

BROOKVILLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
December 17, 2013

The Regular Meeting of the Brookville City Council was called to order by Mayor Seagraves at 7:30 p.m. on December 17, 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 with an addition. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Cantrell, second by Kirklin to accept the December 3, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

Mayor Seagraves announced Alan Schaeffer, of Pickrel, Schaeffer, and Ebeling, is here representing the Montgomery County Agricultural Society, and will be giving a brief presentation on the proposed fairgrounds in Brookville. Mayor Seagraves advised tonight's meeting is informational, there will be no action taken, and any citizens or others who wish to speak will be given the opportunity to speak after the presentation. Mayor Seagraves advised there is a two minute time limit per citizen for their comments.

Mr. Schaeffer advised he is representing the Montgomery County Agricultural Society and the Montgomery County Fair Board is represented this evening by John Friedline, Jon Weist and Steve Steck. Mr. Schaeffer also introduced Eric Joo from the Miller Valentine Group. Mr. Schaeffer advised this is a 20,000 foot look at something that is very preliminary at this point. It is going to have to go through a certain amount of time and a whole lot of due diligence and work to get where we would all hope to be, which is conducting a fair from the proposed 66 acre property off of West Campus Blvd., immediately south of the Payless Shoe facility. West Campus Blvd. would be extended to Upper Lewisburg Salem. The current fairground is located on 37 acres. The proposed fairground site could be anywhere from 66 to 75 acres. That decision has not been made yet. Mr. Schaeffer said Miller Valentine has been in discussions with Montgomery County for months. In August, an offer in the form of an option was made to the Fair Board, and the Fair Board has been involved in formal intense due diligence studying different sites, including whether to stay at their current location, and reviewing all of the pluses and minuses of moving versus staying. The Fair Board was assisted by the Dayton Foundation with some funding, which allowed them to bring in some professional help to assist them in the decision. After three full months of hard work by a lot of people, on December 10, the Fair Board voted to enter into a 24-month option agreement with the Miller Valentine Group. If Miller Valentine exercises the option, Montgomery County is committed to selling the current fairground property in Dayton to Miller Valentine. Mr. Schaeffer stated the Montgomery County Agricultural Society is committed to buying the property in Brookville and is off and running. The Miller Valentine option is 24 months, and it could happen as early as 2014 or it might not occur until 2015. In the worst case scenario it might never happen, however, the Agricultural Society is positive and optimistic. Miller Valentine obviously has things that they have to get done in order to exercise the option; however, they are optimistic in their belief that we are going to be able to move forward with this project eventually. Mr. Schaeffer indicated on a map where the project is going to be, which is south of the Payless facility. Campus Blvd. would run along the east side of the project. The entry would be off Campus Blvd. and the whole property would be fenced. Mr. Schaeffer said the one building they can speak to with certainty is the Round House, which is a 20,000 square foot historic structure located at the current fairground property. Montgomery County is committed to moving it to the Brookville site if everything comes together. The Round House has all of the elements of an exhibition center, a banquet center or an event center. It is important to point out that part of the excitement that the Fair Board has is that the new site will lift limitations and allow them to do projects beyond the fair. They believe it will attract a lot of different uses and events throughout the year, which will drive interest and people to the site. The hope is the site will be an engine for development of the rest of the area. The proposed site does anticipate a 5/8 mile track, with a preferred east/west orientation so that the sun does not shine in patrons eyes. The first phase will include the midway area for the carnival portion of the fair, as well as other things, such as a farmers market or other outdoor venues. Mr. Schaeffer proposed various agricultural

buildings that any fairgrounds would require in order to be able to hold a fair, and also other types of shows such as horse or animal shows. There will be a campground area, a horse arena and grandstands. The second phase would be the track, a dedicated exhibition center which would be in tandem with the Round House, and the third phase is the camping area. The phasing has not been settled and any part of the second and third phasing has the potential to be moved around. The track is in the second phase as it will require raising some money to get the track in. The fundraising process has already begun with someone they hope will help fund a fair amount of the process. Mr. Schaeffer advised the Fair Board looked at several sites; one was at Route 40 and Route 49, the existing Brookville location, and the current fairground location. The Brookville site was determined to be the best of the three sites because it is along Interstate 70, West Campus Blvd. is already constructed and the view of the location on the north side of the interstate. Mr. Schaeffer stated it was determined that the Brookville site is a synergistic location for the County Fair and for other things that the fairground can attract to that site for this part of Montgomery County and certainly for the City of Brookville. Mr. Schaeffer stated they are at the front end of this project. They have been in contact with Brookville City Staff and the Law Director; there will be a number of additional meetings and several Public Hearings. Mr. Schaeffer advised there will be plenty of opportunities for public input, which will be welcomed by the Agricultural Society. The Fair Board representatives can also be contacted with any comments and concerns. Mr. Schaeffer asked if there were any questions or comments at this time?

Member Duncan asked what is expected of the City of Brookville, referring to financing or land, or the cost to us if the fairground comes to Brookville?

Mr. Schaeffer replied there are no expectations regarding land from the City of Brookville by the Agricultural Society, there may be some discussion about the land the City owns in front of the proposed site. This is very preliminary at this point. The City may be asked to participate in a Montgomery County ED/GE grant application.

Member Duncan stated you mentioned something about the land we own up front, what was the feeling with what was going to be done with that, or are you going to approach us for that?

Mr. Schaeffer stated we would be approaching the City about that acreage.

Member Duncan remarked, and that consists of how many acres.

Manager Wright stated 10 acres.

Mr. Schaeffer stated you have Fire protection and Police protection; obviously those would be resources that we would have to draw on. Mr. Schaeffer stated they will pursue grant money to help with any infrastructure. Mr. Schaeffer stated in order to get this done, the property has to be re-zoned, so that Miller Valentine can exercise their option. That is what will be coming to Council pretty quickly, over the course of several meetings.

Member Duncan asked who will be looking at the expansion of Arlington Road and another entrance or exit to the facility off of Clayshire Drive?

Mr. Schaeffer advised they are looking at an emergency exit off of Clayshire at the very least, but the main access will be off of West Campus Blvd.

Member Duncan asked if the City will be responsible for the expansion of the city roads to accommodate the increased traffic?

Mr. Schaeffer replied they have not gotten that far into the planning stage at this point.

Manager Wright stated the City will look at that just like they would review any development that comes into our Industrial Park or Business Park.

Member Duncan stated he thinks that is something Council needs to know before they go through a lot of the process, in case it has to stop.

Manager Wright stated City Staff deals with this issue with every development that comes into Brookville, and they review it and bring it before Council to discuss it.

Mayor Seagraves advised the process will go through the proper Planning and Zoning Board who will give their recommendations back to Council.

Member Duncan stated the citizens will have their chance to speak at a Public Hearing, or a referendum on the ballot.

Mayor Seagraves stated Mr. Schaeffer is here to present tonight, we are going to give the citizens an opportunity to speak this evening and go from there. Mayor Seagraves asked Mr. Schaeffer to continue.

Mr. Schaeffer commented that any extension of the roadway and infrastructure that is added is going to serve the entire property; all of the privately owned lots in the Industrial Park will benefit, not just the fairground.

Member Cantrell asked Mr. Schaeffer to identify the proposed fairground site on the large zoning map in the Council Chambers.

Mr. Schaeffer pointed to the proposed fairground site on the map, indicating it is currently zoned Industrial.

Member Seagraves advised the proposed site is preliminary and commented he knows this was a difficult decision for the Fair Board. No one wants to see a fair move, or relocate after years of tradition, but most importantly it needs to be in a safe and happy environment where it can grow and make the best of a county fair. Mayor Seagraves stated he feels the bulk of this fair is driven by Brookville and some of the southwest and northwest parts of Montgomery County. Mayor Seagraves said he knows many of the young people in attendance tonight thrive on FFA, which is important to him and to Council, and they are going to do their very best to make the right and sound decision so that everyone can be happy. Mayor Seagraves assured the citizens, township residents and media that Council is going to do this right and asked everyone to keep an open mind. Mayor Seagraves stated the proposed site is in our Industrial Park, not at Rt. 40 and 49, and he will gladly take everyone out to the site to show them the property if things progress that far. Mayor Seagraves stated tonight is an informational meeting only and asked if Council has any other comments.

Member Garber asked if the grandstand and the track would be conducive to other shows and events?

Mr. Schaeffer replied absolutely; the Fair Board is looking at this as a 365-day a year operation. They want to utilize it winter and summer, not just five days per year. This will be an agriculturally oriented project.

Member Letner asked if the Extension Office would come with the fairgrounds?

Montgomery County Fair President John Friedline replied yes, as of right now.

Member Letner asked if the antiques vendor in the current fairground would come with the site as well and if that is an option to have full-time vendors year round?

President Friedline stated the current vendor would probably not be coming and having full-time vendors is not an option they are pursuing.

Member Duncan asked how many people the fairground will employ?

President Friedline said currently there are three full-time employees.

Member Duncan asked what type of businesses he predicts will open around the fairground?

Mr. Schaeffer said if the fairground takes off like they are predicting he expects restaurants and another hotel or motel to open nearby.

Member Duncan stated when he was the Mayor, all of the restaurants he contacted would not come to Brookville unless there were 50,000 rooftops in a 25 mile radius.

Mr. Schaeffer stated he is not in their type of business. He can only state what the Fair Board is doing, and it is up to those businesses whether they want to come or not. Mr. Schaeffer said he thinks what will ultimately happen is that moving the fairground to Brookville will drive more interest in the industrial portion of our Industrial Park.

Member Garber asked if the campground will be open all year?

Mr. Friedline stated camping will be primarily for the Junior Fair and the vendors that are there during the events.

Darrell Reel, of 784 Randy Sue Ct., asked how much revenue events at the current fairground brings in to the City of Dayton and how much could the City of Brookville expect to garner from the proposed fairground, either from tax money or revenue from events?

Mr. Friedline said the City would receive a portion of any sales tax revenue and any revenue spin-off from people who come to Brookville to attend events at the fairgrounds.

Mr. Reel commented the majority of people who go to the fair will eat at the fair. Mr. Reel commented he used to work near the existing fairground and observed that most people who attend events are in and out and don't spend a lot of time around the area. Mr. Reel stated if he was still on Brookville Council he would be trying to determine what financial benefit the fairground would be to the City.

Mr. Schaeffer replied he will make sure to present this information at the next Public Hearing.

Mr. Reel asked the Fair Board why the site at Rt. 40 and 49 was ruled out, as it is already a two lane road and would be an easy in and out access versus the proposed Brookville site where Arlington Road is one lane?

Mr. Schaeffer replied the site at Rt. 40 and 49 would be accessed from farm roads, not directly from Route 40 or 49.

Steve Bissey, of 9555 Wellbaum Road, said he plans to actively oppose this location until he sees some type of economic benefit to Clay Township. Mr. Bissey stated he hopes during this process the City will consider the impact the fairground will have on the Township.

Mayor Seagraves stated he spoke with one of the Township Trustees today and assured Mr. Bissey that the next meeting will address the impact on the Township.

Mr. Bissey stated he was an FFA member in Green County for years and grew up in an agricultural environment and he does not oppose the fair or fair activity. He does not see how the benefits of moving the fairground to Brookville would outweigh the negatives.

Member Cantrell asked Mr. Bissey what he feels are the negatives?

Mr. Bissey replied the traffic is a negative and the amount of Fire, EMS and Police it would take to support a 365-day a year operation.

Mr. Ben Montoya, 15606 Chicken Bristle Road in Farmersville, Ohio, introduced himself as the Junior Fair President for Montgomery County, Ohio. Mr. Montoya stated he has been a member of the Junior Fair for approximately 8 years, and looking to the future of the fair, he feels moving the location is a great idea. Mr. Montoya stated he thinks holding concerts and other events will bring in a lot more revenue than people might think. Mr. Montoya stated he has attended state and national level swine shows and has observed that businesses around the show venues are thriving. Mr. Montoya stated he thinks the fairgrounds would be good for Brookville and for the future of the Montgomery County Fair.

Debbie Landis, of Farmersville, stated her daughter has been a long time participant of 4-H and FFA. Mrs. Landis stated she is in the education field and can see how the fair helps to

educate both children and adults about agriculture and where their food comes from. Mrs. Landis asked that Council and the residents of Brookville keep an open mind about the education value that the fair would bring to the City, the County and the State of Ohio.

John Holsher, of 9800 Pleasant Plain Road, stated his concern is for security around the area. Mr. Holsher asked if the Fair Board will pay for security, and Fire and EMS services during events at the fairgrounds or does that become an expense that Brookville has to pay for? Mr. Holsher stated he is also concerned about noise from the venues at the proposed fairground site. Mr. Holsher said he is not concerned about the actual fair or agricultural auctions, but the noise from venues such as rock concerts could be bad. Mr. Holsher said he is also concerned about drag racing and the many other types of events that could be held at the fairground when the fair is not in session.

Mayor Seagraves advised the Montgomery County Sheriff's office has always been in charge of policing at the fair, and that should not change. Mayor Seagraves advised that Council first discussed the possibility of the fairground coming to Brookville about a month ago after the County Commissioners asked if there was any interest. This is an informational meeting and Council has no more information than what Mr. Schaeffer presented this evening. Council has just as many concerns as residents do. It is not that Council has not done their homework and is not prepared but this is the first meeting for them as well.

Mr. Holsher observed that this is not a done deal?

Mayor Seagraves stated the Fair Board has made the decision to relocate. They have chosen the Brookville site as the best location, which requires zoning changes. The process to change the zoning will take time, and our Planning and Zoning Members will have a lot of the same questions. Mayor Seagraves said that Council is not trying to do anything secretly or undermine any of the township residents or Trustees, or the citizens of Brookville. Mayor Seagraves commented he has lived in Brookville his whole life, and this issue is very important to him. He and all of Council want to make sure that they are addressing all of the concerns that people are raising.

Mr. Holsher said he realizes as a township resident, he does not have lot of input as to what goes on in Brookville, but we are neighbors. Mr. Holsher stated he sees where the Mayor is coming from because he does not have the answers yet either.

Mayor Seagraves replied Brookville is made of Clay Township and Perry Township residents and Council is very concerned about township residents who live outside of the city limits. Mayor Seagraves stated Council does not treat township residents as secondary citizens and he hears the concerns that have been raised this evening. Mayor Seagraves wants everyone to know that there have not been any secret sessions regarding the fairgrounds coming to Brookville. Mayor Seagraves stated he never approached the Fair Board or talked to them about their decision. Mayor Seagraves said he wants to be fair to the agricultural community too.

Member Duncan stated he is not opposed to FFA or the fair; he is just opposed to the location as he does not see what it will do for the City and the school system. Member Duncan stated it affects the school system because they receive tax money as well. If we let the fairgrounds come in with three employees where we could put a business with a hundred employees, the school will suffer too.

Carol Holsher, from 9800 Pleasant Plain Road, said their back property line is Brookville. They moved to their present home because it was quiet and you can see the stars at night. Now that Payless is there you can hear their facility at night. If the fairground goes in, she wonders what can be done about the noise from concerts or other events.

Sarah Landis, of 2660 Zehring Road in Farmersville, stated she is the 2014 Montgomery County Junior Fair Queen. Ms. Landis said she understands living in the country and being able to look out at night and see the stars. Ms. Landis stated she cannot tell you how many years she has gone to the Preble County Fair and envied their location. Ms. Landis stated she loves the Montgomery County Fair, but she would like to be able to spend the night at the fairgrounds and look up at the stars and feel safe. Ms. Landis said she understands the fear about concerts or truck and tractor pulls, but she and the other Junior Fair members would

like to be able to look up at the stars without worries during their fair. Ms. Landis said the fair is her home; the Montgomery County Fair and 4-H camp is her favorite vacation spot in the entire universe. Ms. Landis asked everyone to please keep an open mind as not all of the questions have been asked and not all the questions have been answered; and there are still big accomplishments to be made.

Jon Weist, of 13919 Providence Pike, advised he was the Fair President when all of this started, and it has been a joint effort and joint venture and a lot of hard roads to get to where we are today. When the Fair Board voted on December 10 to move the fair, it was not an easy vote. The Montgomery County Fair has been at the same location for 160 years. Mr. Weist stated he supports 4-H and the kids, and he would like to bring agriculture back to the fair. He understands the concerns about concerts and such, but there has not been an X-fest for two years because they went bankrupt. So that should not be a concern. Mr. Weist advised their Fair Board pays to have security and EMS on hand during the fair, along with the assistance from the Sheriff's office. Mr. Weist stated not everything is about money, and asked people to put the money issue aside to make this decision. Mr. Weist said he would love to see the fair move to Brookville, not because he is partial to Brookville, but of the sites the Fair Board and committee looked at, this site had the infrastructure in place. The other site was a good location, but without water and sewer or the access road in place, it would cost a lot more to move the fair there. Mr. Weist said he thinks moving the fair to Brookville will be a win/win for Brookville and the Montgomery County Fair.

Member Cantrell asked if the Fair Board could provide an itinerary of upcoming events at the fairground, so that as the decision process is made, everyone is informed about the amount of revenue that can be generated by vendors who would be paying income tax.

Member Duncan stated no one will pay income tax unless they are there for 12 days or more.

Mr. Weist said Montgomery County Fair has lost so many 4-H and FFA kids to surrounding county fairs because of the Dayton location. If the Montgomery County Fair moves to Brookville, he thinks a lot of the kids will come back, for the reasons Ms. Landis stated. Mr. Weist feels the Montgomery County Fair is not an agricultural community like it used to be, but he hopes we can get that back by moving the fair here.

Member Cantrell stated many surrounding counties are trying to bring people back to nature, from the Conservancy District, the Miami River and others, and she thinks this is the wave of the future. Member Cantrell said regarding it being all about money, she believes we have to pay for what we spend, however, she thinks Council needs to look at other things as well.

Dana Woodson, of Chicken Bristle Road in Farmersville, stated her daughter is in 4-H Club and she is speaking on behalf of her and the 4-H horse kids, who cannot go to the Montgomery County Fair because the current facilities are not clean enough or safe enough. Mrs. Woodson stated the kids have to find sponsors to support them so that they can rent other places so that the kids can participate in their horse activities. Ms. Woodson stated moving the fair to Brookville would allow the kids with horses to participate again.

Member Duncan said he is hearing from kids from Farmersville and Germantown, but he has not heard from any Brookville 4-H kids or our township 4-H kids.

Member Garber said there are Brookville kids in attendance, they just have not spoken yet.

Amy Burton, of Westbrook Road in Brookville, said her daughter is in Montgomery County 4-H, and it upsets her that her daughter cannot go to the Montgomery County Fair to show her horse and will never have that experience. Ms. Burton said they are Brookville people and she is in favor of moving the fairgrounds to Brookville.

Chris Craft, of 14571 Old Dayton Road, in Perry Township, said he has been a long time resident of the area and he remembers that people were concerned years ago when McDonalds was built, people were concerned that it would bring strangers into Brookville. McDonalds has been good for Brookville and supports the community. When you stop to think about what a fairground is, it is a large green space, and who would be upset if someone said I am going to put a park in your backyard? Mr. Craft said that is what a fairground is, it is nothing but a very large park. Mr. Craft said Clay Township residents are

asking how the fairgrounds would benefit Clay Township. The fairgrounds could be used as a place to train Police Officers. Mr. Craft said a fairground would provide 80 camping spots and facilities that could be hooked up to a generator in the event of an emergency. Mr. Craft said we need to stop and think about all the positive things that a fairground can bring to a community.

Eric Joo, of the Miller Valentine Group, said their initial thought was to try to redevelop the existing fairground to produce a gateway into the southern part of the City of Dayton. Over the last nine months, he has become immersed in the Fair Board and fair culture and has heard many people say they do not want to leave the current fairground because they have so much history there. Mr. Joo said at one of the last meetings he attended, a young woman commented that it is great to have a hundred years of history, she is thinking of the next one hundred years in the future and where the kids can establish their history. Mr. Joo said they looked at many sites; some were bounded by residential neighborhoods, and some had narrow roads and were a little more difficult to get to. One of the things that were appealing about Brookville was that to the north there is a factory, which is not going to complain about the noise level, to the east there is Highway Service zoned land that this will feed off of. There is vacant ground there that other commercial opportunities can utilize. Mr. Joo said the neighbor to the west has approached the Fair Board offering additional parking for the fairground. Looking at all the neighbors around the immediate site, this location seemed to work really well. It is right off the interstate, nice access and nice neighbors. Mr. Joo said they have really done their homework and they are hoping that Brookville is looking to the future and gives this opportunity a chance to thrive. It will be a great amenity for the people of Brookville and the people of Montgomery County to enjoy.

Mayor Seagraves thanked everyone for their comments and reminded them that this is the first informational meeting regarding the fairground. Mayor Seagraves stated he appreciates the comments tonight that reminded him it is not always about the money. Sometimes it is about the quality of life and quality of learning and helping the youth get their fair shake. It is a fair and honest statement that it is not always about money. Sometimes we get so greedy that all we think about is money, and a lot of times money is not the answer. Mayor Seagraves expressed appreciation for the open-mindedness this evening and said he knows there will be pros and cons, and some opposition but reminded everyone that Council is here to do what is right for everyone.

Manager Wright asked Law Director Stephan to briefly outline the procedure regarding the proposed fairground site. Manager Wright stressed that there will be Public Hearings, and stressed the importance of attending the hearings.

Law Director Stephan stated there will be a zoning process that the City of Brookville will be going through to consider this project and consider approval for the project. The proposed site is currently zoned I-2, which is for industrial use. The City of Brookville will consider an Ordinance that will amend the I-2 text to permit county fairgrounds in I-2 zoning and at the same time the City will use their Planned Development process to obtain a plan from the Fair Board and consider that plan and take in public input. Then there will be a first reading of the Zoning Ordinance, and then a formal Public Hearing will be held the next month. If the Fair Board is able to proceed with their application, there will be a first reading of the Zoning Ordinance in January and a Public Hearing in February. This schedule depends on whether the Fair Board is able to move forward with their application by early January. At the Public Hearing, anyone will be allowed to come and testify at the Public Hearing, and there will be a more detailed presentation from the Fair Board, with a Preliminary Site Plan. The Fair Board will be prepared for additional questions at that time. After the Public Hearing, Planning Commission will vote on whether to approve or not approve the rezoning and the Preliminary Site Plan. That recommendation will come back to Council for two final readings and a vote by City Council. Law Director Stephan stated once the Public Hearing date is set it will be announced to the public and the media.

Mayor Seagraves stated he wants to be clear to the media and everyone that this is the first meeting to discuss the fair. There are no secret meetings and the public will be informed of every one of the meetings. Mayor Seagraves advised everyone whether they are for the fairgrounds or against it, not to take anything for granted and urged everyone to attend the public meetings. Mayor Seagraves assured everyone in attendance that Council will listen to all of the facts and do their best to make a sound decision that will benefit all.

Mr. Weist thanked Council for listening.

Mayor Seagraves thanked everyone for attending and wished everyone a safe and Happy Holiday.

Jen DeCerbo, from the Relay for Life 5K, advised she met with Chief Jerome and discussed the route for the 5K run next April.

Chief Jerome reported a route has been developed that goes through the park, down the bike path, then McKinley back to Wolf Creek. This route requires the least amount of manpower from the City. Chief Jerome said he suggested moving the start time to 8:00 a.m.

Member Kirklin asked if the Chief has residual concerns based on the routes that were discussed with Ms. DeCerbo?

Chief Jerome said the only concern he has overall is that the amount of runs in Brookville need to be limited, due to manpower concerns.

Chief Fletcher agreed and stated maybe Council should set a master cap on how many races and parades they approve during a calendar year.

Manager Wright reported the Service Department has been very busy with water main breaks and snow removal.

Fire Chief Fletcher reported the Brookville Fire Department responded to 98 EMS and 22 Fire Incidents during the month of November. This was identical to the 120 total incidents handled in November of 2012 and 75 incidents ahead of where we were one year ago. The Brookville Fire Department has handled 1,425 incidents year-to-date.

Member Kirklin commented that her daughter's 4th grade class is looking forward to hosting Fire Chief Fletcher as their special guest at their class Christmas party on Friday.

Police Chief Jerome introduced Police Officer Zach Snell and congratulated him and his wife on their beautiful new baby daughter. Police Chief Jerome advised he will be inviting his Officers on a rotating basis to Council meetings so that they can observe first-hand how government works.

Police Chief Jerome reported the Brookville Police Department handled 697 Reportable Incidents year-to-date, compared to 664 during this same time period last year. Citations year-to-date are at 513, which is 16 less than this same time last year. 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 is involved with the Marines on the Toys for Tots Program, with several collection boxes in businesses throughout the City. The response has been overwhelming. The donation boxes have been emptied several times and the program will continue through December 20, 2013.

Law Director Stephan asked if Council has any questions regarding his memo on the Fairground zoning process that was discussed earlier? There were no questions.

Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton requested Council approval to adopt proposed Resolution No. 13-14, which amends the 2013 Appropriations and Certificate of Estimated Resources.

Motion by Apgar, second by Kirklin to read proposed Resolution No. 13-14. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Duncan, second by Apgar to accept the first reading, dispense with the second and third reading and adopt Resolution No. 13-14 entitled "A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2013 APPROPRIATIONS, AS SET FORTH BELOW, PURSUANT TO SECTION 5705.40 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE AND SECTION 12.35 OF THE OHIO ADMINISTRATIVE CODE AND APPROVING THE AMENDMENT TO THE

CERTIFICATE OF ESTIMATED RESOURCES, AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY.” All yeas, motion carried.

Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton requested Council authorization to transfer \$10,000 into the Capital Improvement Fund.

Motion by Cantrell, second by Kirklin to authorize Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton to transfer \$10,000 into the Capital Improvement Fund. All yeas, motion carried.

Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton requested Council authorization to issue a check in December to Montgomery County Sheriff for our Radio User Fees in the amount of \$5,416.80.

Motion by Apgar, second by Cantrell to allow Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton to issue a check in December to Montgomery County Sheriff for our Radio User Fees in the amount of \$5,416.80. All yeas, motion carried.

Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton requested Council approval to adopt proposed Resolution No. 13-15, which allows an advance on taxes collected by the Montgomery County Treasurer in 2014 for tax year 2013. This Resolution allows the City to receive advances on tax dollars collected for Real Estate from February to April and again from July to September.

Motion Garber, second by Kirklin to read proposed Resolution No. 13-15. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Cantrell, second by Kirklin to accept the first reading, dispense with the second and third reading and adopt Resolution No. 13-15 entitled “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REQUEST FOR AN ADVANCE OF TAXES COLLECTED IN 2014 FOR TAX YEAR 2013, AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY.” All yeas, motion carried.

Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton requested Council approval to designate two of its members to sit on the Volunteer Fire Fighters’ Dependents Fund for 2014. Members Duncan and Letner sat on this Board in 2013. Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton advised she has spoken with both Members and they indicated that they would like to serve as Legislative Board Members on this Fund for 2014.

Motion by Garber, second by Kirklin to designate Members Duncan and Letner to sit on the Volunteer Fire Fighters’ Dependents Fund for 2014. Garber yea, Letner abstained, Kirklin yea, Apgar yea, Duncan abstained, Cantrell yea and Seagraves yea. Motion carried with five yeas and two abstentions.

Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton requested Council adopt proposed Resolution No. 13-16 which adopts the 2014 Appropriations.

Motion by Garber, second by Apgar to read Resolution No. 13-16. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Duncan, second by Garber to accept the first reading, dispense with the second and third reading and adopt Resolution No. 13-16 entitled “ANNUAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION, AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY.” All yeas, motion carried.

Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton requested Council authorization to receipt 90% of the revenue from EMS billing in the General Fund and 10% of the revenue from EMS billing into the Fire Capital Improvement Fund for 2014.

Motion by Cantrell, second by Kirklin to authorize 90% of the revenue from EMS billing to be deposited into the General Fund for operations of the Fire Department and 10% of the revenue from EMS billing into the Fire Capital Improvement Fund for 2014. All yeas, motion carried.

Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton requested Council approval to set the labor rate for the Service Department Mechanic at \$45 per hour for 2014, for work performed on the City fleet.

Motion by Apgar, second by Cantrell to set the labor rate for the Service Department Mechanic at \$45 per hour for 2014, for work performed on the City fleet. All yeas, motion carried.

Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton requested Council approval to allow her to issue Super Blanket Purchase Order Certificates in 2014 for recurring monthly, quarterly and/or semi-annual expenditures.

Motion by Duncan, second by Cantrell to authorize the issuance of Super Blanket Purchase Order Certificates for 2014 for recurring, monthly, quarterly and/or semi-annual expenditures. All yeas, motion carried.

Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton announced our 2nd Annual Report Calendar is scheduled to be mailed out along with our Winter Newsletter on Friday. All city residents and businesses should receive a calendar and Newsletter in their mail. If they do not, please call the City Office. Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton thanked the Department Heads for providing information about their departments for our Annual Report Calendar and to Kim Duncan who worked tirelessly on putting the calendar together.

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

Mayor Seagraves wished Staff, Council and citizens a Merry Christmas and a safe holiday season.

There was no Old Business.

In New Business, Member Apgar wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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

Sonja M. Keaton, Clerk

David E. Seagraves, Mayor