

BROOKVILLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
March 3, 2015

The Regular Meeting of the Brookville City Council was called to order by Mayor Seagraves at 7:30 p.m. on March 3, 2015 in the Brookville Council Chambers. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Members Apgar, 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. Member Cantrell was absent. Member Garber arrived later.

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

Motion by Apgar, second by Kirklin to accept the February 17, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented and the February 24, 2015 Special Meeting Minutes as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

Member Garber arrived.

Manager Wright presented an article from the Mayors and Managers Association which recaps the way the State of Ohio has shifted their responsibility for funding over the past few years from themselves to local government, schools and other local agencies.

Manager Wright reported he received a notification from the Dayton NCAA First Four Committee asking local jurisdictions to pass a resolution in support of the opening games in Dayton. Manager Wright advised the games bring a lot of money into the region and recommended adopting proposed Resolution No. 15-02.

Motion by Apgar, second by Kirklin to read proposed Resolution No. 15-02. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Duncan, second by Kirklin to accept the first reading, dispense with the second and third reading and adopt Resolution No. 15-02 entitled "A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE BIG HOOPLA AND THE NCAA FIRST FOUR AND ALL THE REGIONAL COOPERATION AND ECONOMIC IMPACT IT PROVIDES, AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY." All yeas, motion carried.

Manager Wright reported we recently received notification that we are the recipient of a \$3,000 DP&L rebate from the purchase of electrical equipment for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project. Manager Wright stated it is not a large rebate but we are thankful to receive it as every little bit helps.

Member Garber stated he knows of no other company that encourages people to not use their product.

Manager Wright reported that Fire Chief Fletcher recently attended a meeting with ODOT regarding the Route 49 and I-70 interchange. ODOT has given the information to a consultant for evaluation.

Fire Chief Fletcher commented on the meeting, stating he was encouraged by the planning staff and their attitude involving local stakeholders, particularly their consideration to emergency services and input.

Mayor Seagraves advised he met with ODOT on Friday after the meeting and they expressed appreciation for Fire Chief Fletcher's comments and the information he provided them regarding emergency services. Mayor Seagraves thanked Fire Chief Fletcher, stating the information he provided really opened ODOT's eyes to how bad things are at that intersection.

Member Garber asked what the next step will be?

Fire Chief Fletcher replied the Director of Planning and Development seemed to have a consensus from everyone involved that rushing the project may cause some realistic

considerations to get skipped over. Fire Chief Fletcher stated he thinks we will hear some recommendations in about three months.

Manager Wright reported he is in negotiations with the State of Ohio for a new lease contract for space on our radio tower in the rear of the City building. We currently lease space to Montgomery County because they own the radio system that we operate from. Manager Wright reported a new radio system will be installed in the next 12 months, which Montgomery County will no longer own. The State of Ohio, with their new MARCS system, will own or lease all of the radio towers in Montgomery County. Manager Wright reported he should have a contract to present to Council within the next two meetings.

Member Garber asked how many others are on the tower?

Manager Wright replied just one other entity besides Montgomery County.

Manager Wright reported the Service Department is still dealing with bad weather, including another snow storm this past weekend.

Mayor Seagraves and Member Garber commended Manager Wright and the Service Department on the tremendous clean-up.

Manager Wright requested an Executive Session regarding a Contract Negotiation Matter.

Mayor Seagraves reported in December, ODOT identified the Arlington Road overpass as needing an overlay replacement. However, overlay projects normally last 20-25 years. Mayor Seagraves advised looking ahead, with our industrial park and our gas stations, the overpass is critical to our livelihood. Mayor Seagraves reported he took Manager Wright's evaluation as to what will be needed in the future to the Director of ODOT. The Director then presented this information in a formal hearing and ODOT agreed to stop the process and expand the bridge for a total replacement, with three lanes and a turn lane all the way across. Mayor Seagraves reported this will give us an opportunity to really do a nice enhancement, adding additional signage and lighting, which will really help us with our economic development. The negative side is there will be some down time.

Member Garber observed we will probably have some expenses with signage and other things.

Mayor Seagraves stated that a lot of the expense should be taken care of by the State. Mayor Seagraves commented he is thankful that ODOT held a hearing and reconsidered the overlay project. Mayor Seagraves commended Manager Wright for his help with getting ODOT to change the plan, as this does not happen often.

Member Letner asked if Arlington Road will be closed to traffic at some point?

Mayor Seagraves stated it will never be totally closed, but will go to one lane with alternate routes.

Fire Chief Fletcher stated from an emergency response standpoint, the Fire Department already has a contingency plan. If they cannot cross the overpass they have several cutover points where they can access the Interstate.

Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton presented the February 28, 2015 Fund Balance for Council review and approval.

Motion by Duncan, second by Apgar to approve the February 28, 2015 Fund Balance as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton advised the Auditors will be in the office next week and asked Council to please fill out and turn in their Fraud and Related Questionnaire if they have not done so.

Member Letner inquired whether we receive a report from MVLT regarding our street light repairs as he has noticed the same street lights have been out recently?

Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton replied we do receive a monthly report and the normal turn-around time for a light to be repaired after it is reported is three to five days. Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton stated we encourage our residents to call us with the pole number and location of any street lights that are out.

Manager Wright advised he periodically takes a drive around town after dark to check for any street light outages and it is time for him to do that again. Our Police Officers also report outages to the City Office so they can be submitted for repair.

Fire Chief Fletcher presented the Brookville Fire Department Operations Report for the month of February, which shows the Fire Department responded to 128 EMS and 19 Fire Incidents for a total of 147 Incidents during the month of February. Fire Chief Fletcher commented that Fire Incidents were down in the month of February, but this was replaced with much higher than average EMS activity.

Fire Chief Fletcher reported a sharp increase in the number of EMS responses to BrookHaven, which includes the Nursing Center, the Villas, and the cottages managed by BrookHaven. Fire Chief Fletcher advised that the increased EMS responses there do not adversely affect our Fire Department, nor do they significantly impact our budget, as we typically receive a high level of return for EMS responses related to BrookHaven.

Member Garber asked if the increase in calls to BrookHaven is due to illness or have they changed their protocol?

Fire Chief Fletcher responded BrookHaven has not changed their protocol; the increase in calls is consistent with the expansion of BrookHaven in the past few years.

Member Letner commented it was good to see Fire Chief Fletcher and his staff cooking fish for the Booster Club Fundraiser this past weekend.

Member Letner stated that on February 21, he was in a snow plow and could hear on the radio that our Fire Department was inundated with calls the entire day. Member Letner stated he was really impressed with the way the Fire Department took care of it and handled it.

Fire Chief Fletcher reported outfitting the new ambulance is progressing on schedule and it will be in service soon. Fire Chief Fletcher stated he will report to Council on the adjustments they will make in order to run three ambulances and to protect the mileage on the new medic to keep it under warranty as long as possible.

Fire Chief Fletcher reported the statewide fire drill scheduled for tomorrow has been moved to Friday, March 6, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. due to weather concerns, and we will be participating in the drill.

Fire Chief Fletcher reported he will be presenting some information regarding mass notification systems at tomorrow's Staff Meeting, and will present it to Council in the next few weeks.

Fire Chief Fletcher commented on the recent tragedy in Troy where three children died due to carbon monoxide poisoning, stating our Fire Department has taken precautions and carry carbon monoxide detectors on our EMS bags that will notify us immediately if we enter a space with carbon monoxide in it. Fire Chief Fletcher stated this situation can happen anywhere, and unfortunately there were possibly some signs that were missed that may have averted the Troy tragedy. Fire Chief Fletcher reported the Fire Department is advocating carbon monoxide detectors in every home. The Fire and Police Departments have an agreement where our Police Officers can give out cards that can be redeemed for smoke detectors to homes in need. Fire Chief Fletcher stated smoke detection, carbon monoxide detection and teaching fire safety are the three most important things we can do in prevention mode to protect our citizens.

Member Duncan reported in Florida, the Seminole County Sheriff's Department uses their mass notification system to notify residents of recent break-ins or wanted subjects. Member Duncan stated this would not only notify citizens but also cut down on gossip.

Fire Chief Fletcher advised Public Safety, especially Police Departments, utilize technology to push out real-time information. Fire Chief Fletcher stated the biggest challenge of mass notification systems is getting people first to buy-in and then to stay engaged and keep their information current.

Police Chief Jerome reported the Brookville Police Department has handled 86 Reportable Incidents year-to-date, compared to 78 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 69 Citations issued year-to-date. The Brookville Police Department made 116 Traffic Stops during the month of February, which is a decrease of 17 Traffic Stops over this same time period last year.

Police Chief Jerome reported the Police Department held a successful WASP (female self-defense program) in February at the Ridge Church with 20 attendees.

Police Chief Jerome announced the Police Department is participating with the Rotary Club and Kiwanis to hold a basketball game/charity event featuring past OSU basketball players on March 7, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. and invited everyone to attend.

Law Director Stephan requested an Executive Session on a Personnel Matter.

Mayor Seagraves thanked Manager Wright and Staff for a great job on the recent snow removal and clean-up.

In Old Business, Member Garber asked if the painting of the old Brookville National Bank building is scheduled to be finished in the spring?

Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton replied the painting will be finished when the weather breaks.

Member Kirklin advised there are 16 days, 22 hours, 26 minutes and 55 seconds until Spring.

Member Garber requested an Executive Session on a Personnel Matter.

Motion by Duncan, second by Apgar to adjourn into Executive Session on a Contract Negotiation Matter as requested by Manager Wright, a Personnel Matter as requested by Law Director Stephan and a Personnel Matter as requested by Member Garber. All yeas, motion carried.

Mayor Seagraves called Council back into Regular Session.

Motion by Duncan second by Garber to set a Special Council Meeting for March 9 at 6:00 p.m.; March 10 at 6:00 p.m.; March 11 at 6:00 p.m.; March 12 at 6:00 p.m.; March 13 at 6:00 p.m. and March 16 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers to go into Executive Session on a Personnel Matter to interview candidates for the City Manager position. All yeas, motion carried.

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

Sonja M. Keaton, Clerk

David E. Seagraves, Mayor