, but Park Board and citizens commented they are not interested in such a water feature.

Member Hanos stated that is not entirely true. Member Hanos commented that Park Board has more pressing issues than a water feature, such as the pond upgrade at Golden Gate Park.

Manager Wright presented a request from the Brookville Baseball Club for their annual parade.

Motion by Duncan, second by Hanos to approve the parade for the Brookville Baseball Club to be held on May 6, 2006 beginning at 11:00 a.m. with the parade route to proceed from Carr Drive right on Albert Road, left on Salem Street, left on Market Street, right on Wolf Creek Street, right on Arlington Road, right on E. Upper Lewisburg-Salem Road to Golden Gate Park. All yeas, motion carried.

Manager Wright requested authorization to advertise for bids for the Salem Street Reconstruction, Phase Three, Issue Two Project. The bid opening date is scheduled for May 25, 2006. Manager Wright reported a Public Meeting will be held on May 3, 2006 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. for those homeowners affected by this Project.

Motion by Ullery, second by Hanos to allow Manager Wright to advertise for bids for the Salem Street Reconstruction, Phase Three, Issue Two Project as requested. All yeas, motion carried.

Manager Wright asked for three members of Council to volunteer to sit on a committee for a site selection for a proposed new fire house. Members Duncan, Garber and Ullery volunteered to sit on this committee.

Manager Wright reported Park Board has approved the installation of a seawall along the pond at Golden Gate Park. The installation will begin mid June.

Manager Wright reported the City was approached by the Brookville Historical Society to see if the City would apply for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) which would assist them with the purchase of the former funeral home building on Hay Avenue. Manager Wright reported the City did not have a project to submit this year. This grant qualifies under the historic preservation restrictions. The City would be requesting a \$75,000 grant for the Brookville Historical Society and the Brookville Historical Society would be providing approximately an additional \$150,000 of their own money for the purchase of that building. Manager Wright stated this type of grant has to go through the City. The City will not be expending any of their funding.

Law Director Stephan commented that in order to qualify for this grant an Agreement between the City and the Brookville Historical Society must be completed. The Agreement must provide that the property will revert back to the City in the event that the Brookville Historical Society vacates the property within 20 years of the closing date. The Deed to the Brookville Historical Society will contain this right of reversion to insure compliance with the Agreement. In the event that the property does revert back to the City, the City will not have to repay the \$75,000 grant if the City uses the property for a public purpose such as a community center. However, if the City would sell the property or otherwise fail to use it for a public purpose, then the \$75,000 grant would have to be repaid.

Motion by Hanos, second by Garber to authorize Manager Wright to apply for a Community Development Block Grant on behalf of the Brookville Historical Society under the historic preservation provision for the purchase of real estate at 3 Hay Avenue. All yeas, motion carried.

Manager Wright requested an Executive Session on a Real Estate Matter and Contract Negotiation Matter.

Fire Chief Nickel reported due to recent storm activity, the Brookville Fire Department responded to five calls on downed utility poles within the Fire District.

Member Hanos commented that she was recently made aware that Fire Chief Nickel has been working very hard with Ohio Task Force One, and wanted to make Council and the citizens aware of this.

Police Chief Preston presented an overview of the Incident List and Brookville Police Department Time Analysis from April 3 to April 17, 2006. Police Chief Preston reported there were 297 calls for service in this time period. The number of reportable incidents are down 77 reports or 28.9% and total calls handled are down 267 or 10.9% from this same time last year. The average response time was 2.08 minutes.

Law Director Stephan had no report.

Member Garber inquired on the status of the log cabin project.

Law Director Stephan stated the City has filed litigation, and Mr. Shellabarger is currently working under a court order. If Mr. Shellabarger defaults, the City may proceed with demolition of the log cabin next to the interstate.

Finance Director/Clerk Keaton reported the City of Dayton adopted an Ordinance last year which increases water rates for all of the customers on the City of Dayton public water system. Last year water rates increased 23%. This City of Dayton water rate increase Ordinance included a 35.5% increase effective January 1, 2006 and a 7.9% increase effective January 1, 2007, which was published in the Summer 2005 Community Newsletter and the Brookville Star. Letters were also sent to businesses and our rental property owners making them aware of these rate increases. Through negotiations with the City of Dayton throughout this last year, we were able to reduce this increase. The City of Brookville will see a total water rate increase over the next two years of 27.2% from the City of Dayton. Finance Director/Clerk Keaton reported in preparing proposed Ordinance #2006-01, which is on the Agenda tonight, she continued to work on the rate restructuring, which began last year. Finance Director/Clerk Keaton stated there are two components to water rates; a minimum or base charge, which is the minimum charge for having

a water meter installed to be able to serve water and then there is a consumption charge. The average rate increase for residential customers is 22%. Most residential customers should see a quarterly increase of \$9.00 to \$20.50, or a monthly increase of \$3.00 to \$6.83 on the water portion of their utility bill, beginning with the June 2006 quarterly billing, which will be mailed out the first week of July, for water consumed during the months of March, April and May. Commercial customer rates will vary by consumption. Finance Director/Clerk Keaton reported with this proposed increase in 2006, there will be no rate increase in 2007. Discussion followed.

Motion by Garber, second by Sanders to read proposed Ordinance No. 2006-01. Garber yea, Hanos yea, Ullery yea, Reel abstained, Duncan yea, Sanders yea and Seagraves yea. Motion carried with six yeas and one abstention.

Motion by Garber, second by Ullery to accept the first reading of proposed Ordinance No. 2006-01. Garber yea, Hanos yea, Ullery yea, Sanders yea, Duncan yea, Reel nay and Seagraves yea. Motion carried with six yeas and one nay.

Member Reel stated he voted nay as he would like to see the rate increase spread over two years.

Mayor Seagraves thanked all those who contributed toward the annual Community Park Cleanup Day.

Mayor Seagraves reminded Council there will be a Planning Commission Work Session at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 20 prior to the regular Planning Commission Meeting.

Motion by Duncan, second by Reel to read proposed Resolution No. 06-07. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Duncan, second by Reel to accept the first reading of proposed Resolution No. 06-07. All yeas, motion carried.

In Old Business, Member Sanders asked if the City could find out when Vectren will be applying hot patch to those areas of Arlington and Westbrook Roads that were dug up last year?

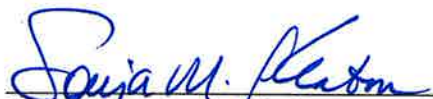
Manager Wright stated he will check into this.

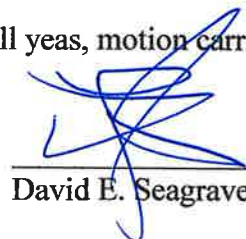
Member Duncan commented he has seen skateboarders skating on the roads recently. Maybe we could place a reminder in the Brookville Star that this is prohibited.

Motion by Garber, second by Sanders to go into Executive Session on a Real Estate Matter and a Contract Negotiation Matter as requested by Manager Wright. All yeas, motion carried.

Mayor Seagraves called Council back into regular session.

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

  
Sonja M. Keaton, Clerk

  
David E. Seagraves, Mayor