

BROOKVILLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
November 16, 2004

The Regular Meeting of the Brookville City Council was called to order by Mayor Seagraves at 7:30 p.m. on November 16, 2004 in the City Council Chambers. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Members Duncan, Garber, Hanos, Reel, Sanders and Ullery; Law Director Stephan, Fire Chief Nickel and Director of Finance/Clerk Keaton were present. Manager Wright and Police Chief Preston were absent. Assistant Manager Sewert 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 November 2, 2004 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

Sally Batz, who was seated in the audience, congratulated Dottie Watkins for receiving the "Citizen of the Year" award from the Brookville Chamber of Commerce.

Assistant Manager Sewert arrived.

Fire Chief Nickel presented the Brookville Fire Department Strategic Vision Plan to Council. Fire Chief Nickel reported the design of the strategic vision committee was chosen to represent a wide spectrum of the community and members of the Brookville Fire Department. Fire Chief Nickel commented the fire department has taken on more of a service role within the community. The meetings took place over a two-month period, and there were five main areas of concern that were identified by the committee. The issues are service levels, staffing levels, equipment replacement/acquisitions, fire stations and funding. Fire Chief Nickel stated the Brookville Fire Department response area creates several interesting challenges. The Brookville Fire Departments response area includes the incorporated area of Brookville and approximately one-half of Clay and Perry Townships. Services are provided to the townships on a contractual basis. Fire Chief Nickel reported the vision will be presented to the various governing bodies for acceptance in principle. After acceptance, the difficult task remains of developing the vision into a plan. As with any project, funding is the driving force that will determine the speed that recommendations are implemented. Discussion continued with Council Members asking Fire Chief Nickel questions on the Strategic Vision presentation.

Assistant Manager Sewert presented the Manager's report.

Assistant Manager Sewert reported the leaf pickup program is going well. The program should end by the second week of December.

Assistant Manager Sewert reported the old drycleaners building, located on Market Street, has been demolished. The City will seed the area next spring.

Assistant Manager Sewert reported an Ordinance amending the residential building code will be presented to Council at the next Council meeting.

Member Ullery commended the business owner, next to the former Doc's Pub location, for working quickly to refurbish the side of his building.

Assistant Manager Sewert commented now is a good time for Council to consider what they would like to see on the corner of Market and Sycamore Street, where Doc's Pub was demolished.

Assistant Manager Sewert reported the permits expired for Lee's Chicken. Lee's recently submitted their drawings for approval, which starts the permit process over again.

Member Garber inquired on the proposed Caretaker's cabin? Assistant Manager Sewert commented Manager Wright had presented a floor plan and layout of the proposed cabin to Park Board. The cabin has 1,285 square feet of livable space. Manager Wright will present the plans to Council soon.

Member Garber asked if there will be any different Christmas decorations this year. Assistant Manager Sewert stated Manager Wright is currently looking at some new ideas for Gateway Park, other than that, the lights will be the same throughout Brookville as in previous years. Assistant Manager Sewert commented the Brookville Chamber of Commerce may be assisting the City with the purchase of new items for Gateway Park.

Law Director Stephan presented proposed Ordinance No. 2004-16, which amends the Brookville Income Tax Ordinance. Law Director Stephan reported he and Clerk Keaton have been working on this update for some time. The proposed Ordinance adopts numerous changes which the state adopted through several House Bills. Several of the state mandated changes involve a change to the due date, credits, extension and generic forms, just to name a few. There were several local changes that would change the age requirement for filing from the current 16 years of age to 18, and the appeal time has been changed from 15 days to 30. Law Director Stephan commented the majority of the proposed changes are technical or procedural in nature.

Motion by Garber, second by Ullery to read proposed Ordinance No. 2004-16. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Garber, second by Ullery to accept the first reading of proposed Ordinance No. 2004-16. All yeas, motion carried.

Law Director Stephan reported he will present the pros and cons of withdrawing from the townships at the next Council meeting due to Manager Wright's absence tonight.

Member Sanders asked if a copy of the pros and cons could be given to Council prior to the meeting. Law Director Stephan stated he will have copies for Council beforehand.

Member Reel asked how proposed State House Bill 175 will affect the City?

Fire Chief Nickel stated the Ohio Fire Chief's Association has taken a stand against this House Bill. The House Bill basically does away with home rule.

Assistant Manager Sewert commented that our building inspection company, National Inspection Corporation, is not in favor of this House Bill, that is why we are adopting new residential building codes.

Finance Director/Clerk Keaton reported Council should have a copy of the Time Warner Cable Pricing chart for 2005, which includes the City of Brookville, as requested by Member Reel at a prior Council meeting.

Finance Director/Clerk Keaton reported several board positions are set to expire December 31, 2004. Finance Director/Clerk Keaton stated she has contacted the three individuals whose terms expire, and all three indicated they are interested in serving additional terms.

Motion by Garber, second by Sanders to reappoint Richard Swabb to Planning Commission for a three-year term, Melissa Hart to Park Board for a four-year term and Joseph Tobias to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a five-year term, with all terms beginning January 1, 2005. All yeas, motion carried.

Finance Director/Clerk Keaton reported proposed Ordinance No. 2004-16 provides for a Board of Zoning Appeals, which would consist of five citizens to serve alternating terms of three years. The consensus of Council is to advertise for those positions in the Brookville Star, and to bring those names back to Council for consideration.

Mayor Seagraves congratulated Dottie Watkins on receiving the "Citizen of the Year" award from the Brookville Chamber of Commerce. It is well deserved.

Mayor Seagraves thanked Amvets for recognizing the Brookville Fire and Police Departments recently.

Mayor Seagraves announced the combined meeting between Council and the Brookville School Board will take place some time after the first of the year.

Mayor Seagraves wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

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 third reading and adopt Ordinance No. 2004-11 entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 1121.03(C)(2), 1123.03(C)(2), 1125.03(C)(2) AND 1127.03(C)(2) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BROOKVILLE REGULATING MINIMUM FLOOR AREAS FOR CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS." All yeas, motion carried.

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

Motion by Sanders, second by Hanos to accept the third reading and adopt Ordinance No. 2004-13 entitled "AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE 2004 COMPREHENSIVE LAND PLAN UPDATE OF THE CITY OF BROOKVILLE, OHIO." All yeas, motion carried.

Member Ullery inquired how the recent Band Fest went?

Mayor Seagraves stated activities began in the morning as scheduled, but due to the weather the event ended early. Mayor Seagraves commented the group indicated they are interested in coming back earlier next year.

Member Ullery commented we need to implement a permit process soon.

Law Director Stephan commented Police Chief Preston has drafted some permit proposals that he is currently reviewing.

Member Duncan inquired if the proposed Stoneybrook Farm, located in Perry Township, has contacted anyone on wanting sewer hookups?

Assistant Manager Sewert stated Manager Wright has attended several meetings, but there has been no discussion on sewer hookups.

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


Sonja M. Keaton, Clerk


David Seagraves, Mayor