

BROOKVILLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
November 19, 2013

The Regular Meeting of the Brookville City Council was called to order by Mayor Seagraves at 7:30 p.m. on November 19, 2013 in the City Council Chambers. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Members Apgar, Cantrell, Duncan, Garber, Kirklin and Letner; Fire Chief Fletcher, Law Director Stephan, Manager Wright and Assistant Manager/Finance Director/Clerk Keaton were present. Police Chief Jerome was 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 November 5, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

Jennifer DeCerbo introduced herself and requested permission to hold a 5k Relay for Life Run in Brookville on Saturday, April 26, 2014. The event will begin at 9:00 a.m. and will be a timed/recorded event. The proposed route is from Golden Gate Park to Arlington Road to Westbrook Road to Western Avenue to Market Street to west on the bikeway and return to Golden Gate Park. Ms. DeCerbo stated she has mapped out several alternate routes if needed.

Mayor Seagraves asked if Ms. DeCerbo has spoken with Police Chief Jerome, as he would need to review the route and address any safety concerns?

Ms. DeCerbo indicated she has not spoken with the Police Chief.

Member Cantrell asked how many runners are anticipated to participate in the 5k?

Ms. DeCerbo replied they hope to have about 200 participants, which will include some walkers. Key Sports will be timing the event and will advertise the run on their website.

Mayor Seagraves advised that a good portion of the participants in the Annual Picnic Run were walkers, which drags the event out, tying up the streets and our Police Department for hours. Mayor Seagraves suggested an alternate or shorter route for the walkers.

Ms. DeCerbo commented that she has been involved in other 5k events, and the walkers follow the same route as the runners but they are advised that after a certain time period they have to be on the sidewalk.

Manager Wright said he will present the preferred route and alternate routes to the Police Chief for his input, and then get back to Ms. DeCerbo.

Mayor Seagraves thanked Ms. DeCerbo for coming and requested a motion to approve the 5k Relay for Life run on April 26, 2014, with the route to be determined by Police Chief Jerome and Manager Wright.

Motion by Kirklin, second by Cantrell to approve the 5k Relay for Life run on April 26, 2014, with the route to be determined by Police Chief Jerome and Manager Wright. All yeas, motion carried.

William Barry Goforth, of 15850 Old Dayton Road, introduced himself and stated he was born and raised in Brookville. Mr. Goforth said he served our country and has a deep desire to see some type of memorial in Brookville honoring those that have served our country. Mr. Goforth stated he does not like the memorial stones we have now and feels they do not honor those who served in Vietnam. Mr. Goforth stated he does not want to go to Dayton to see a war memorial; he would like to see a Vietnam Memorial, possibly in Golden Gate Park. Mr. Goforth said there are many more veterans in Brookville than people realize and they should be recognized. Mr. Goforth said it has taken him 40 years to heal enough to talk about his Vietnam experiences and shared the story of how Tom Herkins, whose name is on one of the memorial stones at the VFW, died. Mr. Goforth stated he would like a memorial that honors all veterans, including those coming home from Iraq, Iran and Afghanistan; as well as victims of 9-11.

Mayor Seagraves opened the floor for discussion on putting together funding for a memorial in Brookville. Mayor Seagraves stated Mr. Goforth has contacted the VFW and indicated they did not seem interested in being involved.

Mr. Goforth stated that when he spoke with the VFW they indicated they already had a memorial in place and he did not want to step on their toes.

Member Duncan advised it is a good project but Mr. Goforth needs to determine where the funding is coming from and where the memorial would be placed. Member Duncan suggested the Fire Department Association may want to be involved if the memorial also honors the victims of 9-11. Member Duncan stated it is not that Council does not want to help, but there needs to be a plan. Member Duncan suggested Mr. Goforth put together a committee and a plan, and then bring it back to Council.

Member Apgar said Council will need to see what the memorial would look like.

Mr. Goforth replied that would depend upon how much money he can raise for the project.

Member Cantrell indicated Council would definitely support this project, but they cannot fund the project. Member Cantrell suggested Mr. Goforth first put together a committee and make a list of what can and cannot be done and who they are going to incorporate in the project to help raise funds. The committee could then come to Council to present what the project will look like, how it will be funded and what type of assistance, if any, that they would rely on from the City.

Member Apgar stated Mr. Goforth is going to need a lot of help and suggested a good starting point would be the Amvets, who are primarily Vietnam veterans.

Mayor Seagraves advised it would be helpful to have a rendition of the memorial to show people when you are soliciting donations toward the project. Mayor Seagraves suggested Mr. Goforth contact his commander at Martinsville to ask how their project was funded and get some ideas.

Mr. Goforth said he has already formed a committee and presented to Council some of his ideas regarding forming sub-committees and handling donations.

Member Duncan agreed it is a good idea for Mr. Goforth to contact his commander. He should also check with other local communities who already have memorials in place. Member Duncan said it would make the job a lot easier if he has a footprint to start with.

Member Cantrell stated she appreciates the monument idea; however, it could be something as simple as a grove of trees at the park, or at the proposed community garden.

Mayor Seagraves stated there were many, many people involved in the strategy and team building to make the Golden Gate Castle a reality. Mayor Seagraves indicated that Council supports Mr. Goforth and his idea.

Member Letner suggested since Vietnam veteran Tom Herkins was killed on a bridge, a bridge may be a good starting point, which could signify numerous things. There is a bridge at Golden Gate Park that could be incorporated into the memorial.

Mayor Seagraves thanked Mr. Goforth for coming to Council with his idea.

Mayor Seagraves commented that Wayne Ward recently fell and broke his hip, and is now in a nursing home for rehab. Mayor Seagraves said our thoughts are with Mr. Ward.

Member Cantrell commented the Community Garden meeting is tomorrow night at 6:00 p.m. and suggested Mr. Goforth attend.

Manager Wright reported the striping was completed on Westbrook Road and on Brookville Johnsville Road today. Manager Wright reported stop ahead signs were installed on Arlington Road at Wolf Creek Street as requested a few meetings ago.

Member Duncan said that a resident has already come to him with favorable comments on the new signs.

Manager Wright thanked the Brookville and Perry Township residents who voted to pass the Perry Township Fire/EMS replacement levy.

Manager Wright reported we were recently notified that we did not receive OPWC funding for the Terrace Park Reconstruction Project. Manager Wright said the competition is getting tougher for this funding and advised he will meet with staff to look at a different approach to this project.

Manager Wright requested Council authorization to enter into an Agreement with Montgomery County for the Community Development Block Grant Golden Gate Park Restroom Project.

Motion by Duncan, second by Apgar to authorize Manager Wright to enter into an Agreement with Montgomery County for the Community Development Block Grant Golden Gate Park Restroom Project. All yeas, motion carried.

Manager Wright reported House Bill 5 passed the House of Representatives last week and has moved on to the Senate. Manager Wright reported State Representative Winburn did not vote to pass HB5. Manager Wright advised there is a coalition of cities working hard to oppose this bill. Manager Wright advised he will keep an eye on the situation and will keep Council posted.

Manager Wright thanked Economic Development Specialist Jim Snedeker for putting together a successful Annual Industrial Park Breakfast, which was held last week; and thanked the Council Members who attended.

Manager Wright reported the mast arms and underground electric have been installed for the traffic signals at the westbound I-70 exit ramp on Arlington Road. The traffic signals will be installed by a separate company, and should be completed next week. The signal will be actuated, not timed.

Manager Wright reminded Council the Community Garden Meeting is tomorrow at 6:00 p.m. at the Board of Education building on June Place.

Manager Wright reported we have had some serious issues with our Wastewater Treatment Plant pump station during the past few weeks and had to replace quite a bit of wiring that had deteriorated. We also had problems with the pumps in our WWTP lift station caused by various issues. We had to purchase a new pump, replace some controls and some circuit panels and rebuild several pumps. Manager Wright reported these repairs cost just under \$35,000.

Member Cantrell asked if the City will be involved with the Chamber of Commerce Christmas Tree Lighting event on December 4, 2013?

Manager Wright reported the City is planning to be a part of it.

Fire Chief Fletcher thanked the voters for their support of the Perry Township Fire/EMS Levy and commented there is the potential for additional revenue from this levy.

Fire Chief Fletcher reported over the weekend there was a significant residential structure fire on AirHill Road. Fire Chief Fletcher reported our Fire Department did an exceptional job and thanked the other area Fire Departments who responded as mutual aid. The owners of the home were extremely grateful to our Fire Department for rescuing the family dog.

Fire Chief Fletcher reminded residents that burning leaves or waste in general is not permitted within the City of Brookville.

Manager Wright commented our Service Department is staying on top of leaf collection and we should be on the downhill side after this week.

Mayor Seagraves advised Police Chief Jerome is on vacation and advised Council to look over the written report he submitted before he left.

Law Director Stephan had no report.

Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton requested authorization to transfer \$25,000 into the Street M&R Fund, \$8,000 into the Park Fund and \$60,000 into the Note Retirement-NorthBrook Fund.

Motion by Apgar, second by Kirklin to authorize the transfer of \$25,000 into the Street M&R Fund, \$8,000 into the Park Fund and \$60,000 into the Note Retirement-NorthBrook Fund as appropriated. All yeas, motion carried.

Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton said Council should have a copy from a page of the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation Newsletter which states the Bureau of Workers Compensation is continuing the trend of lowering local government rates. The Bureau's board recently approved an average rate reduction of 1.6%, which we should see in 2014. Last year at this time, the Bureau reduced the 2013 rates by 5%.

Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton requested a Budget Work Session prior to the next Council Meeting on December 3. The consensus is to hold the Budget Work Session at 6:00 p.m. on December 3, 2013.

Mayor Seagraves congratulated the Council Members who were re-elected as well as the new Trustees of Clay and Perry Township.

Mayor Seagraves thanked the Perry Township voters for passing the Fire/EMS levy.

Mayor Seagraves wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Manager Wright reported we recently hired a contractor to power wash the water tower and they did a fantastic job.

Member Kirklin encouraged everyone to attend the "Over the River and Through the Woods" show at the Brookville Community Theatre.

Member Kirklin stated the Brookville High School Drama Club is opening "In-Laws, Out-Laws and Others" and encouraged everyone to support our students by attending.

Member Kirklin also congratulated Shawn Hurley and the high school students who were chosen to be in the OMEA Honors Choir at Wittenburg University.

Member Garber commented the Ohio Attorney General has created a task force on the heroin epidemic in Ohio. Member Garber said once the task force is organized maybe they can provide some assistance to us.

Mayor Seagraves stated that overdoses are becoming a routine occurrence.

Fire Chief Fletcher commented the Fire Department carries a drug that reverses the effects of heroin. Fire Chief Fletcher stated that there is talk now that the epidemic is going to prompt officials to start supplying drug addicts with the same medication in a form they can self-administer in an effort to save lives. Fire Chief Fletcher advised this may cause a shortage of this life-saving drug.

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

Sonja M. Keaton, Clerk

David E. Seagraves, Mayor