

BROOKVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
August 19, 2008

The Regular Meeting of the Brookville City Council was called to order by Mayor Seagraves at 7:30 p.m. on August 19, 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, Law Director Stephan, Police Chief Preston and Director of Finance/Clerk Keaton were present. Fire Chief Nickel was absent.

Motion by Duncan, second by Reel to accept the Agenda with an addition. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Reel, second by Duncan to accept the August 5, 2008 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

Garnett Buckley, of 31 March Avenue, commented that the widening project the City did last year on Church and Orchard Streets looks good.

Ms. Buckley inquired if the light display will take place again this year at Golden Gate Park.

Member Reel commented that Park Board Trustee Hoover indicated at the last Park Board Meeting that the Optimist Club is considering holding that once again this year. Trustee Hoover indicated he would provide additional information at a later date.

Police Chief Preston stated he had heard that the Rotary and Kiwanis organizations will probably not participate this year. Police Chief Preston stated the Brookville Police Department will only be able to provide one man with a patrol car at the entrance to Golden Gate Park, should the light show move forward this year.

Manager Wright reported the Hill/Harshman Project is on schedule. The underground work should be completed some time next week. Once that is complete, the roadway will be constructed. Manager Wright reported the Golden Gate Recreational Trail Project is 80% complete. This project should be completed in approximately two weeks.

Manager Wright requested Council authorization to advertise for bids for the annual repaving of city streets.

Motion by Duncan, second by Garber to allow Manager Wright to advertise for bids for the 2008 Street Resurfacing Project as requested by Manager Wright. All yeas, motion carried.

Manager Wright reported the City received a Site Plan for the dead end of Triggs Road where they have been moving dirt. The request is for a Comfort Inn Motel and will be presented at the August Planning Commission Meeting. The Site Plan currently shows an entrance and an exit on both Triggs and W. Upper Lewisburg-Salem Roads.

Manager Wright requested an Executive Session on a Real Estate Matter.

Member Garber inquired on the status of the proposed Farmers Market.

Manager Wright stated he has not heard back from anyone yet.

Police Chief Preston reported the Urban Way/Albert Road Neighborhood Watch Group would like to hold a block party on Saturday, September 20 in the grassy island area on Urban Way for approximately three to four hours.

Motion by Garber, second by Ullery to allow the Urban Way/Albert Road Neighborhood Watch Group to hold a block party on Saturday, September 20, 2008 as requested. All yeas, motion carried.

Police Chief Preston presented the Brookville Police Department Call Analysis for July 2008 and the Incident Log from August 5 to August 18. Police Chief Preston reported the Brookville Police Department responded to 202 Priority 1 calls, 381 Priority 2 calls and 178 Priority 3 calls during July. The Brookville Police Department handled a total of 4,572 calls year-to-date, which is an increase of 565 calls compared to this same time last year. Total reportable incidents are up 104, or 32.1% from this same time last year.

Police Chief Preston reported the Brookville Police Department has experienced numerous complaints over the last two months of teenagers and young adults in the downtown area including the bikeway harassing citizens and being very disrespectful. They show no respect for anyone. These individuals have been given numerous warnings to no avail. Police Chief Preston reported he has even received telephone calls from 5 Rivers Metro Park on these harassments. Police Chief Preston stated the Brookville Police Department is enforcing a zero tolerance policy for this group of individuals should Council receive any calls.

Member Ullery commented he has witnessed these individuals on several occasions and there is no respect and he is 100% behind the Brookville Police Department on cracking down on these individuals.

Law Director Stephan reported proposed Ordinance No. 2008-06, which is before Council tonight, is rezoning approximately six acres on W. Campus Boulevard from its present zoning classification of I-2, General Industrial District to HS, Highway Service. Law Director Stephan indicated this is the same area that was proposed last year for rezoning and was postponed due to a pending project. Law Director Stephan indicated the request for rezoning comes from the property owner Joe Walker.

Motion by Duncan, second by Cantrell to read proposed Ordinance No. 2008-06. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Duncan, second by Cantrell to accept the first reading of proposed Ordinance No. 2008-06. All yeas, motion carried.

Mayor Seagraves set the Public Hearing on proposed Ordinance No. 2008-06 for Tuesday, September 16, 2008 at 8:00 p.m.

Finance Director/Clerk Keaton requested authorization from the Brookville Soccer Association to hold their Annual Opening Day Parade on Saturday, August 23, 2008.

Motion by Reel, second by Ullery to allow the Brookville Soccer Association to hold their Annual Opening Day Parade on Saturday, August 23, 2008 beginning at 9:00 a.m. The parade route will begin on Cusick Avenue and proceed left onto Market Street, right onto Wolf Creek Street, left onto Arlington Road to the Westbrook Soccer Complex. All yeas, motion carried.

Finance Director/Clerk Keaton reported she received notification from the Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel on a proposed rate increase from Vectren Energy Delivery. The letter states that in September 2007, Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio filed a request with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) to increase its delivery rates. In addition, Vectren seeks to shift the rate structure of its natural gas delivery charge from a usage-based fee to a higher fixed monthly customer charge. The Office of the Ohio Consumer's Counsel opposes both the increase and the proposed change in the rate structure. The Ohio Consumers' Counsel strongly urges residents throughout west central Ohio to attend one of the public hearings being held by the PUCO and voice their opinions. A hearing is scheduled in Dayton, Thursday, September 4, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Those who cannot attend a public hearing in person and have concerns about the rising cost of their natural gas bills are strongly urged to write letters to the PUCO.

Member Reel requested a Resolution be prepared for the next Council Meeting opposing this increase and a copy forwarded to the PUCO.

Motion by Reel, second by Duncan to authorize Clerk Keaton to prepare a Resolution in opposition to the proposed rate increase being imposed by Vectren Energy Delivery and forward a copy to the PUCO. Reel yea, Duncan yea, Cantrell yea, Garber abstains, Letner abstains, Ullery yea and Seagraves yea. Motion carried with five yeas and two abstentions.

Mayor Seagraves reported he has heard positive comments on the Brookville Community Picnic.

Member Duncan reported that the Committee, reviewing the Clay Township Fire Contract, recently met with the Clay Township Trustees to discuss the expiring Contract. Additional meetings will be scheduled in the near future.

Motion by Garber, second by Cantrell to go into Executive Session on a Real Estate Matter as requested by Manager Wright. All yeas, motion carried.

Mayor Seagraves called Council back into Regular Session.

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

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Sonja M. Keaton, Clerk

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David Seagraves, Mayor