

BROOKVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
January 20, 2015

The Regular Meeting of the Brookville City Council was called to order by Vice Mayor Cantrell at 7:30 p.m. on January 20, 2015 in the Brookville Council Chambers. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Members Apgar, Duncan, Garber and Letner; Fire Chief Fletcher, Police Chief Jerome, Law Director Stephan, Manager Wright and Assistant Manager/Finance Director/Clerk Keaton were present. Mayor Seagraves and Member Kirklin were absent.

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

Motion by Duncan, second by Apgar to accept the January 6, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

Dan Graeter, Assistant Manager of Planning and Programs for Montgomery County Environmental Services, gave a presentation on the recent updates at the Montgomery County Solid Waste District. Mr. Graeter advised the Solid Waste Transfer Station in Moraine is one of the largest transfer stations in Ohio, processing over 2,000 tons per day, in addition to recycling. All of the operations were consolidated to this facility when the North Transfer Station closed at the end of 2014, as the costs to upgrade the North Transfer Station was in excess of 10 million dollars. The County also saved one million dollars per year in operating costs with this consolidation. Mr. Graeter reported the South Transfer station was upgraded to handle the increased load, with a new external yard waste drop off area and a natural gas fueling station which should be completed in March of 2016. A new Environmental Learning Center focused on sustainability was constructed and is open for free guided tours. Mr. Graeter reported the Environmental Crimes Task Force, focused on illegal dumping, has had over 60 criminal convictions since January of 2013. Mr. Graeter also presented various funding opportunities potentially available to communities through the Solid Waste District, such as incentive grants and assistance with State funding for recycling programs.

Member Duncan commented that the closure of the North Transfer Station impacted the budget of the northern communities of Montgomery County and inquired whether there has been any consideration of a reduced rate for the northern communities?

Mr. Graeter replied that was considered during the consolidation planning process, but it was difficult to come to an objective number relative to the impact on the other jurisdictions. Mr. Graeter stated the South Transfer station is really a Central Transfer Station in relation to the communities they serve. Mr. Graeter advised he would be happy to present this question to the Director.

Manager Wright commented he serves on the Financial Planning Board for the Solid Waste District and this issue was discussed without a good resolution. Manager Wright stated traveling to the South Transfer Station has added a half an hour to our roundtrip to dump, and service has been as good if not better than the North Transfer Station. Manager Wright commented the City has been a recipient of several of the grants offered by the Solid Waste District and they are good programs.

Member Garber inquired whether Montgomery County is converting their entire fleet of trash trucks to natural gas fuel and whether they will be extending this to other trucks as well?

Mr. Graeter replied they are switching all of the trash trucks to compressed natural gas (CNG) fuel and their hope is that other jurisdictions will follow suit. Mr. Graeter commented Waste Management has converted all of their trucks to CNG and the trucks run much quieter and offer fuel savings as well. Mr. Graeter stated compressed natural gas fueled trucks can refuel daily as they come in to dump and the hope is to extend this to the public as natural gas vehicles become available.

Member Garber commented that Vectren in Fairborn has converted their fleet to natural gas and has opened their natural gas fueling station to the public.

Mr. Graeter stated another option is for communities such as Brookville to connect to Vectren gas lines and create a slow fill station that would refuel trucks overnight.

Member Garber inquired how long the Stony Hollow Landfill is projected to stay open?

Mr. Graeter replied the landfill is projected to be open for 18 years.

Manager Wright commented that not all of the trash from the South Transfer Station goes to the Stony Hollow Landfill, some of it goes to Cherokee Run in Bellefontaine, Ohio.

Eric Hummel, of 232 Maple Street, asked how many communities in Montgomery County use the South Transfer Station? Mr. Hummel also commented that a community in Wichita, Kansas converted some of their vehicles to natural gas and then years later could not find the parts for them.

Mr. Graeter advised that there are 28 jurisdictions in the Montgomery County Solid Waste District and all of them use the South Transfer Station. A portion of the refuse from commercial haulers comes to the South Transfer Station as well.

Mr. Hummel inquired about the closing of the incinerators.

Mr. Graeter replied the North and South Transfer Stations were originally incinerators and were shut down in 1997 because of the capital required to get them up to EPA standards for the Clean Air Act. Mr. Graeter stated the burning of refuse at the incinerators was used to generate fuel which was then sold to DP&L. The challenge for the transfer stations is to manage waste stream while trying to get as much recycling as possible. Mr. Graeter commented the future of trash is extracting materials that have value and using some of this material as fuel.

Mr. Graeter stated in regard to Mr. Hummel's inquiry on converting to natural gas fueled vehicles, the Solid Waste District is changing their maintenance facility over to maintain both diesel and compressed natural gas (CNG) vehicles. Mr. Graeter commented he believes the market is to the point that CNG vehicles are the direction that most of the country is moving toward and getting replacement parts will not be an issue.

Vice Mayor Cantrell thanked Mr. Graeter for his informative presentation.

Manager Wright commented that he has looked into CNG vehicles and is hopeful that once the cost of retrofitting a vehicle from diesel or gasoline to CNG fuel, or to purchase CNG vehicles will become more affordable.

Manager Wright reported he received notification from the Montgomery County Engineer that our request for Permissive Tax Funds to repave Arlington Road from Westbrook to Wolf Creek has been approved.

Manager Wright advised he received Council authorization at the last meeting to purchase two new vehicles, which he based on last year's cost because the 2015 cost figures from the State were not in yet. Manager Wright reported that the \$20,000 ceiling for the pickup truck purchase that Council approved will not purchase what we need. Manager Wright requested that Council extend the ceiling for the pickup truck to \$22,000.

Motion by Duncan, second by Apgar to increase the amount authorized for Manager Wright to purchase a new pickup truck for the Service Department from GSA or Ohio DAS by \$2,000 to an amount not to exceed \$22,000. All yeas, motion carried.

Manager Wright reported the Service Department has been working on a 15" storm sewer between Hay Avenue and JoAnna Street that is broken down and overgrown with trees. A contractor had to be brought in because our equipment was not big enough to deal with it. Manager Wright reported approximately 160 feet of pipe had to be replaced. Before the repair could begin, 15 to 20 trees had to be removed to gain access to the pipe, which is between the rear of Holp & Sons on Hay Avenue and Singer's Catering on JoAnna

Street. Manager Wright stated we may have some minor work to do on Singer's parking lot once the repair is completed.

Manager Wright reported the Service Department repaired a water main break today but otherwise, it has been relatively quiet.

Manager Wright reported he and staff met with the President of Lebanon National Bank regarding the transition period after the purchase of Brookville National Bank is completed. Manager Wright reported they are a community bank with 37 branches in nine counties. The company plans to keep the branch on Hay Avenue open.

Member Garber asked if ODOT has responded to the letter Council sent regarding the intersection of State Route 49 and Brookville Salem Road?

Manager Wright replied there has been no response to the letter to date.

Member Garber asked if there is anything to report on the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project?

Manager Wright reported everything is moving forward on schedule.

Assistant Manager/Finance Director/Clerk Keaton advised Council the filing deadline is Wednesday, April 15, 2015 to file their 2014 Financial Disclosure Statement. The disclosure can be filed online or the form can be completed and mailed into the Ohio Ethics Commission with the required \$35 filing fee.

Assistant Manager/Finance Director/Clerk Keaton reported Phase One of the DP&L Site Certification is complete and we are currently in the process of Phase II, which includes a site visit and presentation on January 28, 2015 beginning at 2:00 p.m. All Council Members are invited to attend.

Assistant Manager/Finance Director/Clerk Keaton reported the closing is completed on the sale of the library property and construction should begin in the summer.

Fire Chief Fletcher reported our ambulance crews have been very busy, particularly with calls to the nursing home due to illness. The Fire Department responded to two mutual aid fire incidents in the past week and a structure fire within the City yesterday. Fire Chief Fletcher commented that yesterday's fire was a good example of the difference it can make having the fire station manned by four firefighters during the day, as delaying the fire response by five minutes would most likely have resulted in a total loss of the structure. As it was, crews were able to contain the fire to a bedroom and extinguish it with about seven gallons of water.

Fire Chief Fletcher reported he was recently advised by Doug LeConey, President of Flow Dry, that he contacted their insurance company regarding the new ISO fire rating and was able to receive a reduction in the company's insurance premiums as a result.

Police Chief Jerome reported the Brookville Police Department has handled 28 Reportable incidents year-to-date, compared to 33 during this same time period last year. Police Chief Jerome reported Citations are down a total of five Citations year-to-date, for a total of 24 Citations issued year to date. The Brookville Police Department made 136 traffic stops during the month of December, which is a decrease of 34 traffic stops over this same time period last year and a decrease of 100 traffic stops from 2013.

Police Chief Jerome reported with the arrest of a suspect in the recent residential burglaries he is confident that they have solved at least two of the three incidents. Police Chief Jerome commended Detective Swigart and Major Simon for their diligence and hard work resulting in the arrest and recovery of much of the stolen property.

Law Director Stephan had no report.

Vice Mayor Cantrell thanked all who attended the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast on behalf of Mayor Seagraves. The event was well attended and considered by all to be a success.

Vice Mayor Cantrell reported that local Attorney Gene Gilbert's office is in the process of being closed due to his health. Vice Mayor Cantrell commented Mr. Gilbert is currently hospitalized and prayer on his behalf would certainly be appreciated.

Assistant Manager/Finance Director/Clerk Keaton reported at the January 15, 2015 Planning Commission Meeting there was a motion by Cantrell, second by Henderson to recommend to Council to adopt proposed Ordinance No. 2014-13 that considers amending Section 1139.02(b) Special Uses in the Highway Service (HS) District and Section 1169.04(l) to include Wireless Telecommunication Facilities as a Special Use in the Highway Service (HS) District. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Garber, second by Duncan to read proposed Ordinance No. 2014-13. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Duncan, second by Apgar to accept the second reading of proposed Ordinance No. 2014-13. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Duncan, second by Garber to read proposed Ordinance No. 2015-01. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Duncan, second by Garber to accept the first reading, dispense with the second and third reading and adopt Ordinance No. 2015-01 entitled "AN ORDINANCE LEVYING ASSESSMENTS FOR THE CUTTING AND REMOVAL OF WEEDS, VINES, GRASS AND/OR OTHER VEGETATION DURING THE YEAR 2014 FOR CERTAIN PROPERTIES IN THE CITY OF BROOKVILLE, OHIO, AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY." All yeas, motion carried.

Member Duncan observed some of the assessments amounts are fairly high and inquired if there is any way to recoup the money faster.

Assistant Manager/Finance Director/Clerk Keaton stated many of these properties have been foreclosed on and are vacant. There is no way to recoup the money until the property is sold.

Motion by Duncan, second by Apgar to read proposed Resolution No. 15-01. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Apgar, second by Garber to approve the first reading of proposed Resolution No. 15-01. All yeas, motion carried.

In Old Business, Member Duncan inquired about the status of the vacant property at 17 S. Jefferson Street?

Law Director Stephan replied the City has a court order which potentially allows us to demolish the property. Law Director Stephan stated City Staff worked on an agreement to purchase the property, however, the property owner and various family members are involved in a dispute in Probate Court on whether a guardian is going to be established for the owner. A decision on this case should be coming in the next few months.

Member Duncan stated the owner has other properties within the City that are in various states of disrepair.

Law Director Stephan stated that is correct, and Staff is hoping a guardian will be appointed so that we can work with that person to resolve the other property issues.

There was no New Business.

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

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Sonja M. Keaton, Clerk

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Margo M. Cantrell, Vice Mayor