

BROOKVILLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
October 1, 2013

The Regular Meeting of the Brookville City Council was called to order by Mayor Seagraves at 7:30 p.m. on October 1, 2013 in the City Council Chambers. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Members Apgar, Cantrell, Duncan and Kirklin; Fire Chief Fletcher, Police Chief Jerome, Law Director Stephan, Manager Wright and Assistant Manager/Finance Director/Clerk Keaton were present. Members Garber and Letner were absent.

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

Motion by Apgar, second by Kirklin to accept the September 17, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

Law Director Stephan reported the Final Plat of Blue Pride Subdivision, Section Three is before Council tonight, which splits an existing lot in the Blue Pride Subdivision into two lots, thereby creating a new building lot on the corner of Johnsville Brookville Road and Blue Pride Drive. This area is zoned R1-C and meets all the R1-C requirements with the exception of the east boundary, which is 68.01 feet, instead of the required 70 feet. Planning Commission reviewed this Variance at their last meeting and approved the Subdivision and Variance for the 68.01 feet on the east boundary. Law Director Stephan requested Council approve this Subdivision as presented by motion tonight.

Motion by Cantrell, second by Kirklin to approve the Final Plat of Blue Pride Subdivision, Section Three as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

Chad Wakefield, of the Brookville Fire Department, asked if any Council Members would like to be active in this year's Fire Prevention Parade on October 5, 2013?

Member Kirklin indicated she will ride in the parade.

Fire Chief Fletcher stated Firefighter Wakefield has coordinated this year's Fire Prevention Parade and asked him to report to Council on the activities for this year's festivities.

Firefighter Wakefield reported parade registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. on October 5, with parade line-up at 9:30 a.m. and the parade beginning at 10:00 a.m. Firefighters will be cooking 450 chicken halves which will be for sale at Fire Station 1 and at the Brookville VFW.

Member Cantrell commented the Brookville School calendar shows the Fire Prevention Parade beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Fire Chief Fletcher stated the parade used to be held at 1:00 p.m. years ago and the school puts their calendar together so early they probably just carried that time forward.

Firefighter Wakefield reported the school has been very active in the parade preparation this year. The three winners of last year's student coloring contest will be the Grand Marshalls of the parade and will serve as the Fire Chief, Captain and Lieutenant for the day. Firefighter Wakefield reported this year's parade theme focuses on kitchen fires and Midwest Trucking will be pulling a trailer full of students holding their fire prevention posters in the parade.

Jim McGrath, Brookville Chamber of Commerce President, reported the Brookville booklet the Chamber has been working on is due to come out on October 24, 2013. The booklet will have a two year shelf life and the Chamber will begin work on building the next booklet right away. The booklet will be available in print at the Chamber office as well as digitally online.

Mr. McGrath reported the Brookville Business Expo went well with quite a few businesses participating. Mr. McGrath stated the reviews of the event were good, and welcomed any comments from Council.

Mr. McGrath reported the 2013 Community Picnic was awesome and the numbers will be finalized at tomorrow night's Chamber Meeting. The 2014 Picnic Committee will begin meeting this Thursday, October 3, 2013.

Mayor Seagraves asked if the weeknight timing went well for the Business Expo?

Mr. McGrath advised a questionnaire has been sent to all of the exhibitors asking for their opinion and have not received any negative comments to date.

Mr. McGrath reported save the date cards have been mailed for the Annual Chamber Banquet to be held on November 8, 2013. This year's theme will be a Murder Mystery and the Chamber is looking for potential candidates to participate in presenting the theme.

Mayor Seagraves asked if the Chamber is pleased with the return on the Community Picnic?

Mr. McGrath reported the Chamber has received many good reviews of the Community Picnic and is already busy with planning the 2014 Picnic.

Member Cantrell commented the Business Expo was very well organized and the businesses that participated were generous with coupons and discounts to the patrons.

Manager Wright reported Council Members and Department Heads are welcome to participate in the Chamber Banquet and encouraged them to attend.

Manager Wright presented a request from Brookville High School to hold their annual Homecoming Parade on Wednesday, October 9, 2013. The line-up will be on Carr Drive at 6:15 p.m. with the parade beginning at 7:00 p.m. The parade route is Carr Drive to Cusick Avenue, left on Market Street, left on Wolf Creek Street, right on Western Avenue to Brookville High School.

Motion by Duncan, second by Kirklin to allow Brookville Schools to hold their annual Homecoming Parade on Wednesday, October 9, 2013 as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

Manager Wright advised the Montgomery County Solid Waste District is sponsoring a free appliance disposal and recovery program on October 3, 4 and 5, 2013. Residents of Montgomery County can dispose refrigerators, air conditioners, water heaters and stoves at no charge at the North or South Transfer Stations.

Manager Wright reported our Service Department will no longer pick up any paint cans as paint is a hazardous substance and cannot be mixed in with regular refuse. Residents can dispose of Household Hazardous Waste, including paint at the North Incinerator on Tuesdays between 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. and at the South Incinerator on Saturdays during the same hours.

Manager Wright reported our annual curbside leaf pick-up program will begin this week and will continue through the fall until all the leaves are picked up. Manager Wright advised the guidelines for the leaf pick-up program were published in our Fall Newsletter.

Manager Wright reported Montgomery County has not completed the road striping on our 2013 Asphalt Resurfacing & Pavement Removal Project but our Service Department has painted the crosswalks and stop bars. The crack sealing program will begin next week and will take four to five days to complete.

Manager Wright reported we have received a signed DP&L Agreement which locks our electric rate at .05005 cents per kilowatt hour on approximately 30 accounts we have with DP&L. Manager Wright thanked the Miami Valley Cable Council and particularly the Executive Director John Weithoffer for negotiating this agreement.

Manager Wright reported our Wastewater Treatment Plant has treated about 200,000 gallons of sludge with our new Sludge Dewatering Press at a cost of approximately \$2,500. To dispose of this same amount of sludge using the old method would have cost about \$7,000. Manager Wright stated in addition to the cost savings, the new method gives our Wastewater Treatment Operators more flexibility and will help us meet our EPA guidelines. Manager Wright advised he will give a more detailed financial report after we have used the new process for a longer period of time.

Member Apgar commented he observed the new Sludge Dewatering Press in action this week and it is very nice.

Fire Chief Fletcher presented the Brookville Fire Department Operations Report for September of 2013, which showed the Fire Department responded to 103 EMS incidents and 27 Fire Incidents during the month of September, including numerous mutual aid calls on structure fires and serious traffic crashes. The Fire Department has handled 1,200 incidents year to date, which is a 7% increase over this same time last year.

Fire Chief Fletcher reported now that the painting of the fire hydrants is complete, reflective bands will be installed on the hydrants. The bands are color coded based on national standards which rate the flow of the hydrants. The bands will also make the hydrants easier to spot in low visibility situations.

Police Chief Jerome reported the Brookville Police Department has handled 551 Reportable Incidents year-to-date, compared to 524 during this same time period last year. Citations are down 37 for a total of 394 Citations year to date. Officers made 157 Traffic Stops in September of 2013 compared to 126 Traffic Stops in September of 2012.

Police Chief Jerome reported the Huntington Bank Robberies have been solved. A suspect is in custody in Indiana on other bank robbery charges and is awaiting trial in Indiana. Police Chief Jerome commended Detective Swigart, stating he worked hard with the help of the FBI to solve these crimes.

Police Chief Jerome reported plans continue for the Ghostly Night Out Event on October 26, 2013.

Law Director Stephan had no report.

Finance Director Keaton presented the September 30, 2013 Fund Balance for Council Review and approval. The Detail Report for the third quarter was also presented to Council for review.

Motion by Kirklin, second by Apgar to approve the September 30, 2013 Fund Balance as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

Mayor Seagraves had no report.

There was no Old Business.

There was no New Business.

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

Sonja M. Keaton, Clerk

David E. Seagraves, Mayor