

BROOKVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC MEETING  
August 2, 2022

The Public Meeting of the Brookville City Council was called to order by Mayor Letner at 7:00 p.m. on August 2, 2022. 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, Requarth, Schreier, Wilder and Zimmerlin; Manager Keaton, Law Director Stephan, Finance Director Brandt, Police Chief Jerome and Clerk Duncan were present. Fire Chief Fletcher was absent.

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

Mayor Letner announced this Public Meeting is being held to consider the retirement and rehiring of Kimberly Duncan as Clerk of Council for the City of Brookville.

Finance Director Brandt announced the Public Meeting tonight is to consider the issue of Kimberly D. Duncan being re-employed by the City of Brookville as Clerk of Council effective September 1, 2022, upon her retirement as Clerk of Council, effective August 31, 2022. Per Ohio Revised Code Section 145.381 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 145-1-79, public notice was provided in the June 29, 2022 edition of the Brookville Star that a public meeting would be held on August 2, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, which meets the requirements of providing notice at least 60 days before the re-employment is to begin. A public notice was also placed on the City of Brookville's website.

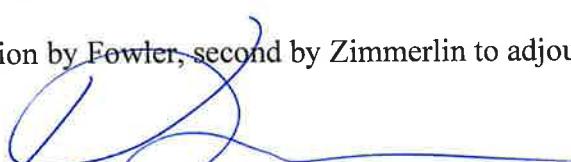
Finance Director Brandt stated for those unfamiliar with the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System, or OPERS, public employees who have worked the required number of years in government are eligible to retire and begin immediately receiving their pension. According to the rules and requirements of OPERS, it is acceptable and very common for eligible public employees to retire and then be rehired by their same organization. In fact, this occurs regularly in various public-sector agencies, including the military, schools and others.

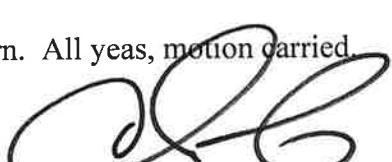
Finance Director Brandt advised in addition to OPERS, there is also a police and fire program called DROP, which stands for the Deferred Retirement Option Plan. Under this plan, a police officer or fire fighter that is eligible for retirement can continue to work and enter the DROP program for a period of three to eight years. The concept of both the OPERS re-employment program and the DROP program is to retain qualified, well-trained professionals working for their current communities.

There was no public comment.

Clerk Duncan stated it has been a great 31 years and she looks forward to continuing her employment with the City of Brookville.

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

  
Kimberly Duncan, Clerk

  
Charles Letner, Mayor