

Brookville City Council
Regular Meeting
March 1, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the Brookville City Council was called to order by Mayor Letner at 7:30 p.m. on March 1, 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, Schreier, Requarth, Wilder and Zimmerlin; Manager Keaton, Finance Director Brandt, Fire Chief Fletcher, Police Chief Jerome, Law Director Stephan, and Clerk Duncan were present.

Roll Call by Clerk Duncan.

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

Motion by Requarth, second by Zimmerlin to approve the February 15, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

Manager Keaton reported in 2017, Brookville participated with the Southwest Ohio Regional Refuse Consortium on a joint bid for the collection and disposal of solid waste and recyclable materials. Our five-year contract with Rumpke expires December 31, 2022. The Center for Local Government, who is leading the SWORRE Consortium, is in the process of finalizing bid specs and will begin advertising for bids in March in hopes of procuring excellent proposals. Brookville is once again participating in the Consortium. Bids will be for a term of three years with an option to extend the term for two one-year extensions, and for a five-year term. Each Community reserves the right to abandon the joint bid process and to reject all Bids at any time. Bids are due April 21, and the successful bidder will be announced on April 29. Manager Keaton advised she will bring the bid results to the first Council meeting in May for Council to make a decision.

Manager Keaton reminded everyone to mark their calendars for our Annual Park Cleanup Day scheduled for Saturday, April 2 from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Trash bags, rakes and gloves will be available at Shelter #3. Park Board will be serving hot dogs and refreshments in Shelter #3 after cleanup.

Manager Keaton reported we will open bids for the Sludge Processing Facility on March 9. The specifications call for the building to be substantially completed by November 30, 2022.

Manager Keaton advised the Wolf Creek Tree Removal Project should be awarded this week, with hopes of starting the project next week.

Manager Keaton gave an update on the Hay Avenue Project, stating the completion of the storm on Wolf Creek Street is almost complete, and the water connection at Western Avenue should also be completed this week. Wolf Creek Street should be open to traffic by the end of business on Friday. Beginning Monday, work will begin on Hay Avenue for the duration of the project.

Manager Keaton advised now that we are experiencing warmer weather, the street sweeper will be out in hopes of cleaning all city streets during March before mowing season begins. This Friday, the Service Department will drive through the city to pick up limbs that are at the curb, from last week's ice storm, at no charge.

Manager Keaton reminded everyone to move clocks ahead an hour on Sunday, March 13. The first day of Spring is 19 days away!

Member Fowler inquired about the lights that are out on Flanders, which was caused by MetroNet?

Manager Keaton advised there are about 180 homes without power, caused by MetroNet hitting a power line. AES is currently working to restore the power to these homes.

Member Fowler stated he was referring to just the one streetlight out on Flanders Avenue.

Manager Keaton advised she will look into this. It would not be the first streetlight outage MetroNet has caused.

Member Fowler stated he has heard complaints about MetroNet not filling holes with dirt, and asked if residents should contact MetroNet directly, or contact the city office?

Manager Keaton replied once the MetroNet crews have worked on a property, another crew will come in two to three days later to restore the property. Preferably, homeowners should contact MetroNet with complaints. Manager Keaton advised some homeowners are not aware that there is a utility easement in their rear yard, and MetroNet will be working in these easements.

Finance Director Brandt advised the information on MetroNet and their contact information is posted on our Facebook page and on our website.

Manager Keaton advised we will push the information out again.

Member Fowler asked if IGA has been contacted about the poor condition of their parking lot?

Law Director Stephan stated he is not aware of IGA getting a formal notice. He believes Zoning Officer Snedeker contacted them verbally regarding repairing the parking lot approximately six months ago.

Manager Keaton advised we will reach out to IGA soon as the asphalt plants are beginning to open up.

Member Zimmerlin inquired if we are looking independently at refuse and recycling pickup, or are strictly staying within the consortium?

Manager Keaton replied she will wait for the bid results before looking independently. She has spoken with other communities who have received bids from Rumpke. One bid was very similar to ours and the other was approximately \$2.00 more per unit. Manager Keaton reported she has also met with Rumpke representatives regarding independent bids versus the consortium.

Member Fowler asked which communities are in the consortium?

Manager Keaton replied Bellbrook, Brookville and Miamisburg are in the consortium.

Member Fowler asked if we could contact our local townships to see if they want to partner with us?

Manager Keaton replied she did reach out to New Lebanon. The townships have their own group they participate in.

Member Zimmerlin inquired how our service has been recently with Rumpke? Initially we had quite a few complaints.

Manager Keaton replied we are not having many complaints at all. We have hiccups when they switch drivers as they learn the new routes.

Finance Director Brandt presented the February 28, 2022 Fund Balance for Council review and approval.

Motion by Fowler, second by Zimmerlin to accept the February 28, 2022 Fund Balance as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

Finance Director Brandt requested Council approval of the city-wide garage sale map to be held each weekend in the month of June.

Motion by Fowler, second by Zimmerlin to approve the city-wide garage sale dates and map as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

Fire Chief Fletcher reported EMS calls were down and Fire calls were up for the month of February.

Fire Chief Fletcher reported crews have a greater than usual training plan due to the addition of two new pieces of fire apparatus.

Fire Chief Fletcher reminded everyone to change the batteries in their smoke and carbon monoxide detectors when they set their clocks ahead for daylight savings.

Fire Chief Fletcher reported he and Police Chief Jerome are planning accordingly for the truck convoy that will roll through Brookville in a few days.

Police Chief Jerome reported the body cameras have been ordered and should be here in six to eight weeks.

Police Chief Jerome reported the People's Convoy should be here at approximately 11:00 a.m. on Thursday. We will have a police cruiser on the overpass bridge to monitor for public safety.

Police Chief Jerome reported we have hired a new full-time officer who will start on March 13, 2022. He is a very strong candidate coming to us from Washington D.C., but originally from Brookville, Ohio. Police Chief Jerome reported we held a position for this candidate for several months and thanked Manager Keaton for working with him throughout the hiring process.

Law Director Stephan reported several staff members attended a ribbon-cutting today for What's the Scoop for their expanded and remodeled location on Market Street. The store owners have done a wonderful job. This is positive economic news for Brookville.

Mayor Letner reported we will present the Citizen of the Month at the next meeting in March.

Motion by Zimmerlin, second by Wilder to read proposed Ordinance No. 2022-01. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Requarth, second by Fowler to accept the second reading of proposed Ordinance No. 2022-01. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Zimmerlin, second by Fowler to read proposed Ordinance No. 2022-02. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Requarth, second by Schreier to accept the second reading of proposed Ordinance No. 2022-02. All yeas, motion carried.

Member Zimmerlin asked if the veteran's banners he has seen on display in other communities are sponsored by the VFW? Member Zimmerlin stated he was in awe of our local VFW after they donated the money for the body cameras. Member Zimmerlin asked if we had ever considered this to honor our veterans?

Manager Keaton replied she checked into the banners several years ago. We would have to get permission from AES to install the banners on power poles. Most of the banners are sponsored by various groups, such as the VFW or AmVets. Some communities have the families sponsor the banners.

Finance Director Brandt commented that the Optimist Club was looking at sponsoring the banners before they started their flag program.

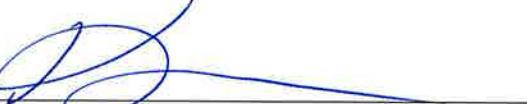
Mayor Letner stated that is correct, the Optimists were looking at the banner program before starting their current flag program.

Member Zimmerlin stated he would love to see the City support a banner program for our local veterans.

Member Fowler, Park Board Liaison, had no report.

Member Schreier, Planning Commission Liaison, reported Planning Commission held a pre-application conference with DDC Management on behalf of Arbor Homes for 43 homes to be constructed next to the firehouse. The next step in the process will be to hold a public hearing.

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



Kimberly Duncan, Clerk



Charles Letner, Mayor