

BROOKVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC MEETING  
April 7, 2009

The Public Meeting of the Brookville City Council was called to order by Mayor Seagraves at 7:00 p.m. on April 7, 2009 in the City Council Chambers. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Members Cantrell, Duncan, Letner, Reel and Ullery; Manager Wright, Assistant Manager Sewert, Law Director Stephan and Director of Finance/Clerk Keaton were present. Member Garber, Fire Chief Nickel and Police Chief Preston were absent.

Mayor Seagraves announced the Public Meeting is being held to consider the retirement and rehiring of Jeff A. Sewert as Assistant City Manager for the City of Brookville.

Clerk Keaton announced the Public Meeting tonight is to consider the issue of Jeffrey A. Sewert being re-employed by the City of Brookville as Assistant City Manager effective May 1, 2009, upon his retirement as Assistant City Manager, effective April 30, 2009. Per Ohio Revised Code Section 145.381 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 145-1-79, public notice was provided in the February 25, 2009 edition of the Brookville Star that a public meeting would be held on April 7, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, which meets the requirements of providing notice at least 60 days before the re-employment is to begin. A public notice was also placed on the City of Brookville's website.

For those unfamiliar with the Public Employees Retirement System, or OPERS, public employees who have worked the required number of years in government are eligible to retire and begin immediately receiving their pension. According to the rules and requirements of OPERS, it is acceptable and very common for eligible public employees to retire and then be rehired by their same organization. In fact, this occurs regularly in various public-sector agencies, including the military, schools and others.

In addition to OPERS, there is also a police and fire program called DROP, which stands for the Deferred Retirement Option Plan. Under this plan, a police officer or fire fighter that is eligible for retirement can continue to work and enter the DROP program for a period of three to eight years. The concept of both the OPERS re-employment program and the DROP program is to retain qualified, well-trained professionals working for their current communities.

There was no public comment.

There was no Council comment.

Motion by Duncan, second by Ullery to close the Public Meeting. All yeas, motion carried.

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Sonja M. Keaton, Clerk

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David E. Seagraves, Mayor