

Brookville City Council  
Regular Meeting  
November 15, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the Brookville City Council was called to order by Mayor Letner at 7:30 p.m. on November 15, 2022. The meeting was held in the City Council Chambers and virtually using the Cisco Webex application. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Members Fowler, Requarth, Schreier, Wilder and Zimmerlin; Manager Keaton, Finance Director Brandt, Law Director Stephan, Fire Chief Fletcher, Police Chief Jerome and Clerk Duncan were present. Member Crane was absent.

Roll Call by Clerk Duncan.

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

Motion by Fowler, second by Zimmerlin to approve the November 1, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes. Fowler yea, Zimmerlin yea, Schreier yea, Wilder abstain, Requarth abstain, Letner yea. Motion carried with four yeas and two abstentions.

Mayor Letner presented the November Citizen of the Month Award to Angie Lake for her community service and dedication to the Brookville Area Handivan Ministry.

Angie Lake thanked the Mayor for the recognition, stating it is a very rewarding opportunity. Ms. Lake advised the Handivan Ministry is sponsored by the area churches and encouraged volunteering as they are in need of Handivan drivers.

Manager Keaton requested Council authorization to purchase a 2022 Ford-F250 pickup truck for the Service Department through Ricart Ford at a cost of \$48,495. The State of Ohio stopped taking orders in August of 2022 as they are not able to fulfill the orders that they currently have. The base bid on a similar 2023 pick-up truck is in excess of \$60,000. Manager Keaton advised our last pickup purchase was in 2018 and we plan to sell our 2004 Ford pickup on GovDeals. The funds to purchase the pickup will come out of the Street M&R, Park, Water, Stormwater, and Sanitary Sewer Funds. Manager Keaton reminded Council the purchase of a pick-up truck was in our 2022 budget, but we delayed the purchase to see how our funds would fair throughout the year.

Member Zimmerlin observed there is a Chevy dealer in Brookville, as well as GM, and asked if we considered purchasing a non-Ford vehicle.

Manager Keaton replied she has been searching for several months for any brand of new truck on a lot and they are very difficult to find.

Member Fowler commented he found a red 2016 Ford F-250 pickup truck with 27,000 miles on GovDeals and asked if we could potentially look at that vehicle?

Manager Keaton replied we would have to look at any problems that the vehicle may have and asked where it was located?

Member Fowler replied it was in Wisconsin.

Manager Keaton stated with the snow and cold weather in that area it would probably rust out quicker than a vehicle purchased in our area. Manager Keaton observed we used to purchase new service vehicles frequently and rotate them out, but we have not been able to do that in recent years. The prices are now in excess of \$60,000. This 2022 Ford-F250 is blue and under \$50,000.

Motion by Requarth, second by Zimmerlin to authorize Manager Keaton to purchase a 2022 Ford-F250 pickup truck for the Service Department through Ricart Ford at a cost of \$48,495. All yeas, motion carried.

Manager Keaton commended the Service Department personnel who picked up leaves this year. Leaf pick-up will continue until December 2.

Manager Keaton reported over the past two weeks the Service Department winterized the concession stands, serviced fire hydrants, mulched leaves in parks, helped set up for the Pumpkin Walk, cleaned swale at Meadows of Brookville, removed fountains from Golden Gate pond, put Christmas lights on Market Street trees, Gateway Park trees, and the Golden Gate Park gazebo, cleaned Gateway Park for Veterans Day, installed electric panels in GG Park for Christmas lights, cleaned leaves around Castle Playground and prepared trucks for snow and ice removal. They will install the Christmas Banners on Market Street this week.

Manager Keaton reported the Service Department repaired the first water main break of the 2022-2023 season this morning.

Manager Keaton reported the Westbrook Road Resurfacing Project will be delayed until next spring due to the cold weather that has moved in. The Main Street Waterline Project will start taking place in early 2023 and will progress depending upon parts and material availability.

Manager Keaton reported Issue 11 for the local option for liquor sales and Sunday liquor sales for the El Bronco Mexican restaurant was passed unanimously. Issue 33, for an additional 4 mil for Fire and EMS for Perry Township, is too close to call until all the provisional and absentee ballots are counted.

Manager Keaton reported the Downtown Christmas Tree Lighting will take place on Market Street in Gruenig Park on November 30 at 6:30 p.m.

Manager Keaton reminded everyone that opening night for Christmas in the Park is Friday, December 2 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Finance Director Brandt reported proposed Resolution No. 22-31 is an advancement of taxes. Proposed Ordinance No. 2022-07 is to levy special assessments for those who have not paid for sidewalks, curbs and gutters.

Motion by Fowler, second by Zimmerlin to read proposed Resolution No. 22-31. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Fowler, second by Schreier to accept the first reading of proposed Resolution No. 22-31. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Fowler, second by Zimmerlin to read proposed Ordinance No. 2022-07. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Fowler, second by Wilder to accept the first reading of proposed Ordinance No. 2022-07. All yeas, motion carried.

Fire Chief Fletcher had no report.

Police Chief Jerome thanked Mayor Letner and Manager Keaton for helping with the Veterans Day luncheon at Rob's Restaurant. This was a successful event with a huge turnout. Police Chief Jerome thanked the Clay Township businesses for putting it on Facebook, a private donor for funding and the area Police Departments and MVCTC students who helped with the event.

Mayor Letner stated he was glad to be a part of the Veterans Day event at Rob's and was also impressed with the Veterans Day assembly at the school.

Law Director Stephan reported the annexation that was approved at the last Council meeting has been filed with the Montgomery County Recorder and we are in the process of notifying all the appropriate agencies of the annexation.

Law Director Stephan thanked all the citizens and the voters who helped to pass Issue 11 for liquor sales and Sunday liquor sales for the El Bronco Mexican restaurant.

Mayor Letner thanked Angie Lake for being the Citizen of the Month, stating the Handivan Ministry is a valuable asset to the city and community members.

Mayor Letner also thanked the Chamber of Commerce for recognizing our Service Department at their annual banquet, stating we have a great bunch of guys who go above and beyond for our community. Mayor Letner commended Service Department Superintendent Joe Hamiel for his leadership of the Service Department.

Motion by Wilder, second by Fowler to read proposed Ordinance No. 2022-08. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Schreier, second by Fowler to accept the first reading, dispense with the second and third reading and adopt Ordinance No. 2022-08 entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE AND ADOPT CURRENT REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES, AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY." All yeas, motion carried.

Member Fowler, Park Liaison, reported Christmas in the Park planning is underway. Amvets Post 1789 donated a Norway Spruce that the Boy Scouts will plant and decorate in Golden Gate Park. A new Christmas tree was also planted in Gruenig Park to replace the one that died. Member Fowler thanked the Optimists for rehabbing the old BMX building.

Member Schreier, Planning Commission Liaison, had no report.

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



Kimberly Duncan, Clerk



Charles Letner, Mayor