

BROOKVILLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
September 4, 2012

The Regular Meeting of the Brookville City Council was called to order by Mayor Seagraves at 7:30 p.m. on September 4, 2012 in the City Council Chambers. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Members Apgar, Cantrell, Duncan, Garber, Howard and Letner; Fire Chief Fletcher, Police Chief Jerome, Manager Wright, Law Director Stephan and Assistant Manager/Finance Director/Clerk Keaton were present.

Motion by Duncan, second by Apgar, to accept the Agenda as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Apgar, second by Howard to accept the August 21, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes with a correction to the vote on Resolution No. 12-17 to show the motion carried with five yeas by Apgar, Cantrell, Duncan, Letner and Seagraves and one abstention by Garber. All yeas, motion carried.

Manager Wright reported the Service Department has been busy finishing our repaving program. The program went well and the contractor did an excellent job.

Manager Wright stated the Golden Gate Castle Playground rehab project has been completed. All of the wood has been resealed and the old mulch removed and replaced with recycled rubber mulch. Manager Wright stated he is pleased with the outcome and has already received good feedback from the public.

Manager Wright advised the worn out fountains in the Golden Gate Park pond have been replaced with new fountains. The fountain in the retention pond at Upper Lewisburg Salem Road and Arlington Road has also been replaced. This pond has also been treated and should clear up in the next couple of weeks.

Manager Wright reminded everyone the new recycling pick-up schedule will start on September 10, 2012.

Manager Wright also reminded everyone the 3rd Annual Wolf Creek Run Car Show is on September 15, 2012 and encouraged Council to attend.

Manager Wright reported the City has sold \$32,569.12 of surplus equipment on GovDeals this year and \$143,245.00 of surplus equipment on GovDeals since we first began participating in their program.

Member Howard commented the new rubber mulch at the playground has been tested and enthusiastically approved.

Mayor Seagraves stated the paving program looks really good.

Fire Chief Fletcher reported the Fire Prevention Parade is slated for October 6, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. with line up beginning at 9:30 a.m. at Fire Station 2. Fire Chief Fletcher advised they have listened to feedback from the public and shortened the parade route. The parade will begin at Fire Station 2 and end at Fire Station 1.

Member Garber advised the public will need to be notified of the change in the parade route because the he feels the biggest concentration of people is on Wolf Creek Street and at Brookside Plaza, and the parade will not be on Wolf Creek Street at all.

Fire Chief Fletcher responded the parade route has been changed and the festivities concentrated around Station 76 to keep more people in the downtown area.

Member Garber asked if there is an entry fee to be in the parade?

Fire Chief Fletcher responded there is no entry fee but the Fire Department always accepts donations.

Member Cantrell asked Fire Chief Fletcher to clarify where the parade will end.

Fire Chief Fletcher said the parade will end on Market Street at Walnut Street.

Member Cantrell expressed concern that the parade will not be on Wolf Creek Street at all because many people seem to gather at Brookside Plaza to watch the parade.

Fire Chief Fletcher said the thought process behind changing the route is to draw more people to the Market Street area.

Manager Wright stated he supports the new parade route because it will bring more people downtown.

Member Cantrell inquired whether the Shriners will be in the parade this year.

Fire Chief Fletcher stated one of the reasons the Shriners quit being in the parade line-up was because of the length of the parade route. Fire Chief Fletcher said they will be invited to be in the parade again this year.

Manager Wright said the Shriners also had to stop attending for financial reasons.

Police Chief Jerome stated Carr Drive is the best place for the parade line-up because his Officers can easily stop the traffic flow on Carr Drive to keep everyone safe.

Fire Chief Fletcher stated the lighting change out at the Fire Department is almost complete.

Fire Chief Fletcher advised the Fill the Boot fundraiser for MDA was held on Arlington Road at Wolf Creek Street and \$2,300 was collected in just three hours.

Fire Chief Fletcher presented the August Operations Report and reported the large number of calls in the months of July and August has brought the total calls for the year from 20% below the three year average to less than 4% below the average.

Member Garber asked Fire Chief Fletcher to comment on the crash the Fire Department responded to yesterday.

Fire Chief Fletcher advised the crash was on the curve of the southbound State Route 49 ramp to eastbound Interstate 70. Fire Chief Fletcher said the Fire Department has responded to probably 10 crashes in the past year at this same location, including one fatality. Drivers need to pay close attention and travel at a reasonable speed on this ramp as it can be very dangerous.

Police Chief Jerome presented the Brookville Police Department Incident Log and Arrest Log from August 21 through September 1, 2012 which shows 24 new cases for investigation with 10 cleared by arrest.

Police Chief Jerome reported the next Movie in the Park is scheduled for September 22 featuring the Dr. Seuss' animated movie "The Lorax".

Police Chief Jerome advised October 1st is worldwide "Bullying Prevention Day" and the Police Department has teamed up with the Prosecutor's Office, the schools and local businesses to purchase anti-bullying t-shirts for the school district and staff. The Prosecutor's Office has a team that will give an anti-bullying presentation to the entire student body, from 1st grade up.

Mayor Seagraves commended the Police Department for their quick and safe response to a situation on Sycamore Street at Maple Street over the weekend, which resulted in a good ending.

Law Director Stephan had no report.

Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton presented the August 31, 2012 Fund Balance for Council review and approval.

Member Letner inquired if we know the closing date for the North Incinerator?

Manager Wright stated they are projecting the end of this year but the South location may not be ready to take on the extra traffic by the end of the year.

Motion by Cantrell, second by Apgar to approve the August 31, 2012 Fund Balance as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton requested Council approval to transfer \$50,000 into the Street M & R Fund as appropriated.

Motion by Garber, second by Howard to transfer \$50,000 into the Street M & R Fund as appropriated. All yeas, motion carried.

Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton reported she attended the Montgomery County Budget Commission Meeting on August 27 where she requested .12 inside mills, or free millage from the residents of the C05 taxing district, as that is the only one of four taxing districts within the City that is not at the maximum of 10 inside mills. This request would have generated an additional \$9,000 per year for the City and would have cost a \$100,000 homeowner an additional \$3.68 per year. The Commission voted down the request as there are 48 other taxing districts within Montgomery County that are not at the maximum of 10 inside mills and they did not want to set a precedence. They also stated that they did not want to increase our residents' taxes and they felt that should be voted on by our residents. Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton stated the Commission also advised her that the Auditor's office contacted Clay Township and advised them of her request, and they were not in favor of the increase, even though they would not have received any additional money from our request. No one from Clay Township was at the hearing.

Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton reported the City of Brookville is no longer considered the smallest city in Montgomery County. The smallest city in the county is now Germantown.

Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton presented the Local Government Fund Distribution for 2013 that the Commission approved at their last hearing.

Mayor Seagraves thanked the Council members and city employees who attended the horse race at the Montgomery County Fair.

There was no Old Business.

In New Business, Member Garber commended Service Department Superintendent Ron Brandt and Manager Wright for offering the City's services to assist DP&L with the power outage at Brookville Schools.

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

Sonja M. Keaton, Clerk

David E. Seagraves, Mayor