

BROOKVILLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
January 18, 2005

The Regular Meeting of the Brookville City Council was called to order by Mayor Seagraves at 7:30 p.m. on January 18, 2005 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 with an addition. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Sanders, second by Reel to accept the January 4, 2005 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

Margo Cantrell, President of the Brookville Chamber of Commerce, presented the Brookville Chamber of Commerce Downtown Spring Event, scheduled for Saturday, May 21, 2005 in downtown Brookville. The time for the event has yet to be decided. Preliminary events scheduled for that day include garage sales, food vendors, live music, beer garden, and other mid-afternoon events. The event will be similar to the Mardi Gras event held in 2004. Ms. Cantrell commented the Chamber will be holding a meeting on January 25, 2005 with the downtown merchants to discuss the spring event and to receive input from those businesses. A theme for the event has yet to be decided but it will entail a "spring" theme. The consensus of Council is to allow the Chamber to proceed with the spring event, and to bring additional information back to Council once determined.

Dick Baker, representing the Brookville Optimist Club, requested permission to hold their annual Community Picnic Run on the streets of Brookville. Discussion followed.

Motion by Garber, second by Hanos to approve the request for the Brookville Optimist to hold their annual Community Picnic Run on Saturday, July 30, 2005 beginning at 8:00 a.m. using the same course as in previous years. All yeas, motion carried.

Manager Wright presented a packet of information regarding the possible cuts to the Local Government Fund from various sources for Council review.

Manager Wright reported at the last Council meeting, there was a question as to how the 2004 Fire/EMS call volume compared to those in 2003. Manager Wright stated there were 83 fewer Fire/EMS calls in 2004 compared to 2003. The number of fire runs were up and the number of ambulance runs were down.

Manager Wright requested Council discussion on the Memo he distributed in December regarding 2005 dues for the Ohio Municipal League (OML) and a voluntary investment for the Regional Alliance for Mobility Priorities, or RAMP-up. Manager Wright commented it is the Administrative Staff's recommendation that the City does not participate with the 2005 OML dues. Manager Wright and Mayor Seagraves indicated the OML is not doing a whole lot for municipal governments in the southwest region of the state. They seem to concentrate on the municipal governments located in the northeast region of the state. Mayor Seagraves indicated the municipal governments in the southwest region are in agreement to not participate with OML in 2005, including the City of Dayton. Manager Wright reported the City currently participates and pays dues to the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission (MVRPC). Manager Wright stated the MVRPC already promotes the RAMP-up Program; he does not see the need to contribute additional money toward this program. Manager Wright commented that the City did not participate in the RAMP-up Program in 2004, and recommends that the City does not participate in 2005.

Motion by Garber, second by Ullery for the City to decline participation with the 2005 OML dues and to decline participation with the voluntary investment for the RAMP-up Program in 2005 as recommended by Manager Wright. All yeas, motion carried.

Manager Wright requested Council discussion on the request from Brookville National Bank for a name change to be given to the roadway between Arlington Road and Interstate 70, now known as Upper Lewisburg-Salem Road. Brookville National Bank desires to see Upper Lewisburg-Salem Road be renamed Brookwoods Falls Drive. Discussion followed. The consensus of Council is for Manager Wright to meet with representatives of Brookville National Bank to see if the bank would be interested in changing Meadow Glen Avenue to Brookwoods Falls Drive in lieu of changing Upper Lewisburg-Salem Road.

Manager Wright reported costs incurred during the recent snow storm totaled just more than \$7,000, which included overtime in various departments, water/sewer problems and vehicle repairs.

Manager Wright reported sewer and refuse rate proposals are before Council tonight. Manager Wright asked Clerk Keaton to explain the rate proposals. Clerk Keaton reported proposed Ordinance No. 2005-01 amends the sewer rates with an 8% increase and increases the tap-in fees. The last sewer rate increase was in 2002. The proposed 8% increase will bring in approximately \$33,500 in sewer sales. Clerk Keaton reported transfers into the Sewer Fund have averaged approximately \$41,000 per year over the last six years. Clerk Keaton mentioned Enterprise Funds, such as water, sewer and refuse should be self supporting. The proposed sewer rate increase will move the City up one position on the 2004 Annual Sewer Rate Survey. Clerk Keaton reported proposed Ordinance No. 2005-02 amends the refuse rates with a 5% increase. Clerk Keaton commented the last refuse rate increase was in 2002. The proposed 5% increase will bring in approximately \$15,000 in refuse sales. Residential customers will see an increase of \$1.50 per quarter or \$.50 per month. Commercial customers will see an increase of \$2.25 to \$6.00 per quarter or \$.75 to \$2.00 per month. Clerk Keaton reported transfers into the Refuse Fund have averaged \$14,000 per year over the last six years. Clerk Keaton reported a survey was conducted of seven communities, with Brookville's proposed rate increase falling in the middle of those surveyed, and still the lowest compared to those communities that still pickup their own refuse. Discussion was held on implementing language that would allow the City to increase utility rates on a smaller scale on an annual basis. The consensus of Council is to continue to review the utility rates on an annual basis versus setting up an automatic rate increase. Member Duncan asked if the City should look into increasing the surcharge to those customers that receive services but do not live within the City. Manager Wright and Clerk Keaton indicated there are just a few water customers that live outside the City limits; there are no sewer or refuse customers. Clerk Keaton will bring those numbers back to Council at the next Council meeting.

Manager Wright requested an Executive Session on a Real Estate and a Personnel matter.

Carl Snedeker, of 827 Shaney Lane, asked if it is cost effective to have three men on the refuse truck, especially now with a newer truck and toters in place? Manager Wright commented once these men are done with their refuse routes they perform other work within the Service Department. Mayor Seagraves stated the City never mandated the use of toters. It was implemented on a voluntary basis. Member Garber stated when he has seen the refuse personnel working, they are picking up trash along both sides of the street at a very productive pace.

Fire Chief Nickel reported training is progressing well for the National Incident Management System, or NIMS. Fire Chief Nickel commented that all employees, including Council, will need to be trained and become certified in order for the City to become eligible to receive federal money. This NIMS training and certification needs to be completed by the end of this July. All certificates received need to be turned into Clerk Keaton to be incorporated in the personnel files.

Fire Chief Nickel announced that Ed Ullery was awarded Firefighter of the Year for 2004, and Todd Marburger was awarded EMT of the Year for 2004.

Police Chief Preston presented an overview of the Incident List and Brookville Police Department Time Analysis from January 4 through January 17, 2005. Chief Preston reported there were 299 calls for service in this time period. Chief Preston reported the number of reportable incidents are up five reports or 14% and the total calls handled were down 33 calls or 8% from this same time last year. The average response time was 2.37 minutes.

Police Chief Preston reported Patrolmen Joe Cox and Tom Simon will undergo bike patrol training in the very near future.

Law Director Stephan had no report.

Member Ullery asked Law Director Stephan about the City's solicitation ordinance regarding the hours and restrictions for door-to-door solicitation?

Law Director Stephan stated our current ordinance allows door-to-door solicitation by profit or nonprofit organizations and individuals and shall be limited to the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on each day of the week. Law Director Stephan stated in a recent Supreme Court case, the Supreme Court limited cities in what they could do, regarding door-to-door solicitation. Cities must allow reasonable time limits. Law Director Stephan indicated he could provide Council with options on amending the solicitation ordinance at a later date.

Finance Director/Clerk Keaton requested Council approval to transfer money into the Street M&R and Park Funds out of the General Fund as appropriated.

Motion by Garber, second by Ullery to authorize the transfer of \$125,000 into the Street M&R Fund and \$30,000 into the Park Fund as requested by Finance Director/Clerk Keaton. All yeas, motion carried.

Mayor Seagraves reported the 4th Annual Community Skate will be held on Saturday, February 5 from 4:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Golden Gate Park.

Mayor Seagraves reported there is an effort within the Brookville Community to help give a "Gift of Heart" medicine or health kit that is desperately needed by the victims of the Tsunami, in southern Asia. Checks are payable to Brookville Tsunami Relief Fund, in care of National City Bank in Englewood. Money donated will assist with the preparation of health kits and I.M.A. Medicine Boxes. Volunteers will assemble the kits on Saturday, January 29, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. at the Christina Leiber Center at Golden Gate Park.

Mayor Seagraves thanked Council Members Hanos and Garber for their attendance at the Mayor's Breakfast, which was well received.

Member Garber asked if the City currently has a policy on rehiring an employee once they retire from the City on a pension retirement? Manager Wright indicated we do not. Clerk Keaton commented she will research the issue to bring back to Council at a later date.

Motion by Duncan, second by Garber to read proposed Ordinance No. 2005-01. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Garber, second by Duncan to accept the first reading of proposed Ordinance No. 2005-01. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Duncan, second by Garber to read proposed Ordinance No. 2005-02. All yeas, motion carried.

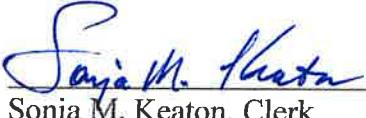
Motion by Garber, second by Duncan to accept the first reading of proposed Ordinance No. 2005-02. All yeas, motion carried.

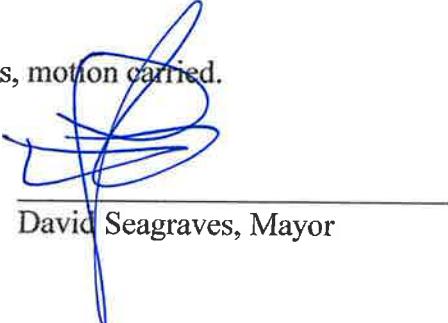
In Old Business, Member Duncan presented an article on the connection between housing and jobs for Council review. The article indicated homes are where the jobs go in the evening, jobs follow housing.

Motion by Duncan, second by Garber to go into Executive Session on a Real Estate and a Personnel matter as requested by Manager Wright. All yeas, motion carried.

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 Seagraves, Mayor