

BROOKVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
November 5, 2013

The Regular Meeting of the Brookville City Council was called to order by Mayor Seagraves at 7:30 p.m. on November 5, 2013 in the City Council Chambers. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Members Apgar, Cantrell, Duncan, Garber, Kirklin 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 Kirklin, second by Apgar to accept the October 15, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

Manager Wright advised Brookville Chamber of Commerce President Jim McGrath is present this evening to go over the dates for the 2014 Chamber Events.

Chamber President McGrath reported the Chamber is finalizing the financials of the Community Picnic and as of now it appears the Chamber made just over \$5,000. When the report is finished, he will present the final numbers to the Park Board.

Chamber President McGrath relayed the Chamber is very happy with their recently printed Brookville information booklet. Chamber President McGrath advised the Chamber will continue to work on improving the booklet, with the anticipation of an 18 to 24 month shelf life.

Chamber President McGrath advised the Annual Chamber Banquet will be held this Friday, with a Murder Mystery theme and thanked those that plan to attend.

Chamber President McGrath reported he has been working with Manager Wright to coordinate a Christmas Tree Lighting. The community event will be held on December 4 in front of the Spitler House. The Historical Society will have the Spitler House decorated and the museum will be open for tours. The tree, donated by a local resident, will be cut down by local company Chase Electric, who will also allow the use of their boom truck to decorate the tree. City crews will help to erect the tree and prepare the downtown district for the tree lighting event, which will include "lighting the City". The Chamber wants this to be a family event, and plans to involve local school children by asking them to make Christmas decorations. The Chamber will gladly accept donations of Christmas lights from local residents and businesses.

Chamber President McGrath stated the Chamber will be holding a Scavenger Hunt in the month of April, with shoes donated by Payless and decorated by Brookville students. Residents will have the month of April to scavenge for the shoes which will be placed inside local businesses.

Chamber President McGrath advised the Chamber of Commerce is also partnering with Brookville Schools to hold a Circus. The event will be held on Thursday, May 8 with two evening shows and activities during the day for students. This is a grass roots effort in which the Chamber hopes to collect enough \$20 donations to sponsor the circus attendance for 200 local underprivileged children.

Chamber President McGrath reported the Chamber of Commerce has just finished their 2014 calendar of events, with a new focus on family friendly events.

Member Duncan suggested the Chamber of Commerce contact the Optimist Club about the Christmas lights used at their event in Golden Gate Park a few years ago.

Manager Wright replied those lights were sold at auction.

Member Letner advised Gail Colston is holding the annual Challenge for the Cure Team garage sale on November 8 and 9 to raise money for the Making Strides Against Breast

Cancer fund. Member Letner stated the garage sale consists of all Christmas decorations and said the Chamber may find some lights at the sale.

Member Cantrell suggested the Chamber contact the local churches and ask them to put the Tree Lighting Event in their church bulletins.

Chamber President McGrath reported the Chamber is working with Brookville Schools to have the Brookville Band and Choir involved in the Tree Lighting Event as well.

Chamber President McGrath stated the Chamber is trying to focus on family oriented events, and expressed his appreciation to Manager Wright for his input and cooperation in planning these events.

Manager Wright said the City will be happy to add the Chamber's events to the City of Brookville calendar that is distributed to all residents within the City. Manager Wright asked about the distribution of the new Chamber booklets?

Chamber President McGrath advised the Chamber of Commerce had 2,000 of the booklets printed and will supply the school and city office with copies to distribute until they are gone. Chamber President McGrath reported the booklet will also be available online, and said local businesses can add the link to their websites.

Mayor Seagraves thanked the Chamber of Commerce for their participation in the Ghostly Night Out event held at Golden Gate Park.

Chamber President McGrath said the Chamber was glad to be included in the event and looks forward to participating next year.

Police Chief Jerome asked whether Council approval is needed to block off Market Street from Walnut Street to Wolf Creek Street during the Tree Lighting event?

Manager Wright replied Council does need to approve blocking off a portion of Market Street.

Motion by Apgar, second by Cantrell to allow Market Street to be blocked off from Walnut Street to Wolf Creek Street for a short period of time during the Tree Lighting event on December 4, 2013. All yeas, motion carried.

Manager Wright reminded everyone of the November 4, 2013 breakfast meeting with our industrial park employers. The event is scheduled for 7:30 a.m. at Brookhaven and invited Council to attend.

Manager Wright reported the Ghostly Night Out event held at Golden Gate Park was a huge success. Although the weather was wet, there was also a nice crowd at the annual Pumpkin Walk, which was on the Wolf Creek Rail Trail from the Train Depot at Hay Avenue to Golden Gate Park. The Historical Society opened the Train Depot for the event and there were new activities added at Golden Gate Park.

Police Chief Jerome reported the Ghostly Night Out had 58 sponsors and donors that made it possible to hold the event, which was bigger than in previous years when it was held in Perry Township. Police Chief Jerome estimated the attendance at 1,000 people, which is double that of previous years, and said the feedback on the event has been tremendous. Police Chief Jerome thanked all of the sponsors and advised he hopes to make it an annual event.

Mayor Seagraves asked how many people stayed for the Movie in the Park?

Police Chief Jerome replied about 150 people stayed for the movie. Although the weather was windy and very cold during the afternoon set-up, the wind stopped around 5:00 p.m. and the sun came out. Police Chief Jerome commented that the event allowed people to see the Police in a different light.

Member Cantrell agreed and commented that in her opinion a community behaves better when they know and like the Police. Member Cantrell stated the Ghostly Night Out was a

great community relations event and she thinks people will live up to what the expectations are of them. Member Cantrell commended Police Chief Jerome on a nice job.

Mayor Seagraves commented the parking was packed at the event.

Police Chief Jerome agreed and indicated he was a little concerned about the parking but it seemed as though each time a group of cars would come in, another group of cars would be leaving, so parking did not seem to be a problem.

Police Chief Jerome reported the police gave out 15,000 pieces of candy in about an hour and a half.

Member Apgar commented he thinks it is great to have Brookville Schools participating in these events.

Police Chief Jerome reported the Drama Club was very excited and enthusiastic about the event. The Grim Reapers constructed by R & B Contracting were tremendous. The hay rides went well, and the haunted trail was good although they will need to make some adjustments to it next year. Police Chief Jerome thanked all of the businesses that participated by donating to the event.

Manager Wright reported the leaf pick-up program is in full swing and going well. Crews have also been busy chipping tree limbs due to a significant storm that came through last weekend.

Manager Wright requested approval to enter into a contract with the Montgomery County Public Defender for 2014. Manager Wright reported the Agreement is the same as last year with the exception of a 3% rate increase.

Motion by Garber, second by Kirklin to authorize Manager Wright to enter into an Agreement with the Montgomery County Public Defender for 2014. All yeas, motion carried.

Manager Wright reported city staff is still working on the issue raised at the last meeting concerning the Arlington Road and Wolf Creek Road intersection. Manager Wright advised he has contacted the Montgomery County Engineer's office for suggestions and he is looking at several different options which he will bring back to Council at a later date.

Mayor Seagraves commented he was approached by the Board of Elections representative who expressed her appreciation for the newly installed handicap doors at the Leiber Center.

Member Garber asked if anyone attended the meeting regarding the community garden at the old school site?

Member Cantrell said she attended and reported it was a very good meeting. Information is online regarding making the Community Garden a reality. Groups brainstormed on what they would like to see the gardens achieve and representatives of the Brookville Library were there discussing how they could help to educate people. The next meeting is Wednesday, November 20 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Member Letner stated a representative from Wegerzen Garden Center had very positive comments about a Community Garden as he is involved with five other such gardens in the area.

Fire Chief Fletcher presented an Operations Report for the month of October which indicates it was an extremely quiet month. This worked out well as it was Fire Prevention Month and Fire Department members were busy with Fire Safety programs and other related activities.

Fire Chief Fletcher commented on the cooperation and participation of Brookville Schools in various events, Police Chief Jerome deserves a lot of credit for setting the foundation with the schools. Fire Chief Fletcher advised all of the principals, particularly the elementary and intermediate school principals, were very supportive of the Fire Prevention Programs and everything went extremely well.

Police Chief Jerome reported the Brookville Police Department has handled 621 Reportable Incidents year-to-date, compared to 576 during this same time period last year. Citations are down 18 for a total of 452 Citations year to date. Officers made 182 Traffic Stops in October of 2013 compared to 125 Traffic Stops in October of 2012.

Police Chief Jerome reported the Police Department has spent quite a bit of time at the schools recently for various programs, such as the Bullying Program and the Eddie Eagle Gun Safety Program. Tomorrow all of the kindergarten and new elementary students will be fingerprinted for the Ident-a-Kid Program.

Police Chief Jerome stated the Police Department will be participating in the Feed Brookville event this Saturday and the Veterans Day Assembly at Brookville Schools on November 11. Police Chief Jerome advised the Police Department will help serve at the Veterans Luncheon at Rob's Restaurant immediately following the Assembly.

Police Chief Jerome also reported McMaken's Car Wash will be offering free car washes to veterans on Veterans Day.

Law Director Stephan had no report.

Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton presented the October 31, 2013 Fund Balance for Council review and approval.

Motion by Duncan, second by Garber to approve the October 31, 2013 Fund Balance as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

Assistant Manager/Finance Director reported five Board and Commission seats are set to expire on December 31, 2013. Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton stated she has contacted all five individuals whose terms expire, and all five indicated they are interested in serving additional terms. Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton recommended that Council reappoint Richard Swabb to Planning Commission for a three-year term, Mike Moran to the Civil Service Commission for a five-year term, Carole Imler to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a five-year term, Shawn Landis to Park Board for a four-year term and Brett Hart to the Board of Tax Appeals for a three-year term, with all terms beginning January 1, 2014.

Motion by Apgar, second by Kirklin to reappoint Richard Swabb to Planning Commission for a three-year term, Mike Moran to the Civil Service Commission for a five-year term, Carole Imler to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a five-year term, Shawn Landis to Park Board for a four-year term and Brett Hart to the Board of Tax Appeals for a three-year term, with all terms beginning January 1, 2014. All yeas, motion carried.

Mayor Seagraves thanked Police Chief Jerome and the Police Department for a well-run and successful Ghostly Night Out.

Mayor Seagraves said he would like to comment on the recent situation regarding Beggars' Night. Mayor Seagraves advised that the dates for Beggars' Night are set by the Montgomery County Mayors and Managers Association for all the communities to follow. Mayor Seagraves stated that if a community jumps ship, it may create a burden that is more than they bargained for. Mayor Seagraves said that the weather broke on Beggars' Night and there were a mob of kids on Maple Street. Mayor Seagraves said to the parents out there that this situation was one where parents are responsible for their kids, and if they did not want their kids out trick or treating then they should not let them go. It should not be the City Manager's, the Mayor's or Council responsibility to tell the kids they cannot go. Mayor Seagraves stated if we had rescheduled it to Friday, it would upset the football parents, Saturday night is family night and Sunday is church; so no matter what, it was a no win situation. Mayor Seagraves stated that in the future, he wants the public to know Beggars' Night will not be rescheduled. Mayor Seagraves stated the city office received hundreds of calls per hour throughout the day asking if Beggar's Night would be rescheduled.

Member Garber asked if it would help if we had an all call system to notify people?

Fire Chief Fletcher said in the future we will notify the public in the days leading up to the event that it will not be changed in the event of inclement weather.

Mayor Seagraves commented that the communities that did reschedule Beggars' Night, such as Tipp City, were slammed with kids from other communities.

Mayor Seagraves commented that the three Council Members that are up for re-election do a great job and wished them the very best.

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

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Sonja M. Keaton, Clerk

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David E. Seagraves, Mayor