

BROOKVILLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
April 16, 2013

The Regular Meeting of the Brookville City Council was called to order by Mayor Seagraves at 7:30 p.m. on April 16, 2013 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, Law Director Stephan, Assistant Manager/Finance Director/Clerk Keaton were present. Manager Wright was absent.

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 April 2, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

Mayor Seagraves advised Manager Wright is absent this evening due to a water main break.

Police Chief Jerome introduced Chad Norman, who is present tonight to be sworn in as a full-time Police Officer for the Brookville Police Department. Police Chief Jerome stated he has known Chad for a long time and feels he will be a good addition to our Police Department.

Mayor Seagraves administered the Oath of Office to Brookville Police Officer Chad Norman and welcomed him to the City of Brookville.

Chief Rose, of the Clayton Police Department, commented that Police Officer Norman is a very good man. Chief Rose stated he has worked with hundreds of Police Officers and would stake his reputation on Police Officer Norman.

Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton reported City Staff met today with the representative of our Brookville Library and the Executive Director of the Dayton Metro Library about relocating the Brookville Library. City staff shared with them the acreage currently available within the City. There are four segments to the Dayton Metro Library Master Plan Schedule and the Brookville Library is in segment 3, for which the design begins in the latter part of 2014, with construction to cover the latter part of 2015 and most of 2016. The library representatives advised the time frame could move up, if other segments are not able to locate land in their time frame.

Member Cantrell asked how much space the library is looking for?

Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton stated they are looking for two to three acres. The library representatives indicated they are looking to build a facility just under 20,000 square feet as they have a large need for meeting rooms.

Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton reported the Service Department has been completing spring maintenance in the parks, such as fertilizing and mowing. Service crews will soon begin repairing pavement on 9 to 10 streets due to water main breaks over the winter season.

Member Duncan stated he recently heard a news report that Japan is giving Cherry Blossom trees to Montgomery County in appreciation of the tsunami assistance and asked Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton if she would follow up to see if we can get some of the trees in our area.

Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton indicated she would look into this.

Fire Chief Fletcher presented the 2012 Operations Report for the Brookville Fire Department and reported he has audited the past six years of reporting to ensure we are working with accurate trends. Fire Chief Fletcher encouraged Council to review the report and to approach him with any questions or concerns.

Fire Chief Fletcher reported the Fire Department has been busy, along with the Police Department, getting everything set for the Prom Promise Presentation for the Brookville High School students this Friday at 1:00 p.m. Fire Chief Fletcher advised if the program gets rained out, he will still hold it next week to raise student awareness and the importance of avoiding distracted and intoxicated driving.

Fire Chief Fletcher reported the Fire Department has also been busy with primary inspections of all the occupancies in Brookville, fire hydrant maintenance and hose and pump testing.

Member Garber asked if the Prom Promise program would emphasize the limit on the amount of passengers that minors are allowed to have while driving?

Police Chief Jerome replied he was in the High School all day yesterday helping teach the Health classes. Police Chief Jerome stated he stressed all juvenile laws and all alcohol laws, including how many passengers teens are allowed to have in their vehicles.

Police Chief Jerome stated the Prom Promise program is this Friday from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. The outdoor crash program will be held first, after which the students will head to the auditorium for a presentation with several speakers. Police Chief Jerome invited Council to attend.

Police Chief Jerome reported the Brookville Police Department handled 181 Reportable Incidents year-to-date, compared to 205 at this same time last year. Citations are down 45 from this same time last year for a total of 150 Citations year-to-date.

Police Chief Jerome commented Police Officer Chad Norman is a strong candidate and it speaks volumes that his former Chief came to his swearing in. Police Chief Jerome reported a new part-time Police Officer was sworn in yesterday as well.

Member Garber stated he recently read the Brookville Park Board Minutes where it was reported vandals ripped a urinal off the wall in the outside public restrooms and inquired whether video cameras can be installed to prevent and or catch these vandals?

Police Chief Jerome stated it would be very expensive to add cameras at a remote location such as Golden Gate Park. Police Chief Jerome stated if the vandalism occurs on a regular basis it may be something to look into.

Fire Chief Fletcher agreed, stating the issue of installing cameras in the downtown area near the bikeway was researched a few years ago and it is cost prohibitive.

Law Director Stephan had no report.

Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton requested Council approval to transfer \$10,000 from the General Fund into the Park Fund as appropriated.

Motion by Apgar, second by Howard to authorize the transfer of \$10,000 from the General Fund to the Park Fund as appropriated. All yeas, motion carried.

Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton reported the City's Note went to Market and was priced on April 3. The interest rate on the 2013 Note is 1.25%. The 2012 and 2011 Notes had a 1.625% interest rate. We will close on our 2013 Note tomorrow and the 2012 Note will be paid off on Thursday.

Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton reported the City of Vandalia Income Tax Department assisted 64 taxpayers on April 5 and 6 with their local income tax returns. This was an increase of 18 taxpayers compared to last year.

Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton advised the 2013 Water and Sewer Rate Survey, prepared by the City of Oakwood, shows that Brookville is ranked 15th lowest out of 63 jurisdictions surveyed on combined water and sewer costs, 48th lowest out of 66 jurisdictions on water rates and 5th lowest out of 63 jurisdictions on sewer rates.

Mayor Seagraves stated there are a lot of children and motorcycles out since it is spring and reminded everyone to be careful while driving.

Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton advised Planning Commission will meet this Thursday evening to discuss their recommendation to Council on the zoning and rezoning Ordinances that were recently discussed during the Public Hearings held on April 2, 2013.

There was no Old Business.

There was no New Business.

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

Sonja M. Keaton, Clerk

David E. Seagraves, Mayor