

BROOKVILLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
November 2, 2004

The Regular Meeting of the Brookville City Council was called to order by Mayor Seagraves at 7:30 p.m. on November 2, 2004 in the City Council Chambers. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Members Duncan, 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. Member Garber arrived later.

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 October 19, 2004 Regular Meeting Minutes with a correction to change street light to traffic light under Member Ullery's question on Blue Pride Drive. All yeas, motion carried.

Manager Wright reported the leaf pickup program is going well. The program should end in three to four weeks.

Manager Wright reported the City received notice of Time Warner Cable's cable pricing for 2005. Clerk Keaton stated the Limited Tier, which is the most basic level of service, will remain the same, no rate increase. The Classic Cable package will see a monthly increase of 5.7% and the digital packages will see a monthly increase of 12.6% to 16.7%. Member Reel questioned the annual rate increase and if the City has any control over these increases?

Member Garber arrived.

Law Director Stephan stated the City entered into a 15-year Franchise Agreement with Time Warner Cable in 1994 to provide cable services within the city. At the time the Franchise Agreement was adopted, Time Warner Cable provided limited cable service. Since that time, they have expanded their cable system with digital and numerous other upgrades. Law Director Stephan commented there are several issues that need to be reviewed and addressed during the next negotiations with Time Warner Cable.

Manager Wright reported demolition will begin tomorrow on the former dry-cleaning building, located on Market Street.

Manager Wright reported contract negotiations have begun with the Police Union on a successor Agreement.

Manager Wright reported the 2004 Brookville Optimist Pumpkin Walk will be held on Saturday, November 6 beginning at 6:30 p.m. The walk will start along the bikeway near the rear parking lot in Golden Gate Park. Everyone is invited to attend.

Manager Wright reported the Brookville Chamber of Commerce 2004 Fall Banquet and General Meeting will be held on Friday, November 12. Any Council Member who is interested in attending should notify Clerk Keaton after the Council meeting.

Member Ullery inquired on the winter salt supply for the City. Manager Wright stated the salt bin is full. The City has an agreement with the County, in which the City shares their storage site and the County shares their salt with the City.

Fire Chief Nickel reported the ambulance drawings are in, and he is currently reviewing the drawings. The ambulance will be built in January.

Fire Chief Nickel reported CERT will hold a mock disaster exercise at the Fire Training Center with graduation to follow on Saturday, November 13 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Upon the graduation of this most recent CERT class, there will be a total of 51 trained CERT personnel, one of the largest active CERT Programs in Montgomery County.

Fire Chief Nickel presented the 2004 year-to-date Monthly Activity Report for fire and ambulance runs. To date, the Fire Department has a combined fire and ambulance run total of 1,246.

Police Chief Preston presented an overview of the Incident List and Brookville Police Department Time Analysis from October 19 - November 1, 2004. Police Chief Preston reported there were 315 calls for service in this time period. The number of reportable incidents are down 28 reports, or 4% and the total calls handled are up 1,590 calls or 26% from this same time last year. The average response time was 2.05 minutes.

Police Chief Preston reported there were no problems with Beggar's night.

Police Chief Preston reported the Brookville Police Department recently hired Bob Todd as a full-time officer and Cherish Isaacs as a part-time officer.

Police Chief Preston reported the Eddie Eagle Gun Safety Program was recently presented to the 2nd grade classes at Westbrook Elementary. This program is presented to both the 2nd and 4th grade each year. The program explains the dangers of firearms to the children.

Law Director Stephan had no report.

Finance Director/Clerk Keaton presented the October 31, 2004 Fund Balance for review and approval.

Motion by Duncan, second by Ullery to approve the October 31, 2004 Fund Balance as approved. All yeas, motion carried.

Finance Director/Clerk Keaton reported the 2004 Codified replacement pages are in, and have been reviewed.

Motion by Duncan, second by Sanders to read proposed Ordinance No. 2004-15. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Reel, second by Duncan to accept the first reading, dispense with the second and third reading and adopt Ordinance No. 2004-15 entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE AND ADOPT CURRENT REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY." All yeas, motion carried.

Mayor Seagraves thanked everyone in attendance for voting today.

Chairperson Watkins, of the Brookville Planning Commission, read the Planning Commission's recommendation that Council adopt proposed Ordinance No. 2004-11, which amends the minimum floor area for certain residential districts of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Brookville and to include the following definition of Minimum Floor Area: Minimum Floor Area is the minimum required living area for a residential dwelling unit in each zoning district. Minimum Floor Area is determined by calculating the total area of a residential dwelling unit, excluding basements, attics, garages, carports or exterior parking spaces, terraces, breezeways and patios, pools, accessory buildings of any kind, or any other exterior structure. All yeas, motion carried.

Chairperson Watkins, of the Brookville Planning Commission, read the Planning Commission's recommendation that Council adopt proposed Ordinance No. 2004-13, which approves and adopts the 2004 Comprehensive Land Plan update as drafted. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Duncan, second by Sanders to read proposed Ordinance No. 2004-11. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Duncan, second by Reel to accept the second reading of proposed Ordinance No. 2004-11. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Sanders, second by Duncan to read proposed Ordinance No. 2004-13. All yeas, motion carried.

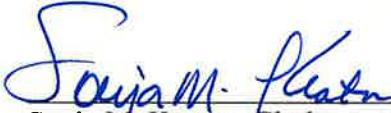
Motion by Reel, second by Sanders to accept the second reading of proposed Ordinance No. 2004-13. All yeas, motion carried.

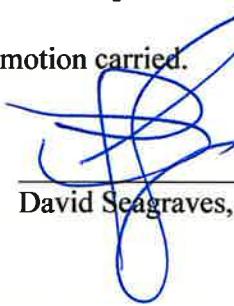
In Old Business, Member Reel inquired on the outlook for Lee's Chicken? Assistant Manager Sewert stated Lee's Building and Zoning Permits and building plans have been approved. Assistant Manager Sewert commented their permits may be expiring soon.

In New Business, Member Duncan commented that he received the Ombudsman Report and the report indicates they have registered 60 complaints for Brookville. Member Duncan stated it would be nice to find out what the complaints were about. Law Director Stephan stated we could contact the Ombudsman Office to see if that information is a public record.

In New Business, Member Hanos commented she recently heard about a small northern community that recently held a downtown street fair, with food vendors and a parade of costumed children, prior to trick-or-treating. Member Hanos thought Brookville may want to look at such an event in the future. Mayor Seagraves commented he will speak with the Chamber of Commerce to see if there would be an interest on their part to hold such an event.

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


Sonja M. Keaton, Clerk


David Seagraves, Mayor