

BROOKVILLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
August 20, 2013

The Regular Meeting of the Brookville City Council was called to order by Mayor Seagraves at 7:30 p.m. on August 20, 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, Manager Wright 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 6, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

Chad Wakefield, of the Brookville Fire Association, requested permission for the Brookville Fire Association to hold their annual MDA Fill the Boot Campaign on August 31, 2013 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Firefighters will be stationed at the intersections of Triggs and Arlington Roads and Arlington Road and Wolf Creek Street to collect donations.

Motion by Duncan, second by Apgar to allow the Brookville Fire Association to hold their annual MDA Fill the Boot Campaign on Saturday, August 31, 2013 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m., with Firefighters stationed at Triggs and Arlington Roads and Arlington Road and Wolf Creek Street as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

Eric Hummel, of 232 Maple Street stated he is present this evening just to listen.

Kevin O'Boyle, of the Brookville Star thanked city staff for the luncheon held at the Leiber Center today for local business owners.

Mayor Seagraves stated the meeting was informative and well attended.

Manager Wright presented a request from the chairperson of the Albert Road Neighborhood Watch Group for an annual Neighborhood Watch Block Party in the cul-de-sac on Urban Lane on Saturday, September 14, 2013 from 5:00 until 8:00 p.m. They have also requested a Police Officer stop by to speak with residents about personal safety and the importance of the Neighborhood Watch Program.

Motion by Apgar, second by Howard to allow the Albert Road Neighborhood Watch Group to hold their Annual Neighborhood Watch Block Party in the cul-de-sac on Urban Lane on Saturday, September 14, 2013 from 5:00 until 8:00 p.m. All yeas, motion carried.

Manager Wright reported the Chamber of Commerce will be holding their annual Business Expo and A Taste of Brookville on Tuesday, September 17, 2013 from 4:30 until 8:30 p.m. at Brookville Schools. Manager Wright commented this is a good opportunity for any local business owner to showcase their business. Interested parties should contact the Chamber of Commerce to register.

Manager Wright reported there is a bid opening this Friday, August 23, 2013 for the Annual Street Resurfacing Program. The bids will be presented to Council for approval at the Council Meeting on September 3, 2013.

Manager Wright reported several small improvement projects were recently completed at our parks. The first is the resurfacing and re-striping of the entire parking lot at the Westbrook Soccer Complex on Westbrook Road, which began today and will be completed by the end of the week. Manager Wright reported the other project was resurfacing the small gazebo and fishing pier at the pond at Golden Gate Park. Contractors finished this work last week and it looks really nice.

Member Garber asked how many trees were recently planted at Golden Gate Park?

Assistant Manager/Finance Director/Clerk Keaton replied the City planted six trees initially as well as four memorial trees this year.

Manager Wright commented we try to re-plant trees every year in the park, but this year was a record year.

Manager Wright advised Park Board approved a modest rate increase for shelter rentals at Golden Gate Park to cover operating expenses. Our facility rental rates have not increased since 2007, and are still the cheapest rentals in this part of the County for comparable facilities.

Fire Chief Fletcher reported he recently attended a meeting at MVCTC which confirmed that the vocational school will be adding a FF/EMT certificate program for Juniors and Seniors. The program will allow graduates to test for their certification upon graduation, which gives them a 9-month head start on their FF/EMT career path. Fire Chief Fletcher reported the program has the support of the MVCTC Superintendent and Business Manager, and he predicts many students will want to take advantage of this program. Graduates of the MVCTC Tech Prep program will also receive the Sinclair scholarship that other MVCTC graduates take advantage of, which will allow them to complete their Associates Degree at Sinclair College without incurring any debt.

Police Chief Jerome commented that he has had two children graduate from MVCTC, who is also partnered with Miami University of Middletown. Police Chief Jerome stated there will most likely be a waiting list to get into the Fire Program at MVCTC as there is for their Law Enforcement Program.

Police Chief Jerome reported the Brookville Police Department handled 465 Reportable Incidents year-to-date, compared to 446 at this same time last year. Citations are down 34 from this same time last year for a total of 348 Citations and there were 138 Traffic Stops year-to-date.

Police Chief Jerome reported two individuals were recently sentenced to prison as a result of offenses committed within the City of Brookville. Mr. Kenny Christman was sentenced to 4 years in prison for theft charges and Brian Collins was sentenced to 5 years in prison, 5 years of probation and 25 years registered as a Type 2 Sexual Offender. Police Chief Jerome stated he is very proud of our Detective and the Officers who worked on these cases.

Police Chief Jerome reported the first day of school went off without a hitch. There were no issues with busing or the parking lot.

Police Chief Jerome reported due to increasing requests for fingerprint services, we have been forced to change our policy. Fingerprint services for our City residents and employees working within the City will be done at no charge. Non-residents will incur a \$15.00 fee for fingerprint services. This fee should cut down the number of requests from non-residents.

Member Garber asked if the Police Department can get away from ink and use a fingerprint scanner?

Police Chief Jerome advised we currently pay the County \$15.00 to do a full set of fingerprints on every prisoner we transport to jail so there is really no need to upgrade our current system.

Police Chief reported plans are moving forward for the Ghostly Night Out/Movie in the Park on October 26 and the Cops & Veterans Day Lunch at Rob's Restaurant on November 11, 2013.

Member Garber asked if Englewood Dispatch receives many unnecessary 9-1-1 calls?

Police Chief Jerome replied he and Fire Chief Fletcher keep in touch with the Englewood Dispatch Center to make sure there are no issues. Police Chief Jerome said the new dispatch center is like a breath of fresh air, there have been no major issues and feedback from residents is positive.

Fire Chief Fletcher agreed and said everything is going very well. The article about sharing emergency contact information with the Brookville Fire Department has resulted in a few emails per week. Fire Chief Fletcher encouraged Council and staff to take the time to submit their emergency contact information with the Fire Department.

Law Director Stephan had no report.

Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton reminded everyone of the Electronics Recycling Day at Englewood Government Center on Saturday, September 28, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Member Howard asked what the proper disposal method is for fluorescent light bulbs?

Manager Wright advised he is not sure but will find the answer tomorrow.

Mayor Seagraves thanked Vice Mayor Cantrell for standing in for him during the last two Council meetings. Mayor Seagraves wished everyone a happy and safe Labor Day Holiday.

There was no Old Business.

Member Howard announced the BCT production of “First Baptist of Ivy Gap” opens September 12 and three of the eight nights are already sold out. Member Howard encouraged everyone to attend.

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

Sonja M. Keaton, Clerk

David E. Seagraves, Mayor