

BROOKVILLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
February 17, 2004

The Regular Meeting of the Brookville City Council was called to order by Mayor Seagraves at 7:30 p.m. on February 17, 2004 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 Duncan, second by Reel to accept the February 3, 2004 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

State Representative Arlene Setzer presented Commendation plaques from the 125th General Assembly to Carol Wigger, Marcus Lamb and Mike Hetrick for their heroic actions during a recent life threatening event at the Brookville High School.

Chief Preston presented Awards of Appreciation to Carol Wigger, Marcus Lamb and Mike Hetrick for their heroic actions in a life threatening event at the Brookville High School in January 2004.

Chief Preston presented a Certificate of Commendation to SRO Doug Reed for his outstanding job during the life threatening event at the Brookville High School.

Mike Gray, representing Time Warner Cable, gave a brief presentation on digital service, tier programming, price changes that took effect January 1, 2004 and high speed cable that is currently available in Brookville. Mr. Gray also reported that Time Warner Cable has contracted with MCI to offer digital telephone service in the near future. Mr. Gray commented the telephone service will be offered at a flat fee with unlimited local and long distance service. Discussion followed with questions on price increases, cable operations and the proposed telephone service.

Kevin Hogan and Dick Bernstein, representing the Miller-Valentine Group, presented a 72-unit multi-family development proposal to be located at the end of Calmer Ernst Blvd., on approximately 23.6 acres, on the south side of I-70 in Brookville. MV Communities, Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of Miller-Valentine Group (MVG) will partner with COUNTY CORP, a long-standing supporter and financier of affordable housing and small and medium size businesses. The development will be financed through the Housing Tax Credit Program, a federal affordable housing financing vehicle administered through the Ohio Housing Finance Agency. Financing is awarded based upon a competitive application process, and local support of a proposed project. The land is currently zoned multi-family. The portion of the site to be occupied by the 72-unit multi-family housing is located near the interstate. The remainder of the site would be set-aside for planned senior ranch style cottages. The apartment homes will be available to individuals earning up to \$25,260 per year and a family of four earning up to \$36,120. Monthly rent would be approximately \$500 for a two-bedroom unit and \$550 for a three-bedroom unit. Discussion followed.

Mayor Seagraves stated Council does not rush into Resolutions of support. Mayor Seagraves commented that citizen input would be beneficial.

Motion by Duncan, second by Ullery to set a Public Hearing for the proposed 72-unit Golden Brook Apartments to be located at the end of Calmer Ernst Blvd. on March 2, 2004 at 8:00 p.m. All yeas, motion carried.

Manager Wright reported Chief Nickel was recently awarded "Firefighter of the Year for Fire Prevention" for 2003 by the Antioch Shriners.

Manager Wright reported the City recently received official notification, from the Ohio Public Works Commission, that the Brookville-Pyrmont Road Improvement Project was approved in the amount of \$213,000.

Manager Wright stated Council should have packets on water park features for review. Discussion will take place at a future Council meeting.

Manager Wright reported bids were recently opened for the Arlington Road Improvement Project.

Motion by Garber, second by Sanders to accept the low bid from Finfrock Construction Company, Inc. of \$653,000 for the Arlington Road Improvement Project, as the lowest and best bid as recommended by Manager Wright and City Engineer Schroeder. All yeas, motion carried.

Fire Chief Nickel reported CERT training is going well.

Police Chief Preston presented an overview of the Incident List and the Brookville Police Department Time Analysis from February 3 through February 16, 2004. Chief Preston reported there were 349 calls for service in this time period. Chief Preston reported the number of reportable incidents are up 16 reports and total calls handled are up 463 from this same time last year. The average response time is 1.11 minutes.

Police Chief Preston reported an investigation in the break-ins that occurred on Market Street in 2003 has concluded, and charges have been filed.

Law Director Stephan reported he has reviewed House Bill 256, sponsored by Arlene Setzer, which proposes to change Ohio's merger law. The law regulates the way that municipalities merge with municipalities and the way municipalities merge with townships. The Ohio Municipal League Legislative Policy is that the OML favors legislation which makes mergers easier to accomplish. Law Director Stephan commented HB 256 is a two-edge sword. The bill is currently in committee.

Law Director Stephan stated he will keep Council abreast of the proceedings on the bill.

Law Director Stephan announced the City has completed the purchase of 238 Market Street, formerly known as Doc's Pub.

Finance Director/Clerk Keaton announced the February Planning Commission has been canceled due to lack of an Agenda.

Mayor Seagraves announced there will be a joint informational meeting with the Brookville Board of Education and City Council on March 11, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. at Singers Catering.

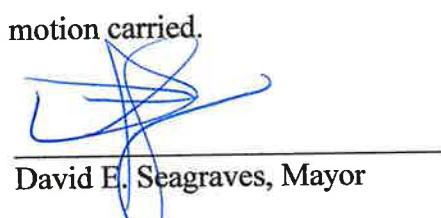
In Old Business, Member Duncan inquired if the City has received a signed Fire Levy Contract from Clay Township? Manager Wright stated we have not, but we will follow-up with Clay Township.

Dottie Watkins asked if a skateboard Ordinance would be in place by spring? Law Director Stephan stated two proposed Ordinances on skateboarding were tabled last fall. Discussion followed on what areas of Brookville to include in a proposed skateboard Ordinance. Law Director Stephan will draft an Ordinance for the next Council meeting.

In New Business, Member Ullery asked if anything could be done about the advertisement bags that are distributed by Dayton Daily News. They seem to have become an eyesore around town with the orange bags just lying on the ground and nobody picking them up. Clerk Keaton will contact Dayton Daily News and an article will be placed in the Spring Newsletter asking residents to pick up the bags in their yards.

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


Sonja M. Keaton, Clerk


David E. Seagraves, Mayor