

BROOKVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
April 15, 2008

The Regular Meeting of the Brookville City Council was called to order by Mayor Seagraves at 7:30 p.m. on April 15, 2008 in the City Council Chambers. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Members Cantrell, Duncan, Garber, Letner, Reel and Ullery; Manager Wright, Assistant Manager Sewert, Fire Chief Nickel, Police Chief Preston, Law Director Stephan and Director of Finance/Clerk Keaton were present.

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

Motion by Reel, second by Duncan to accept the April 1, 2008 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

Dorothy Watkins, Treasurer of the Brookville Historical Society, requested a Grant for the Brookville Historical Society for operating expenses for 2008. Discussion followed.

Motion by Garber, second by Duncan to authorize a \$3,750 Grant to the Brookville Historical Society for operating expenses in 2008. All yeas, motion carried.

Belinda Herkins, of 55 Mound Street, reported she has a drainage problem at the rear of her yard. She would like to find out if it is her responsibility or the City's to repair. Ms. Herkins stated the drainage problem has gotten worse over the years and maybe it can be attributed to the installation of fences and storage sheds along the rear of the properties on Mound and Madrid that may have redirected the water. Ms. Herkins stated there are several properties along Mound Street where water is standing and she feels it should drain down Harshman Street toward the creek. Ms. Herkins asked if this could be looked at during the Hill/Harshman Street Project. Ms. Herkins commented that she has called the City Office on numerous occasions about her drainage problem, and the City has not responded.

Manager Wright commented that Service Superintendent Brandt has responded to her calls on several occasions. Manager Wright stated there is no easement at the rear of the properties on Mound Street.

Ms. Herkins stated water stands in hers and her neighbor's rear yards after each rain, which creates standing water in her yard and during the summer months it attracts mosquitos.

Manager Wright stated he will take a look at this situation.

Hank Deneski, of 819 W. Martindale Road, Union, Ohio, reported he is an advocate for Relay for Life. Mr. Deneski reported Relay for Life is a community gathering where everyone can participate in the fight against cancer. The local Relay for Life event is scheduled for May 2 and 3 at Northmont High School. Mr. Deneski stated he wanted to make City Council aware that the students at Brookville High School have challenged the students at Dixie High School to see who can raise the most donations to benefit the Relay for Life of Northmont. Mr. Deneski inquired if a Proclamation could be prepared for this event.

Mayor Seagraves commented the City can prepare a Proclamation.

Manager Wright presented a request from the Brookville Baseball Club for their annual parade.

Motion by Garber, second by Reel to approve the parade for the Brookville Baseball Club to be held on May 3, 2008 beginning at 10:30 a.m. with the parade route to proceed from Carr Drive right on Albert Road, left on Salem Street, left on Market Street, right on Wolf Creek Street, right on Arlington Road, right on E. Upper Lewisburg-Salem Road to Golden Gate Park. All yeas, motion carried.

Manager Wright reported the Brookville Band Association will be holding their annual Ice Cream Social at Golden Gate Park on Saturday, May 10, 2008 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. They will be using the Gazebo and Shelter #3.

Manager Wright reported the City is continuing to dispose of surplus property through GovDeals. We recently sold a 2002 Blazer that was used in our Police Department for \$6,550. Manager Wright reported we are in the process of placing additional surplus on the site soon.

Manager Wright reported a meeting with the residents of Hill and Harshman Streets will be held this Thursday, April 17 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Manager Wright urged all Council Members to attend if possible. Letters were mailed out to all residents affected by the Hill/Harshman Street Project requesting their attendance at this meeting.

Manager Wright requested an Executive Session on two separate Real Estate Matters.

Member Ullery thanked Manager Wright and the Service Department for their efforts in cleaning out the ditch along the bikeway on Cusick Avenue. It looks very good. Member Ullery encouraged individuals who use the bikeway not to throw trash in the ditch.

Fire Chief Nickel introduced Travis Dafler, a new employee of the Brookville Fire Department.

Mayor Seagraves administered the Oath of Office to Travis Dafler.

Police Chief Preston presented the Brookville Police Department Call Analysis for March 2008. Police Chief Preston reported the Brookville Police Department responded to 127 Priority 1 calls, 368 Priority 2 calls and 124 Priority 3 calls during March. The Brookville Police Department handled a total of 1,767 calls year-to-date, which is an increase of 190 calls compared to this same time last year. Total reportable incidents are up 41, or 35.6% from this same time last year. Police Chief Preston reported there were 36 new cases for investigations with 27 closed out and nine pending further investigation.

Police Chief Preston reported on April 9, the Brookville Police Department confiscated 100 potted marijuana plants and they are awaiting lab analysis results from the Montgomery County Crime Lab before charges can be filed.

Police Chief Preston announced the Brookville Police Department will be assisting the Community Methodist Preschool with their Trike-a-thon for St. Jude on April 18.

Mayor Seagraves commended the Brookville Police Department for a job well done for their recent confiscation of drugs.

Law Director Stephan had no report.

Finance Director/Clerk Keaton reported the 2008 Note was marketed and priced on Thursday, April 10 with a rate of 2.75%. The 2008 Note was issued for \$1,250,000 due to the fact we had not received the Ohio 629 Grant money prior to pricing the Note.

Finance Director/Clerk Keaton requested Council approval to adopt proposed Resolution No. 08-20, which amends the 2008 Appropriations for the receipt of the additional \$500,000 on the 2008 Note.

Motion by Ullery, second by Garber to read proposed Resolution No. 08-20. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Duncan, second by Ullery to accept the first reading, dispense with the second and third reading and adopt Resolution No. 08-20 entitled "A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2008 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 DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY." All yeas, motion carried.

Finance Director/Clerk Keaton reported she recently received a five-year renewal Application for Placement of Farmland in an Agricultural District for two parcels totaling approximately 128 acres located south of W. Campus Blvd. and east of Payless Way, which is owned by JRC, LLC. These parcels are being used as a sod and crop farm, and they are currently receiving the agricultural use valuation. Discussion followed.

Motion by Duncan, second by Reel to approve the Application for Placement of Farmland in an Agricultural District for approximately 128 acres located south of W. Campus Blvd. and east of Payless Way, which is owned by JRC, LLC. All yeas, motion carried.

Finance Director/Clerk Keaton reported the City of Vandalia Income Tax Office completed 68 local income tax returns at the City Building on April 4 and 5, compared to 91 in 2007.

Mayor Seagraves reminded Council that there will be a ribbon-cutting at Amvets this Friday evening from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Mayor Seagraves reminded everyone about the Brookville Chamber of Commerce's 17<sup>th</sup> annual Business Expo on Saturday, April 19. The day will begin with a benefit pancake breakfast at the Brookville Grille from 7:00 a.m. to noon. The Business Expo will run from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

Mayor Seagraves reminded everyone about the 57<sup>th</sup> annual chicken noodle dinner provided by the Brookville Fire Association on Saturday from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

In Old Business, Member Duncan stated since the Fire/EMS Contract with Clay Township expires on December 31, 2008, he would like to see a committee formed to meet with the Clay Township Trustees to review and negotiate a new Contract. Member Duncan stated he would like to see the Brookville Fire Department get its fair share of the township's fire levy tax monies.

Council named Manager Wright, Fire Chief Nickel, Finance Director Keaton, and Council Members Duncan and Ullery to sit on this committee.

Motion by Duncan, second by Garber to go into Executive Session on two Real Estate Matters' as requested by Manager Wright.

Mayor Seagraves called Council back into Regular Session.

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

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Sonja M. Keaton, Clerk

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David E. Seagraves, Mayor