

BROOKVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
August 16, 2011

The Regular Meeting of the Brookville City Council was called to order by Mayor Seagraves at 7:30 p.m. on August 16, 2011 in the City Council Chambers. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Members Apgar, Cantrell, Duncan, Garber, Letner and Ullery; Police Chief Preston, Manager Wright, Law Director Stephan and Assistant Manager/Finance Director/Clerk Keaton were present. Fire Chief Nickel was absent.

Motion by Duncan, second by Cantrell to accept the Agenda with an addition. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Cantrell, second by Apgar to accept the August 2, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

Jim Hoffman, formerly of the Brookville Star, announced his resignation as Editor of the Brookville Star. Mr. Hoffman thanked city staff and Council for the outstanding job each one does for the City of Brookville and the community. Mr. Hoffman stated it has been a privilege and a pleasure to cover the Council meetings.

Mayor Seagraves commented he is shocked and heartbroken over Mr. Hoffman's resignation and thanked him for his professionalism as well as everything he has done for the community. Mayor Seagraves stated Mr. Hoffman has displayed the true spirit of journalism throughout the years and the City of Brookville has been better off as a result. Mayor Seagraves, on behalf of himself, Council, and city staff, told Mr. Hoffman that he will be greatly missed and wished him only the very best.

Member Apgar stated Mr. Hoffman has done a fabulous job and thanked him for everything he has done over the years, advising him he will be truly missed.

Member Duncan commented he would like to echo Member Apgar's comments and said Mr. Hoffman has always been there when Council needed something done, even at the last minute. Member Duncan advised he hates to see him go.

Member Cantrell, as former President of the Chamber of Commerce, thanked Mr. Hoffman for his supreme coverage of Chamber events. Member Cantrell personally thanked Mr. Hoffman for welcoming her into the community when she was new to Brookville, thanked him for his dedication to the City and told him he will be missed.

Member Garber commented that Mr. Hoffman has always been fair and honest in his reporting and has done a nice job in explaining Councils' actions to the public.

Member Letner stated that Mr. Hoffman has always been very professional with Council and stated he has been a good personal friend. Member Letner wished him continued success.

Member Ullery stated Mr. Hoffman has been a real gentleman and has always been fair and honest in his reporting without taking sides.

Manager Wright stated he has worked with Mr. Hoffman for 28 years and has appreciated the shared level of trust he has had with Mr. Hoffman.

Citizen Dottie Watkins, personally and on behalf of the Brookville Historical Society, stated Mr. Hoffman has always been a great help with their news articles and advised him he will be missed.

Citizen Ken Corder stated he knows Mr. Hoffman as a member of his church and community and said this is a very sad day for him.

Mayor Seagraves administered the Oath of Office to Firefighter/Paramedic Ron Fletcher.

Mr. Fletcher introduced himself to those in attendance and stated he is a lifelong resident of the area with 25 years of fire fighter service. Mr. Fletcher said he is looking forward to serving the community as a member of the Brookville Fire Department and to serving under Fire Chief Nickel as his Assistant.

Manager Wright presented a request from Neighborhood Watch Chairperson Carol Latino to hold a neighborhood block party in the cul-de-sac on Urban Lane from 4:00 until 10:00 p.m. on September 10, 2011.

Motion by Garber, second by Apgar to allow residents of Albert Road and Urban Lane to hold a neighborhood block party in the cul-de-sac on Urban Lane from 4:00 until 10:00 p.m. on September 10, 2011 as requested. All yeas, motion carried.

Manager Wright reported six contractors submitted bids for the Northbrook Industrial Park, Section 6 project, which will construct a new roadway to be named Nutrition Way. Manager Wright requested authorization to enter into a contract with the lowest bidder, Brumbaugh Construction, for \$471,571.

Motion by Garber, second by Ullery to accept the bid from Brumbaugh Construction of \$471,571 for the Northbrook Industrial Park, Section 6 as the lowest bidder as recommended by Manager Wright and Choice One Engineering. All yeas, motion carried.

Manager Wright requested Council approval to purchase a 25-yard vacuum leaf loader to replace our existing leaf vacuum. Manager Wright advised there is only one supplier that can build this leaf loader to meet our specifications, which is identical to our current equipment, where the vacuum and box are self-contained and mounted on a trailer. Manager Wright recommended the purchase of this vacuum leaf loader without going out to bid, as provided for in our Charter, Section 8.02(B)(3), where competition is not practicable.

Member Garber inquired whether we would be selling our existing leaf vacuum to recoup some of the purchase cost.

Manager Wright advised our old leaf vacuum will be sold.

Member Cantrell inquired whether it would be an advantage to keep the existing leaf vacuum as a back-up?

Manager Wright stated he plans to keep the existing leaf vacuum through this fall season to see if there is any advantage to having two, but it will likely be disposed of as we are usually able to manage well with one leaf vacuum.

Motion by Ullery, second by Cantrell, to allow Manager Wright to purchase a 25-yard vacuum leaf loader from Old Dominion Brush, at a cost not to exceed \$32,000, per the Municipality of Brookville Charter, Section 8.02(B)(3), where competition is not practicable. All yeas, motion carried.

Manager Wright reported he is in the process of reviewing several proposals on constructing a walkway from the Golden Gate Estates Subdivision to Golden Gate Park. Manager Wright stated he hopes to have the walkway finished by the next Council meeting.

Police Chief Preston presented the Brookville Police Department Incident Log Report for August 2 through August 15, 2011 which shows there were 42 new cases for investigation with 32 closed and 10 pending further investigation. Police Chief Preston stated 4 of the 10 cases still pending were closed out today. The Brookville Police Department closed 21 of these cases by arrest.

Police Chief Preston advised that on August 10, 2011 the Brookville Police Department executed a search warrant at 127 Brookmoor for a drug investigation. A juvenile was arrested for drug trafficking and now has four charges pending against him in juvenile court.

Police Chief Preston reported there were several reports of criminal damaging in the last two weeks, including spray painting and broken windows. Police Chief Preston stated officers did pursue the suspects on foot one night but the suspects were able to outrun the officers by cutting through Wolf Creek.

Police Chief Preston reminded everyone of the soccer parade this Saturday morning. The parade route has been shortened and will begin on Carr Drive, and travel across Cusick to Market Street, right on Wolf Creek and left on Arlington Road to the Westbrook Soccer Complex.

Police Chief Preston reported there were 731 dispatches for the month of July, with 29 arrests, and 207 traffic stops with 52 citations. There were 271 vacation house checks and 807 foot patrol details for the month; 230 of the foot patrols were through open banks. Officers drove a total of 7,551 miles during the month of July, which averages out to 77 miles a shift, plus the bike patrol.

Member Garber stated he noticed a lot of trash on and near the bikeway on Market Street where the youth tend to congregate. Member Garber said there are two trash cans there but they are empty.

Police Chief Preston responded the youth in the downtown area are a new group of young adults, not our skateboarders.

Manager Wright reported the City purchased used equipment for the SK8 Park on GovDeals for \$525.

Law Director Stephan had no report.

Assistant City Manager Keaton read aloud a letter from Mar-Chele, Inc. thanking the Downtown Business Improvement Committee for selecting them as one of the recipients of the Montgomery County Community Development Block Grant.

Mayor Seagraves thanked Vice Mayor Ullery for filling in for him while he was on vacation.

In Old Business, Member Duncan inquired about the retention pond issue that was tabled at the last meeting?

Mayor Seagraves responded that Law Director Stephan will be presenting the issue and proposed Ordinance revisions for further discussion at the next Planning Commission Meeting.

Law Director Stephan commented Planning Commission will be discussing the proposed Ordinance and will hopefully take action and make a recommendation to Council. Council can then discuss the proposal made by RFK&K referencing the maintenance of their retention pond on Arlington Road.

Member Garber commented on a letter to the editor in the Dayton Daily News written by State Representative Mike Henne, which was about Vandalia having the foresight to require employees to pick up more of the cost of health insurance and keeping the City out of deep financial trouble as some other cities have found themselves in. Member Garber stated the article could have been written about Brookville as the City has demonstrated foresight by taking some of the same steps.

Mayor Seagraves reminded everyone that State Representative Henne will be the guest speaker at the Brookville Chamber of Commerce General Meeting tomorrow and the public is welcome to attend.

Motion by Duncan, second by Cantrell to adjourn. All yeas, motion carried.

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Sonja M. Keaton, Clerk

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David E. Seagraves, Mayor