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BROOKVILLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
May 17, 2005

The Regular Meeting of the Brookville City Council was called to order by Mayor Seagraves at 7:32 p.m. on May 17, 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, Police Chief Preston and Director of Finance/Clerk Keaton were present. Fire Chief Nickel was absent.

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 May 3, 2005 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

Manager Wright reported the Brookville-Pyrmont Road Reconstruction Project is on schedule. Water services will be installed this week. Excavation of the street will take place soon.

Member Duncan commented that he has heard from one of the residents that reside within the area of this project that there is a lot of vehicular traffic through this project, even though there is a sign posted for local traffic only. Manager Wright commented that both ends of Brookville-Pyrmont Road needs to remain open during the project to allow access for the new school facility.

Manager Wright requested authorization to advertise for bids for the Albert Road Storm Sewer Project and the Market Street, Phase Two, CDBG Project. Bids will be advertised on June 10 and June 17, with a bid opening date of June 28, 2005.

Motion by Duncan, second by Garber to allow Manager Wright to advertise for bids for the Albert Road Storm Sewer Project and the Market Street, Phase Two, CDBG Project as requested. All yeas, motion carried.

Manager Wright reported the slab for the new Caretaker Cabin at Golden Gate Park will be poured tomorrow. Construction of the cabin will begin next week.

Manager Wright reminded Council and those in attendance that the "Youth-In-Government" students will be participating with their respective Departments next Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, with a Special "Youth-In-Government" Council meeting to be held at the Brookville High School Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. on May 26, 2005.

Police Chief Preston presented an overview of the Incident List and Brookville Police Department Time Analysis from May 3 through May 16, 2005. Police Chief Preston reported there were 300 calls for service in this time period. The number of reportable incidents are up 34 reports or 12% and the total calls handled were down 217 calls or 6.7% from this same time last year. The average response time was 2.51 minutes.

Police Chief Preston reported Don Duncan and Julie Mitrison were recently recognized by the Brookville Optimist Club as our Officer and Employee of the year for 2004.

Police Chief Preston reported the Police Department, along with the Brookville Optimist Club, conducted their annual Safety Village Program at Westbrook Elementary School on May 9, 10 and 11. This program provides training in the proper use of the roadway, stop signs, red lights, street crossings as well as use of 9-1-1 and danger stranger.

Law Director Stephan commented that proposed Ordinance No. 2005-04 is changing the street name Brookville-Pyrmont Road, within the city limits, to Western Avenue. This name change was discussed with the property owners during the public meeting that was held last fall. Letters will be mailed out to the property owners along with letters to the various agencies that require the name change information, prior to the Ordinance taking effect.

Motion by Reel, second by Garber to read proposed Ordinance No. 2005-04. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Sanders, second by Duncan to accept the first reading of proposed Ordinance No. 2005-04. All yeas, motion carried.

Finance Director/Clerk Keaton reported the City received a check from FEMA in the amount of \$10,353 and a check in the amount of \$1,659 from the State for the snow emergency that was declared for Montgomery County in December 2004.

Finance Director/Clerk Keaton presented a Memorandum, various newspaper articles, and a copy of a Resolution adopted by the Athens City Council, which opposes the constitutional tax and expenditure limitation proposals, proposed by Secretary of State Kenneth Blackwell. The proposed constitutional amendment will limit state and local spending and taxation. The proposed amendment would sharply curtail tax and spending increases by state and local governments. Tax and spending measures that exceed the inflation rate and population growth would need approval from 60 percent of government officials and from a majority of the public before taking effect. Finance Director/Clerk Keaton asked Council to review the packet and if they are interested in adopting a Resolution such as the Athens City Council did, we would have time to prepare and adopt a Resolution before sending a copy to the state legislators.

Finance Director/Clerk Keaton presented a water rate increase proposal to Council. Finance Director/Clerk Keaton commented there are two components to water rates, a minimum or base charge, which is the minimum charge for having a water meter and a consumption charge. Finance Director/Clerk Keaton stated the minimum or base charge covers investments, overhead expenses and the cost of being ready to serve with water. This is where the City of Brookville absorbs their labor costs in reading meters, preparing final bills, pulling and installing meters, just to name a few. The proposed rate increase will increase the minimum or base charge 28% and the consumption charge 20%. Finance Director/Clerk Keaton commented this proposed increase will benefit the consumer more so than a 22.9% increase on both the base and consumption rate. Finance Director/Clerk Keaton stated she is still reviewing the existing rate structure, for possible changes in the future, and this proposed rate increase will move us a step closer to that rate restructuring. Finance Director/Clerk Keaton also presented additional proposed changes to the Water Regulations and Rates chapter of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Brookville.

Member Duncan commented that the City should consider increasing the additional fee for consumers living outside the municipal corporation limits. The current additional fee is 25%. Discussion followed. The consensus of Council is to have Finance Director/Clerk Keaton review those ten to twelve homeowners to see what an additional increase would do to their rates, and to contact other communities to see what their surcharge is.

Finance Director/Clerk Keaton stated, in the meantime, she and Manager Wright are still reviewing other avenues for obtaining water and the Water Fund Budget for future years.

Mayor Seagraves commented that it was time to set Beggar's Night for 2005. Mayor Seagraves stated the Mayors and Managers Association has recommended Monday, October 31.

Motion by Duncan, second by Garber to set Beggar's Night in Brookville for Monday, October 31, 2005 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Discussion followed.

Member Hanos commented she is still interested in holding a downtown street fair with a parade of costumed children prior to trick-or-treating. Member Hanos stated a small northern community holds such an event prior to trick-or-treating. Member Seagraves commented it would be hard for parents to get their children ready for such an event, with parents working. Mayor Seagraves stated this may be an event that could be sponsored by the Brookville Optimist Club or the Brookville Chamber of Commerce. He will check with both organizations.

Member Ullery asked if we should hold off on such an event until 2006, so additional information can be obtained from those communities that hold such an event.

Member Duncan withdrew his motion until additional information can be obtained.

Mayor Seagraves reported the Brookville Planning Commission will hold their monthly meeting this Thursday evening, May 19, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers. There are several items on the Agenda, namely a Special Use request for a proposed community center within the Brookville School building located on Hill Street.

Mayor Seagraves announced the "Run for the Wall" motorcycle riders will be riding through Brookville on their way to Washington, D.C. The riders are expected to arrive in Brookville on May 25 at 4:30 p.m. with an activity to be held at the Brookville High School football field and then on to the Amvets facility for supper. Riders will be camping that evening at Amvets with any overflow crowd camping at Golden Gate Park.

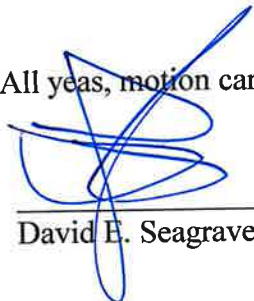
Motion by Duncan, second by Sanders to read proposed Resolution No 05-15. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Duncan, second by Reel to accept the third reading and adopt Resolution No. 05-15 entitled "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO DISPOSE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY EITHER AT A PUBLIC AUCTION OR AT A PRIVATE SALE." All yeas, motion carried.

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



Sonja M. Keaton, Clerk



David E. Seagraves, Mayor