

BROOKVILLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
December 3, 2013

The Regular Meeting of the Brookville City Council was called to order by Mayor Seagraves at 7:30 p.m. on December 3, 2013 in the City Council Chambers. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Members Apgar, Cantrell, Duncan, Garber, Kirklin and Letner; Police Chief Jerome, Fire Chief Fletcher, 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 Cantrell, second by Kirklin to accept the November 19, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

Katie Henry, 4th grade teacher at Brookville Schools, introduced herself and Kristina Dobberstein, who teaches 1st grade at Brookville Elementary, and Amanda Kerstiens the Children's Librarian at Brookville Public Library. Ms. Henry advised they are here to present some of the proposed Community Garden ideas and how it might benefit our community and our schools.

Ms. Henry stated the Community Garden could involve our senior citizens and build community relationships. She also sees it as a way to feed Brookville and to keep kids out of trouble by keeping them busy. Ms. Henry said the garden could be a year round activity; using the off season to plan for the garden and to think about how the food will be used. Ms. Henry envisions the garden making us a green community and drawing people to Brookville. Ms. Henry stated to make all these things happen, three committees of volunteers have been formed; Local Resources, Contracts and Communication.

Ms. Dobberstein presented a map of the old school site on S. Hill Street, showing the best place for the gardens would be in above-ground boxes next to the old tennis courts. The slope is right for drainage in this area and it would be close to the proposed soil drop off location and the compost bins. Ms. Dobberstein said the Local Resources Committee is researching what resources or talents are available to meet the needs of soil, water and lighting. The Contract Committee is researching the contracts that will be required between the growers and the site, and the Communication Committee will be promoting the community garden through word of mouth, Facebook, email and any other resource that is available. Ms. Doberstein presented a timetable of the meetings and what is to be planned and executed at each meeting.

Ms. Kerstiens, of the Montgomery County Public Library, stated the library can support the initiative by helping with research, setting up book displays to generate interest and hosting Community Garden programs.

Ms. Henry invited Council to attend the next meeting on January 8, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Mayor Seagraves asked what they foresee the City helping with?

Ms. Henry said at this point just practical concerns, such as water and lighting.

Member Kirklin suggested the Contract Committee make an appointment with Manager Wright so that maintenance becomes a part of the Agreement with the lot itself.

Member Letner stated the property still belongs to the school so they should be responsible for maintenance.

Member Cantrell commented that the school property is still for sale and if a buyer is found the gardens would have to be dismantled.

Member Kirklin said that the committee has already discussed that whatever is done, they have to be ready to lose it.

Manager Wright indicated the project is a good one and he sees no red flags. Manager Wright suggested that it is stipulated that there is no parking in the alley.

Member Duncan stated McMaken's Car Wash recently sold an individual some barrels for his garden plots and suggested they could donate some barrels to the Community Garden.

Mayor Seagraves commented Council is excited about the group's enthusiasm and thinks the program can be successful as long as they continue to communicate with Manager Wright and coordinate with City staff and Council.

Dick Baker, of the Optimist Club, requested permission to hold the Annual Picnic Run on Saturday, July 26, 2014. The event will begin at 8:00 a.m. and follow the usual route.

Mayor Seagraves asked if any provisions have been made for those who choose to participate by walking, as there have been problems in the past with stragglers who tie up our manpower and our streets?

Mr. Baker advised the walking portion of the event is 2.5 miles, with the walkers returning on the bikeway; however, some people want to walk the entire 5 mile route and do not turn off on the bikeway.

Police Chief Jerome agreed that the walkers count on the police to keep them safe and the stragglers create a problem by keeping the streets and the Police Officers tied up too long.

Member Kirklin asked if a cut-off finish time can be stipulated when people register?

Member Apgar suggested that registrants are told they must move to the sidewalk if they do not finish the race within the specified time.

Mr. Baker said he can stipulate on the registration forms that participants must finish the event within an hour.

Motion by Apgar, second by Garber to allow the Brookville Optimists to hold the 24th Annual Picnic Run on Saturday, July 26, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. following the traditional route with the details to be coordinated with Police Chief Jerome. All yeas, motion carried.

Robin Lehman, newly elected Clay Township Trustee, commented she is looking forward to working with the City of Brookville, and invited Council to attend the Clay Township Trustee Meetings.

Mayor Seagraves stated it has been refreshing to see Trustee-Elect Lehman present at several community events recently, and he is looking forward to working with her. Mayor Seagraves stated he appreciates the invitation, however, the Clay Township Trustee Meetings coincide with the evenings that Brookville Council meets, and although the Trustees meet earlier, it would be difficult to attend both meetings.

Mayor Seagraves thanked Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton for her due diligence and extreme hard work in coordinating the budget with the department heads.

Manager Wright announced the Christmas Carry-In Luncheon for employees is on December 17, 2014 at 11:30 a.m. and invited Council to attend.

Manager Wright advised Council should each have a copy of the Chamber of Commerce Calendar of Events for 2014.

Manager Wright reported the Chamber of Commerce Christmas Tree Lighting is tomorrow at 7:00 p.m. in front of the Spittler House on Market Street and encouraged everyone to attend.

Manager Wright reported the Leaf Program is wrapping up and will end on December 13, 2013.

Manager Wright advised the RTA Bus Shelter in front on the corner of Nutrition Way and Collective Way is complete and will be open next week.

Manager Wright advised our current Fire and EMS contract with Clay Township expires on December 31, 2013 and recommended entering into a one-year renewal contract with Clay Township for Fire and EMS for 2014. Manager Wright advised Council can discuss new terms and the Fire and EMS levy during 2014.

Motion by Apgar, second by Cantrell to authorize Manager Wright to enter into a one-year renewal contract with Clay Township for Fire and EMS Service for 2014. All yeas, motion carried.

Member Duncan asked when the traffic lights at Arlington and I-70 will be operational?

Manager Wright advised ODOT is waiting for a power issue to be worked out with DP&L, which should happen soon. Manager Wright said the lights will not be activated on a Friday or a Monday.

Member Letner said there will be signage advising motorists of the new signal.

Fire Chief Fletcher reported the Fire Department responded to a recent structure fire in Brookville last week. Aside from a minor injury to one of our firefighters, the incident went well.

Police Chief Jerome reported the Brookville Police Department has handled 684 Reportable Incidents year-to-date, compared to 636 during this same time period last year. Citations are exactly the same as 2012, for a total of 499 Citations year-to-date. Officers made 177 Traffic Stops year-to-date compared to 170 Traffic Stops during this same time period in 2012.

Police Chief Jerome reported the Police Department concluded an undercover drug investigation today, which culminated in four adult arrests and two juvenile arrests for Trafficking in Drugs. Police Chief Jerome stated he is proud of the way Captain Simon and Detective Swigart handled the investigation and thanked the Clay Township, Perry Township and Union Police Departments for their assistance executing the search warrants and arresting the suspects. Police Chief Jerome commented that Brookville has plenty of drug users like every other city has, but we have a lot less dealers than other cities have.

Law Director Stephan presented the Final Subdivision Plat for Harvest Wing Development Section One-B, which combines Lots 2263 and 2264, for Council approval as recommended by Planning Commission and Staff. Law Director Stephan stated the reason for combining the lots is to allow the north Speedway location to expand and accommodate the diesel lanes they are adding on the lot that they recently purchased, rather than being situated on two lots.

Member Duncan commented he has been asked by several citizens if the north Speedway will be a truck stop, with showers and a restaurant.

Law Director Stephan replied this is essentially an expansion of the gas station to create diesel lanes, not a truck stop. Law Director Stephan advised the location is not zoned to allow a truck stop.

Motion by Cantrell, second by Kirklin to approve the Final Subdivision Plat for Harvest Wing Development Section One-B. All yeas, motion carried.

Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton presented the November 30, 2013 Fund Balance for Council review and approval.

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

Mayor Seagraves announced the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast will be held on January 9, 2014 at 7:30 a.m. at K's Banquet Center.

Member Cantrell announced there are still tickets available for the Christmas Concert at the Community Theatre on December 6, 2013, with proceeds to benefit "A Place To Go" which is the umbrella organization for the Feed Brookville program and other local charities.

There was no Old Business.

In New Business, Member Garber asked Police Chief Jerome if there are any rules governing the use of laptops in our police cruisers while the vehicle is in motion.

Police Chief Jerome stated it is Police Department policy that officers are not to use the laptops while operating the vehicle.

Member Garber commented that some communities have designated heating centers where residents can go if there is a power outage and asked if we have a designated heating center?

Fire Chief Fletcher stated each spring the Montgomery County Health Department communicates with him regarding cooling centers, which he would reverse if heating centers are needed. Currently the Christena Leiber Center is the primary location, other places with generators would probably be used such as the city building, Fire Station 2 and the school.

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

Sonja M. Keaton, Clerk

David E. Seagraves, Mayor