

BROOKVILLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
July 21, 2015

The Regular Meeting of the Brookville City Council was called to order by Mayor Seagraves at 7:30 p.m. on July 21, 2015 in the City Council Chambers. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Members Apgar, Cantrell, Duncan, Kirklin and Letner; Manager Burkholder, Fire Chief Fletcher, Police Chief Jerome, Law Director Stephan and Deputy Clerk Duncan were present. Member Garber and Assistant Manager/Finance Director/Clerk Keaton were absent.

Member Cantrell announced Member Garber is absent this evening as approved at the last meeting.

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 July 7, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

Manager Burkholder thanked Mayor, Council and City Staff for all of the support he has received over the past few weeks. It has been a good transition and he has attended meetings with several employers, a few seminars, and gone to several events. Manager Burkholder reported some of the priorities are the 2015 repaving program and Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton has advised him there are some CDBG funds available for handicap ramps. Manager Burkholder reported he will be meeting with Choice One Engineering tomorrow to discuss some of those matters as well as the roadway as it relates to the Fair Project. They will also be discussing the Ohio Public Works application which is due in August. Manager Burkholder reported he had the opportunity to go to the City Managers roundtable at the Dayton Cultural Center and other meetings; but one of the best events he attended was the Business Retention and Expansion Seminar at Aileron, which is designed to support small business owners and entrepreneurs as they develop their businesses. Member Cantrell, Assistant Manager/Finance Director Keaton, and Zoning Officer Snedeker also attended this meeting. One of the key takeaways from the presentation is that businesses consider three major factors-speed, risk and money-when deciding to expand in a community. These are some of the things we will continue to work on to bring new businesses and help our existing businesses stay here and expand here. Manager Burkholder asked Mayor Seagraves to comment on the workforce issues they encountered in visiting with our companies.

Mayor Seagraves advised that he and Manager Burkholder, along with Zoning Officer Snedeker, met yesterday with Collective Brands who expressed concerns about the workforce shortage in our area. Collective Brands currently has 80 full-time jobs with benefits that they are unable to fill, even after increasing the pay rate. They recently started a dot.com expansion that they wanted to operate from Brookville but they did not have the workforce so the orders will be fulfilled from Louisville, Kentucky instead. Mayor Seagraves stated he will be meeting with the County Commissioners later this week and will raise this issue.

Member Kirklin suggested partnering with Collective Brands for a job fair. Member Kirklin stated there are lots of folks who are qualified and capable but navigating the system is complicated.

Member Letner inquired about partnering Collective Brands with Jobs Ohio?

Mayor Seagraves replied Collective Brands has worked with Montgomery County and the Dayton Development Coalition. They have had the most success with Catholic Services.

Member Kirklin stated Matt Appenzeller, of the Southern Ohio Chamber Alliance, has had great success with getting workforce ready candidates before the companies.

Member Cantrell agreed a Job Fair would be advantageous to Collective Brands.

Member Duncan stated most of these manufacturing jobs are advertised through employment agencies, along with other manufacturing companies. Member Duncan wondered if candidates are being steered elsewhere.

Mayor Seagraves stated he will make some more calls and have Staff begin working on this issue after the Community Picnic. Mayor Seagraves stated he has been in touch with Erik Collins, Director of Montgomery County Community & Economic Development, about focusing more on personnel than worrying about getting another distribution center.

Jerry Letner, of 28 Brookside Drive, wondered if Council could talk to Collective Brands about possibly restructuring the way their workforce is. He has learned from friends and family members that have worked at Collective Brands that they are killing them by making them compete. This has created a high turnover rate without a lot of management roles. Mr. Letner stated young people's idea of what they want just out of high school is different and they want more from a job than we did 35 years ago.

Mayor Seagraves stated Member Duncan brought up a good point about promoting locally rather than through employment agencies. Mayor Seagraves stated all in all their meeting with Collective Brands was good, but there are some concerns we need to help address if at all possible.

Manager Burkholder asked if anyone had any questions or concerns for him relative to his report or other City matters?

Member Kirklin asked for a copy of the proposed streets for the 2015 repaving project and their prioritization, and asked if they could discuss it before they are finalized?

Manager Burkholder replied he would be happy to sit down with her.

Member Kirklin stated she also had some addresses with high grass.

Manager Burkholder replied he would share those addresses with Zoning Officer Snedeker.

Deputy Clerk Duncan had no report.

Fire Chief Fletcher stated they have been entering five to seven residents per day to the Hyper-Reach database and have ramped up to allow residents to sign up for the program onsite at the Community Picnic.

Member Letner asked Fire Chief Fletcher to elaborate on the oil spill and containment that occurred over the weekend.

Fire Chief Fletcher advised a tractor traveled through town and leaked hydraulic fluid. The Service Department mixed an absorbent and sand to put on the spill. This was a nuisance spill with no EPA concerns. Fire Chief Fletcher reported he met with the Service Department Superintendent on Monday morning and they have come up with some short term solutions should a similar incident occur. He plans to bring up some long term solutions for discussion at the next Staff meeting.

Police Chief Jerome reported the Brookville Police Department handled 321 Reportable Incidents year-to-date, compared to 324 at this same time last year. Citations are up 46 from this same time last year for a total of 327 Citations year-to-date. Police Chief Jerome reported the Brookville Police Department made 183 Traffic Stops during the month of June, compared to 133 Traffic Stops during the same time period last year. Police Chief Jerome reported the Police Department will help with the Picnic Run on Saturday morning and will host the Picnic softball tournament. They will also be helping with the basketball tournament, as well as having a presence during the entire Picnic.

Member Kirklin asked for an update on the case with Brian Hawk?

Police Chief Jerome replied Mr. Hawk's bond was set at \$500,000 and he is still in jail to the best of his knowledge.

Member Cantrell asked when the Chamber of Commerce plans to paint the B's on the streets?

Police Chief Jerome replied he will check with the Chamber on that, although they may have already worked out the details with Officer Whiteaker.

Law Director Stephan reported the property at 269 Foothill has been through the tax foreclosure process and transferred to the Montgomery County Land Reutilization Program, commonly known as the Land Bank. The City plans to rehabilitate this property. Law Director Stephan requested a motion to accept the transfer of the property at 269 Foothill Drive from the Montgomery County Land Reutilization Corporation and to pay \$2,000 to the Montgomery County Land Reutilization Corporation for costs incurred in the tax foreclosure proceedings for this property.

Motion by Kirklin, second by Cantrell to accept the transfer of the property at 269 Foothill Drive from the Montgomery County Land Reutilization Corporation and to pay \$2,000 to the Montgomery County Land Reutilization Corporation for costs incurred in the tax foreclosure proceedings for this property.

Member Duncan inquired what kind of costs will there be to the City to rehab this property and if the costs will be recouped.

Law Director Stephan advised the cost now is \$2,000 and the Land Bank has a program where the City can borrow up to \$50,000 at zero percent interest for a period of two years to use for rehabilitation expenses. The next step, after obtaining the title to the property, is to inspect it to see to what needs to be done to rehab it and bring it up to code. There is a stipulation to the loan program which requires the property to be sold as an owner occupied property for a period of time. Law Director Stephan stated if we invest \$20,000-\$30,000 and sell it at the normal market rate, we will recoup more than that amount of money. Law Director Stephan noted that any profit made would be kept in a fund specific to addressing other rehabilitation properties within the City of Brookville.

Mayor Seagraves announced there is a motion on the floor and called for a vote. All yeas, motion carried.

Mayor Seagraves thanked Vice Mayor Cantrell for filling in for him at the last Council Meeting. Mayor Seagraves encouraged everyone to attend the Community Picnic this weekend, which promises to be packed with activities, food and fun for the entire family.

Mayor Seagraves called for an Executive Session on a Real Estate Matter.

Member Cantrell asked to be excused from the August 18, 2015 Council Meeting.

Member Cantrell encouraged people to attend the Piecemakers Quilt Auction, stating the proceeds go to the Handivan Ministry, which is an invaluable service to the community.

Motion by Duncan, second by Apgar to read proposed Resolution No. 15-07. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Duncan, second by Cantrell to accept the second reading of proposed Resolution No. 15-07. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Cantrell, second by Apgar to go into Executive Session on a Real Estate Matter as requested by Mayor Seagraves. All yeas, motion carried.

Mayor Seagraves called Council back into Regular Session.

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