

BROOKVILLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
July 3, 2012

The Regular Meeting of the Brookville City Council was called to order by Mayor Seagraves at 7:30 p.m. on July 3, 2012 in the City Council Chambers. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Members Apgar, Cantrell, Duncan, Howard and Letner; Fire Chief Fletcher, Police Chief Jerome, Manager Wright, Law Director Stephan and Assistant Manager/Finance Director/Clerk Keaton were present. Member Garber arrived later.

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

Motion by Apgar, second by Howard to accept the June 19, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

Bob Marshall, of 4874 Preble County Line Road, introduced himself and stated he is of German Baptist descent. Mr. Marshall stated he was taught to always do his very best at whatever task you are given and nothing irritates him more than seeing someone doing only what they have to do. Mr. Marshall stated he left the Walmart in Clayton last night at 9:00 p.m. and headed westbound on I-70. It took him until 9:52 p.m. to reach the Brookville exit ramp, where there was a Brookville Police Officer standing on the ramp. Mr. Marshall said he asked the Officer why no one was directing traffic. Mr. Marshall said the Officer responded the cars would either turn right or left at the end of the ramp. Mr. Marshall stated the Officer asked him where he was from and he responded he was from Brookville. The Officer then told him to move on. Mr. Marshall stated his car was extremely hot and he thought the Officer could have moved traffic through more quickly by directing the northbound lane to stop and allowing the cars on the exit ramp to make their turn.

Member Garber arrived.

Member Duncan advised he was on I-70 between 8:00 and 8:30 p.m. last night in that area and there were two "Accident Ahead" signs on the highway.

Mr. Marshall said he did not see any signs. Mr. Marshall stated he just didn't feel like the Police Officers were doing everything they could to move the traffic along. Mr. Marshall also stated he has not had a moving violation or been in an accident for 25 years and if he gets a ticket in Brookville for going a few miles over the speed limit he is going to take it as retaliation.

Police Chief Jerome said the Police Officers were on that traffic post in the 103 degree heat for 6 hours without a bathroom break and unfortunately they probably were a little irritated due to these factors. Police Chief Jerome stated several thousand cars passed through and if you have never directed traffic, it's a difficult thing to do. Police Chief Jerome advised the Officers were following orders from the Ohio State Patrol. Chief Jerome said he has spoken with the Officers who were on the traffic post about this incident and advised he thinks Mr. Marshall would be more satisfied if he had spoken with him directly rather than coming to Council.

Mr. Marshall stated he normally goes over the Police Department's head because they are generally not receptive. Mr. Marshall asked for the Officers names that were on the traffic post the night in question.

Police Chief Jerome stated he did not want Mr. Marshall to have a negative view of the Police Department or to make a negative assumption. Chief Jerome stated he is disappointed that he did not get the opportunity to resolve the matter with Mr. Marshall prior to the Council Meeting.

Mr. Marshall said he contacted the Regional Dispatch Center and they directed him to contact Council with his concerns.

Police Chief Jerome gave Mr. Marshall his contact information and asked Mr. Marshall to contact him directly with any future concerns or problems.

Mayor Seagraves stated he hopes Mr. Marshall will contact Police Chief Jerome with any concerns in the future.

Manager Wright reported we took delivery of 500 of the 65-gallon recycling totes last week and they will be distributed to residents on a first come, first serve basis until they are gone. The recycling totes will be picked up weekly.

Manager Wright advised clean-up after the recent storm is going well, however we are not quite finished due to the shorter work week due caused by the Fourth of July holiday. There were some power outages in Brookville, but DP&L worked quickly to get the power restored.

Mayor Seagraves commended city staff and crews for their hard work and thanked Member Garber for his help to get the power to Brookville restored. Mayor Seagraves said there was a big ball tournament that weekend and you could not tell a recent storm had hit the park.

Member Garber reported DP&L has been working around the clock to restore power to over 175,000, and have reduced that number to 3,400. Member Garber stated there are only a few service drops from the pole to the house in Brookville and the surrounding townships that still need to be repaired. Member Garber reported lineman crews from as far away as Oklahoma came to our area to help restore the power caused by the storm.

Manager Wright thanked Member Garber for being his liaison between the City of Brookville and DP&L and also thanked Fire Chief Fletcher and Police Chief Jerome for helping to coordinate efforts during the storm.

Manager Wright presented Resolution No. 12-10, which is to create uniformity with our income tax filing. The proposed resolution was put together by the Mayor's and Managers Association in reaction to recent State legislature, and is being adopted by other communities in the area.

Motion by Garber, second by Howard to read proposed Resolution No. 12-10. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Garber, second by Apgar to accept the first reading of proposed Resolution No. 12-10. All yeas, motion carried.

Manager Wright requested an Executive Session on a Personnel Matter.

Member Garber asked if the Chamber of Commerce has been in contact with the Police or Fire Chief, or city staff about the upcoming Community Picnic?

Fire Chief Fletcher responded he has been in contact with the Vice President of the Chamber with regard to expectations of vendors to meet the Ohio Fire Code, and has a copy of the application from the fireworks exhibitor that both he and Police Chief Jerome will have to sign off on.

Member Garber asked if Chamber President Carla Beatty and Vice President Jim McGrath are here to address the Community Picnic?

Chamber President Beatty stated they are here tonight to answer questions that Council may have about the Community Picnic.

Mayor Seagraves stated he recently went to the Park Board meeting about a Community Theatre concern and while there asked Park Board where they are at with the Community Picnic. Mayor Seagraves said Park Board shrugged their shoulders and he couldn't understand why. Mayor Seagraves said he did not mean any ill will; he just could not understand why the Chamber had not brought anything to Park Board. Mayor Seagraves said that didn't make sense to him and there was some frustration. Mayor Seagraves said that Chamber President Beatty asked why he did not bring his concerns to her and that is a fair question. Mayor Seagraves said he was looking for an answer from Park Board and did not give the Chamber of Commerce a fair chance to respond. Mayor Seagraves said he felt the communication could be better. Mayor Seagraves said the dates of the Picnic are important

as Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton needs to know whether to open up the park shelter rentals for Sunday. Mayor Seagraves said he will meet with the Chamber Board and try to clarify some of these issues. Mayor Seagraves also said the Chamber needs to address their approach to working the picnic with the Fire and Police Chief.

Chamber President Beatty stated there are a lot of new people with the Brookville Chamber of Commerce and new areas of communication will need to be established.

Member Garber said he knows there are not many people on the Chamber Board and that makes it harder on those that are on the Board. Member Garber stated he thinks the Chamber Board needs to communicate with city staff because it is being held in the city's park, and so that the Fire and Police Chiefs know how to staff for the Picnic.

Chamber President Beatty responded it was her understanding that these events were discussed with Manager Wright so she assumed the Service Department was aware of what was needed for the events. Chamber President Beatty said she understands that Park Board should be aware of Chamber events in the park; however, when she took over as the Board President it was her understanding that she did not need to take the Community Picnic to the Park Board. Chamber President Beatty said it was personally hurtful to hear the Mayor say that the Chamber Board was disrespectful.

Mayor Seagraves stated his comments to Park Board were probably inappropriate, but he could not understand why the Chamber Board had not taken the time to meet with Park Board. Mayor Seagraves said Chamber President Beatty was told she did not have to take it to Park Board so there was obviously some miscommunication. Mayor Seagraves stated he knows the Chamber Board works hard on top of their regular jobs. Mayor Seagraves said it was addressed incorrectly and he will take his concerns to the next Chamber Board meeting.

Chamber President Beatty inquired whether Mayor Seagraves meant the Optimists and not the Rotary when he spoke to Park Board?

Mayor Seagraves said he was referring to both service clubs, as he had been approached by members of both clubs.

Chamber President Beatty said the Rotary has not attended the picnic for years, and asked if they mentioned any other reasons for not having a booth at the Community Picnic?

Mayor Seagraves said no, but he was reminded that they are non-profit groups and every dime they make goes back into the community. Mayor Seagraves said neither service club could understand why they should be charged booth rental.

Chamber President Beatty said the reasons the Optimists gave the Chamber for not renting booth space is that their trailer gets too hot and the older members do not have the stamina to work in it. Chamber President Beatty said she was told the Optimist trailer also needs \$1,000 in repairs, but they never mentioned the booth rental fee. Chamber President Beatty said the Chamber wants to fill the park and if there is a problem the Chamber will do their best to get them in.

Mayor Seagraves responded that he did not go through proper procedure and should have addressed the Chamber directly with his concerns; he just could not understand why a non-profit group was being charged for booth rental.

Chamber President Beatty stated the Chamber gives more than 50% back to the community too, and for the last couple of years they have not made any money.

Police Chief Jerome said he and Fire Chief Fletcher would like to attend a Chamber meeting to discuss the Community Picnic as they both have extensive experience in event planning.

Chamber President Beatty invited both Chiefs to the Chamber meeting on Thursday of this week.

Mayor Seagraves stated he would like to attend the Chamber meeting as well to discuss the Picnic and to apologize to the Chamber for not addressing his concerns directly with them.

Chamber President Beatty stated she would like to draw up written plans for the Community Picnic for the new Chamber President to follow when she steps down.

Fire Chief Fletcher advised he has formatted emergency operations plans that can be individualized for the Community Picnic.

Fire Chief Fletcher presented the Brookville Fire Department Operations report for the month of June which shows the Fire Department responded to a well-involved fire in a multi-family building on N. Wolf Creek Street and to several incidents related to high winds associated with a severe thunderstorm. Fire Chief Fletcher reported July has been a busy month so far, and commented it is reassuring to have Member Garber as a liaison with DP&L. Fire Chief Fletcher advised the number of year to date calls are down compared to 2011, but are comparable to the previous three years; 2011 was just a particularly busy year.

Mayor Seagraves commended Fire Chief Fletcher and his staff for containing the well-involved fire on Wolf Creek.

Fire Chief Fletcher reported the Brookville Fire Department is the recipient of a \$5,000 Ohio EMS Grant, resulting from seat belt fines, which will be used to purchase EMS equipment for our ambulances.

Fire Chief Fletcher said he has been asked about a burning ban, but does not have the statistics to back it up as our residents appear to be using common sense.

Mayor Seagraves commended Police Chief Jerome for the great job his son did in the recent competition he was in and asked him to share the details with Council.

Police Chief Jerome reported his son Drew is in the bio-tech program at MVCTC and recently competed in the National Leadership Conference for Health Occupation Students of America, and he and his partner took first place in two categories. Police Chief Jerome said Drew is a phenomenal kid who is very focused and plans to attend OSU or Wright State to study medicine as he wants to become a doctor.

Police Chief Jerome reported two of his Officers recently attended a Crime Prevention Training Class paid for with grant monies and came back with numerous ideas they would like to implement. Police Chief Jerome advised the first is a Citizen Satisfaction Survey to get feedback from citizens in order to provide the best possible service. Police Chief Jerome reported his first "Breakfast with the Chief" held for area ministers was productive and the next one is planned for August 20, 2012. Police Chief Jerome said his goal is to reach out and work together with the community through our local pastors.

Member Howard commended Police Chief Jerome for this idea which is leading the way to build a partnership with our citizens through our local ministers and advised this has the potential to grow into something that will benefit both the City of Brookville and our residents.

Police Chief Jerome reported the new police cruiser is here and is in the switchover process. New license plates were ordered for all of the cruisers so they all match the new cruiser. Police Chief Jerome advised he recently learned that the Brethren World Assembly is holding an event in Brookville on July 11-14, 2013. Police Chief Jerome said there will be at least 500 people in the city all week and he will give an update as he gets more information on the event. Police Chief Jerome reported he recently attended the Montgomery County Chiefs of Police, CASE One and Rotary meetings. Police Chief Jerome reported the Brookville Police Department is hosting the Western Montgomery County CASE One Meeting on July 12 and other upcoming events for the Police Department are the Community Picnic, National Night Out at the Greene on July 28, 2012 and "Movies in the Park" at Golden Gate Park on August 4, 2012.

Police Chief Jerome presented the Brookville Police Department Incident Log and Arrest Log from June 19 through July 7, 2012 which shows 30 new cases for investigation with 17 cases cleared by arrest.

Law Director Stephan had no report.

Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton presented the June 30, 2012 Fund Balance for Council review and approval. The Detail Report for the first six months of the year was also presented to Council for review.

Motion by Cantrell, second by Apgar to approve the June 30, 2012 Fund Balance as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton reported the City's 2011 Financial Audit is complete and the City once again received an excellent audit. The 2011 audited Basic Financial Statements have been filed with the State Auditor, and copies are available in the front office.

Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton advised the City is taking advantage of the lighting rebates offered by DP&L. Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton stated our proposal from Becker's includes replacing approximately 350 lighting fixtures with 313 of those being the T12 bulbs. Beginning in July of this year, manufacturing of the T12 florescent bulbs will cease and they will be replaced with low wattage bulbs. Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton advised we are also replacing our incandescent exit signs with LED exit signs and installing several sensors. The buildings affected by these fixture change-outs are the two city buildings, both fire stations and our garage buildings. The initial cost of the replacement bulbs is \$20,903 and the rebate amount is \$10,409.

Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton requested an Executive Session on a Contract Negotiation Matter.

Mayor Seagraves advised Manager Wright recently sat in for him at the CDBG Grant Application process and asked him to report on it.

Manager Wright reported the City's CDBG grant application project to add push-button handicap door openers to the entrance doors at the City Buildings and the Christena Leiber Center has been tentatively approved but we do not have official notification at this time.

Mayor Seagraves thanked Manager Wright and staff for their clean-up efforts and Member Garber for his co-ordination efforts after the recent storm. Mayor Seagraves reminded everyone of the importance of Independence Day and wished everyone a good holiday.

Motion by Duncan, second by Apgar to read proposed Resolution No. 12-09. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Duncan, second by Cantrell to accept the first reading of proposed Resolution No. 12-09. All yeas, motion carried.

In Old Business, Member Duncan reported he has received a lot of calls about stray cats and suggested we publish our cat policy in the next newsletter.

Jim Hoffman, of Clay Township, stated his 4H Club recently toured Fire Station 1 and thanked Fire Chief Fletcher and his staff for their efforts.

Motion by Duncan, second by Apgar to go into Executive Session on A Personnel Matter as requested by Manager Wright and a Contract Negotiation Matter as requested by Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton. All yeas, motion carried.

Mayor Seagraves called Council back into Regular Session.

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

Sonja M. Keaton, Clerk

David E. Seagraves, Mayor