

Brookville City Council
Regular Meeting
August 15, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the Brookville City Council was called to order by Mayor Letner at 7:30 p.m. on August 15, 2023. The meeting was held in the City Council Chambers and virtually using the Cisco Webex application. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Members Crane, Fowler, Kristof, Schreier, Wilder and Zimmerlin; Manager Keaton, Finance Director Brandt, Fire Chief Fletcher, Police Chief Jerome and Clerk Duncan were present. Law Director Stephan was present virtually.

Roll Call by Clerk Duncan.

Motion by Fowler, second by Zimmerlin to adopt the Agenda as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Zimmerlin, second by Kristof to approve the August 1, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes. Crane yea, Fowler yea, Zimmerlin yea, Schreier yea, Wilder abstained, Kristof yea, Letner yea. Motion carried with six yeas and one abstention.

Manager Keaton gave an update on the natural gas governmental aggregation program to serve Miami Valley Communication Council (MVCC) eligible gas participants. The RFP was sent to 13 certified retail natural gas service providers. Archer Energy was the sole responding supplier. Several suppliers cited current gas storage pricing and availability as factors that contributed to their decision not to submit a quote at this time. Given current market conditions, Palmer Energy Company recommends to MVCC that a natural gas RFP be issued in late November 2023 in anticipation of a May 2024 contract start date.

Manager Keaton reported at a recent Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission Board Meeting, she learned that one single Transportation Review Advisory Council, otherwise known as TRAC, project was submitted for CY2023, and that is the widening and rehabilitation of I-70 from Upper Lewisburg-Salem Road, just west of Exit 21, to State Route 48 in Englewood. TRAC projects are projects costing more than \$12 million which adds transportation capacity and are critical to the mobility, economic development, and quality of life of the citizens of Ohio. This project includes the replacement of two mainline bridge decks over Upper Lewisburg-Salem Rd. to accommodate the widened section. If this project is awarded during this TRAC round, construction is estimated to start in 2029.

Manager Keaton reminded everyone that tomorrow is the first day of the 2023/2024 school year for Brookville students.

Manager Keaton reported the Market Street Resurfacing Project will begin on September 5th and should be completed by September 8th, weather permitting.

Finance Director Brandt had no report.

Fire Chief Fletcher reported he received notification that the City should receive the reimbursement payment soon for the AFG Grant for the purchase of our new breathing apparatus equipment.

Fire Chief Fletcher reported he and Police Chief Jerome have been notified that our fees to utilize MARCS have been cut in half for the next cycle. The MARCS system provides statewide, secure, reliable public service wireless communication for first responders. This will save each department about \$800 per quarter.

Police Chief Jerome reported the new school year begins tomorrow and drivers should be aware. The Police Department has a zero tolerance for passing a school bus.

Police Chief Jerome reported sextortion is a growing problem nationwide. Young men are targeted and enticed to send naked images of themselves. The scammers then extort the young men for money by threatening to send the images to all of their contacts. Police Chief Jerome reported several young men in our community have reported being targeted. Our School Resource Officer will be adding education about sextortion to his curriculum.

Police Chief Jerome reported there is a home football game this Friday. The Optimist Club will once again be in charge of parking. Due to problems reported last year, the Police Department is taking a zero-tolerance stance on any patrons who want to argue with the Optimists over parking.

Police Chief Jerome reported we have reached an epidemic with vaping at school. Many parents allow vaping and even purchase vaping supplies for their children. Police Chief Jerome reminded everyone this is not legal. The Police Department will be charging juveniles and sending them to court if they are caught.

Law Director Stephan reported the annexation of 113.562 acres, more or less, from Perry Township to the City of Brookville, was approved by the Montgomery County Board of Commissioners on August 1, 2023. A map of the annexation area has been provided to Council. The Clerk of County Commissioners delivered a certified copy of the annexation proceedings on August 4, 2023. Law Director Stephan stated under the Ohio law, City Council may act to accept this annexation to the City of Brookville after the expiration of sixty days. Therefore, an Ordinance accepting the annexation will be before City Council for approval at the October 17, 2023 City Council meeting.

Mayor Letner asked Law Director Stephan to explain why the property is being annexed.

Law Director Stephan stated JLR Leasing, owned by John Ritter, is requesting annexation so that they can obtain city water and sewer. The plan is to build a meeting center/recreation facility for their church members, which will take approximately five to ten acres of the property. The remainder of the property will not be developed at this time.

Manager Keaton commented the building would be off of Heckathorn Road, just south of the bikeway.

Mayor Letner reported the VFW will have their annual Super Raffle next month. The VFW has always been very generous and supportive of the City, and Mayor Letner encouraged everyone to participate in the raffle.

Motion by Fowler, second by Zimmerlin to read proposed Resolution No. 23-23. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Kristof, second by Wilder to accept the third reading and adopt Resolution No. 23-23 entitled "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BROOKVILLE TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED." All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Zimmerlin, second by Fowler to read proposed Resolution No. 23-24. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Schreier, second by Kristof to accept the third reading and adopt Resolution No. 23-24 entitled "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BROOKVILLE TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED.” All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Fowler, second by Kristof to appoint Dennis Piper to Planning Commission to fill the unexpired term vacated by Damian Kristof, which expires on December 31, 2025. All yeas, motion carried.

Member Fowler, Park Board Liaison, reported BBC came to Park Board because they wanted to address some issues with the City. Park Board chose a location for the Boy Scout Amphitheater Project, which will be constructed in front of the three trees near the old BMX storage building, facing the creek. Upcoming events at Golden Gate Park are the Brookville Cross Country Invitational, the Bryston Keating Wiffle Ball Tournament, Ghostly Night Out and the Optimist Pumpkin Walk. A new grove is also under construction, with funds donated by Jack McMaken.


Member Zimmerlin thanked Manager Keaton and staff for helping with Brookville Soccer Association Opening Day.

Member Schreier, Planning Commission Liaison, had no report.

Motion by Zimmerlin, second by Fowler to go into Executive Session per O.R.C. 121.22 (G)(1) to consider the appointment of a public official. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Zimmerlin, second by Fowler to go back into Regular Session. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Fowler, second by Kristof to adjourn. All yeas, motion carried.



Kimberly Duncan, Clerk

Charles Letner, Mayor