

Brookville City Council
Regular Meeting
June 18, 2024

The Regular Meeting of the Brookville City Council was called to order by Mayor Letner at 7:30 p.m. on June 18, 2024. 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, Piper, Schreier and Wilder; Finance Director Brandt, Law Director Stephan, Fire Chief Fletcher, Police Chief Jerome and Clerk Duncan were present. Member Zimmerlin was present on Webex. Manager Kuntz was absent.

Roll Call by Clerk Duncan.

Motion by Fowler, second by Wilder to accept the Agenda as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Piper, second by Schreier to accept the June 4, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. Crane yea, Fowler abstained, Zimmerlin abstained, Schreier yea, Wilder yea, Piper yea, Letner yea. Motion carried with five yeas and two abstentions.

Finance Director Brandt reported presented the May 31, 2024 Fund Balance.

Motion by Schreier, second by Fowler to accept the May 31, 2024 Fund Balance as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

Finance Director Brandt requested Council authorization to transfer \$554,897.65 from the Local Fiscal Recover Fund into the Water Fund. This is a partial transfer of the total amount approved in the appropriations.

Motion by Fowler, second by Wilder to authorize the transfer of \$554,897.65 from the Local Fiscal Recover Fund into the Water Fund as appropriated. All yeas, motion carried.

Finance Director Brandt reported our Commercial Property, Automobile and Liability Insurance through The Ohio Plan renews on July 1, 2024 for a one-year period. The renewal premium came in at \$86,994, which is a \$150 increase over our expiring policy. Our risk insurance includes Property, Liability, Automobile, Equipment Breakdown, Special Property, Computer, Crime, Malicious Assailant, Cyber and Terrorism coverages. Our property values increased \$1,818,160, special scheduled equipment values increased \$183,169 and computer equipment values increased \$17,753.

Motion by Piper, second by Wilder to authorize the renewal of the Commercial Property, Automobile and Liability Insurance coverage at a cost of \$86,994 through The Ohio Plan, beginning on July 1, 2024, for a one-year period. All yeas, motion carried.

Fire Chief Fletcher reported the Fire Department received a \$2,500 grant from Center Point Energy. The grant will be used to purchase safety and gas detection equipment.

Police Chief Jerome reported the Service Department has redone the landscaping at the entrance to North Brook Industrial Park and posted the weight limit signs on the McKinley Street bridge.

Police Chief Jerome reported Service Superintendent Hamiel has been working hard to keep the Hay Avenue Project moving. The hold-up is now a Frontier line that needs to be moved in order for some poles to be removed. This line should be moved tomorrow. Police Chief Jerome reported Flory's Antiques has a big sale going on this week, and extra signage has been placed to direct traffic to their location on Hay Avenue.

Police Chief Jerome reported Police Captain Morgan graduated this week from the Ohio State Patrol Public Safety Leadership Academy, which was an 11-week program.

Police Chief Jerome reported he and Police Officer Wilson attended the Block Party and Craft Sale at the Brookville Public Library this past Saturday. The event was well attended and there were no issues.

Police Chief Jerome reported Golden Gate Park was a planned lunch stop for an estimated 800 GOBA cyclists on Sunday. This event also went well with no incidents.

Police Chief Jerome announced the Police Department is pushing out a 9 p.m. routine program, encouraging residents to lock up their homes and properties.

Police Chief Jerome reported the Police Department is starting a Community Strides Program. The first event will be Walk the Block With a Cop, where residents from different neighborhoods can walk with a Police Officer and get tips on how to make their properties safer.

Law Director Stephan had no report.

Mayor Letner thanked Brookville Library Branch Manager Damian Kristof for organizing the Brookville Block Party and Craft Show last weekend. The event was laid out well and flowed smoothly.

Mayor Letner announced the next Market Street Connection Third Thursday event is this week and encouraged residents to attend and support the Market Street businesses.

Mayor Letner reminded residents to put their refuse and recycling out the night before as Rumpke is starting their routes very early in the morning in order to beat the recent extreme heat conditions.

Mayor Letner commented it was quite a site to see so many GOBA cyclists riding through Brookville on Sunday and using Golden Gate Park as a lunch stop.

Member Fowler, Park Board Liaison, reported park permits were up and the construction of the inclusive playground will begin the last week of June. Manager Kuntz is looking at ways to add more parking to Golden Gate Park and Law Director Stephan is looking at language for signage to be posted to prohibit the use of marijuana in the parks.

Member Schreier, Planning Commission Liaison, had no report.

Damian Kristof, 61 Oak Street, thanked the Police and Fire departments for their assistance with the Block Party and Craft Show on Saturday. An estimated 2,400 people attended the event. Mr. Kristof also reminded the public that the library is a great place to cool off in this extreme heat.

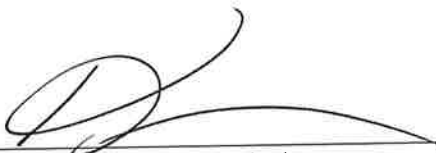
Mark Haworth, 10352 Upper Lewisburg Salem Road, inquired about a referendum that has been filed with the city regarding the zoning for the 85 acres across from the firehouse and asked whether everyone was aware of it.

Todd Clemmons, 841 Flanders, presented a Special Event Permit Application for the annual Brookville Soccer Association Parade.

Mayor Letner advised Mr. Clemmons that staff will review the request and present it for approval at the next Council meeting.

Bruce Garber, 434 Sycamore Street, wondered if Council would be for or against a big box store coming into Brookville, and asked Council to define grow or die when referring to a city. Garber stated new residents cost more in services than you earn in income tax.

Motion by Fowler, second by Schreier to adjourn.



Kimberly Duncan, Clerk

Charles Letner, Mayor