

Brookville City Council
Regular Meeting
September 17, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the Brookville City Council was called to order by Mayor Letner at 7:30 p.m. on September 17, 2019 in the Brookville Council Chambers. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Members Crane, Fowler, Schreier, Swabb, Wilder and Zimmerlin; City Manager/Interim Finance Director Keaton, Law Director Stephan, Fire Chief Fletcher and Police Chief Jerome were present. Clerk Wheeler was absent.

Roll Call by City Manager/Interim Finance Director Keaton.

Motion by Zimmerlin, second by Fowler to approve the Agenda as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Swabb, second by Wilder to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of September 3, 2019. Member Zimmerlin abstained. Motion carried with 6 yeas and 1 abstention.

City Manager/Interim Finance Director Keaton reported our September Gas Tax receipt from the State of Ohio increased \$9,645 compared to the average monthly amount receipted from January-August.

City Manager/Interim Finance Director Keaton reported the Hazard Mitigation pre-application that was submitted in July for 320 S. Wolf Creek was reviewed and we are now invited to develop a full project application for the project. She informed the application is due November 18, 2019.

City Manager/Interim Finance Director Keaton informed our annual sewer root maintenance control was completed and preventative maintenance was performed on 2,175 feet of sewer lines.

City Manager/Interim Finance Director Keaton informed the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation Board approved a 10% rate cut for public employers and the rate reduction will be effective January 1, 2020.

City Manager/Interim Finance Director Keaton informed proposed Resolution No. 19-19 is under New Business tonight. She explained proposed Resolution No. 19-19 is an annual resolution that accepts the amounts and rates as determined by the Montgomery County Budget Commission and the adoption of this Resolution is a formal approval of the rates and yields for the inside millage for the City. She informed the County Auditor does require this for the City to collect real estate tax. She informed the second and third readings will take place in October and the adopted Resolution needs to be filed with the County Auditor by October 31, 2019.

City Manager/Interim Finance Director Keaton provided Council with a copy of the estimated Local Government Fund distribution for 2020, which represents a \$2,800 increase from 2019.

Fire Chief Fletcher informed serious crashes seem to be up for September. He informed the Fire Department continues to catch up on things they are behind on from previous busy months.

Mayor Letner stated the intersection of Diamond Mill and National Road seem to be a hot spot.

Fire Chief Fletcher stated for the 33 years he has been in the fire service, the Diamond Mill and National Road intersection has been a hot spot. He stated it may seem busier recently because up until about 18 months ago only a quarter of that intersection was Brookville's jurisdiction. He explained about 18 months ago, the boundary lines changed and the entire intersection now belongs to Brookville. He stated the number of crashes there are consistent, but we are more aware now because it's in our jurisdiction.

Mayor Letner stated he thinks the area warrants a traffic study. He stated we can't take it upon ourselves because it is just our Fire District, but he would hope the township or the City of Clayton would request one to help put people at ease. He stated something needs to be done, we know it is a problem, but how it is addressed and who addresses it is the question.

Fire Chief Fletcher stated we could check the statistics of calls, but the intersection might not even make the top five for the intersections they respond to the most. He described the intersection is a typical rural intersection that has a two way stop. He stated something to realize is where we are located in Brookville, we do not see a lot of high speed accidents in town, but in rural areas it is much more common to see high speed collisions. He stated he can certainly compile some information on the more dangerous intersections to see if he can identify areas to suggest to the trustees of both townships. He stated whether it's our area or not, our citizens drive those areas all the time.

Police Chief Jerome reported the Brookville Police Department handled 484 Incidents year-to-date, compared to 483 during this same time last year. Police Chief Jerome reported Citations were down a total of 98 Citations year-to-date, for a total of 316 Citations issued year-to-date. There were 138 Traffic Stops for August compared to 224 during August 2018.

Police Chief Jerome informed tomorrow is the Homecoming Parade followed by a bonfire behind the High School and the Homecoming game will be on Friday.

Law Director Stephan had no report.

Mayor Letner had no report.

In Old Business,

Motion by Zimmerlin, second by Schreier to read proposed Ordinance No. 2019-05. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Zimmerlin, second by Fowler to accept the second reading, dispense with the third reading and adopt Ordinance No. 2019-05 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PART OF LOT 2652, FORMERLY PART OF LOT 2173, OF THE CITY OF BROOKVILLE FROM ITS PRESENT CLASSIFICATION OF (HS) HIGHWAY SERVICE DISTRICT TO THE NEW CLASSIFICATION OF (I-2) GENERAL INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT." All yeas, motion carried.

In New Business,

Motion by Zimmerlin, second by Swabb to read proposed Resolution No. 19-19. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Schreier, second by Crane to accept the first reading of proposed Resolution No. 19-19 entitled, "A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR." All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Wilder, second by Fowler to read proposed Resolution No. 19-20. All yeas, motion carried.

City Manager/Interim Finance Director Keaton informed Meghan Wheeler is the Clerk of Council and a Deputy Clerk and is due a step increase effective October 15, 2019, her one-year anniversary of becoming a Deputy Clerk, in addition to her Clerk of Council position. She informed the Charter requires a Resolution be passed as part of the Clerk of Council position.

Motion by Schreier, second by Fowler to accept the first reading of proposed Resolution No. 19-20 entitled, "A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE COMPENSATION OF THE CLERK OF COUNCIL." All yeas, motion carried.

Mayor Letner informed residents on Crosswell Avenue would like to hold a Block Party next year on May 25, 2020 for the one year anniversary of the 2019 Memorial Day tornado. He stated he fully supports this idea.

Member Zimmerlin asked if there are any concerns from Police or Fire?

Fire Chief Fletcher informed there have been block parties in that area in the past and there have not been any issues.

Motion by Zimmerlin, second by Swabb to approve the Crosswell Avenue Block Party on May 25, 2020. All yeas, motion carried.

JD Fowler, Park Board Liaison, informed a community work day at Golden Gate Park is scheduled for Saturday, October 5 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. He informed at the last Park Board Meeting the condition of the Skate Park was discussed. He informed a young man who visits the Sk8 Park frequently with his friends came to the last Park Board Meeting with concerns and ideas for the Sk8 Park.

Mayor Letner stated it has probably been 10-12 years, if not longer, since anything has been done to the Sk8 Park.

Member Fowler stated there are a lot of kids that use the Sk8 Park.

Mayor Letner stated it is utilized, but he is concerned about the bicycles. He stated if anything is done to the Sk8 Park, bicycles will have to be incorporated. He stated he thinks there is enough area to do it, but the matter would be the equipment.

Bonnie Cordes, Park Board President, stated the sign that says no bicycles would need to be removed. She suggested the idea of trying to encourage the use of helmets if bikes are going to be allowed. She stated it needs to be decided to either allow or not allow bicycles in the Sk8 Park and then stick with it.

Mayor Letner stated it becomes a liability issue.

Law Director Stephan stated there are liability issues at that particular facility. He informed we try to establish rules for each of our parks and whatever those rules are we need to enforce. He stated he does see a lot of kids and adults riding through there with bikes and some actually on the equipment.

Mayor Letner stated it is something for Law Director Stephan to look into.

Ms. Cordes informed the young man that came to the last Park Board Meeting put together a very detailed report with ideas for improvements to the Skate Park. She informed she will forward a copy to the City Manager to distribute to Council Members.

Member Fowler stated another issue at the Sk8 Park is the pavement.

City Manager/Interim Finance Director Keaton informed the pavement will be looked at this fall to crack seal some of the areas in need of repair.

Member Schreier reported Planning Commission held a Special Meeting on August 28 for the initial approval of the recommendation for the re-zoning of Lot 2652. He informed Planning Commission also held a Special Meeting prior to tonight's Council Meeting to approve the site plan for the construction of the newly re-zoned Lot 2652, which passed with a majority vote.

Mayor Letner thanked everyone for attending.

Don Shaffer, of 568 Adrian Court, congratulated Council on a great job on the new GM project. He stated it is great news. He informed in the past, he served on Council for the City of Clayton and they did a study and applied for a stop light at the intersection of Diamond Mill and National Road, but were turned down. He suggested if it's determined a light is really needed at that intersection, then several cities and or townships should all go in together to make the request and maybe that would increase the odds of approval.

Kim Cheatham, of 565 Adrian Court, stated the phone recording for the City Offices still has a menu option for weddings with David Seagraves.

City Manager/Interim Finance Director Keaton informed that has been corrected.

Ms. Cheatham stated she called the City Offices today at 4:20 and the option was still there.

City Manager/Interim Finance Director Keaton informed our IT company has been working on it and the messages have been re-recorded so that option is no longer available, but there is a final switch that needs to be turned on.

Ms. Cheatham stated at a June Council Meeting she asked about the Service Superintendent's truck not being marked with a City of Brookville logo and she was told it would be done soon. She asked if that has been done yet?

City Manager/Interim Finance Director Keaton informed the new stickers just came in from Yipes Stripes. She stated all of the trucks needed to have the seals replaced because of fading, so the new stickers were just delivered two weeks ago.

Ms. Cheatham asked how long have the taxpayers owned that truck?

City Manager/Interim Finance Director Keaton stated since last year when the truck was purchased.

Ms. Cheatham stated then it's been a whole year the truck has been unmarked. She stated it would be nice for the truck to be marked, so the taxpayers would know they purchased the truck. She stated a year is more than ample time and in June she was told it would be soon and it still hasn't been done.

Service Superintendent Homan stated they did have the stickers, but they were incorrect and new ones had to be ordered.

Ms. Cheatham stated that was not relayed to her at the June Meeting.

Motion by Zimmerlin, second by Fowler to enter into Executive Session per ORC 121.22 (G)(8) to discuss confidential information of an applicant for economic development assistance and that the information is directly related to the economic development request for assistance under 3735.67 to 3735.70 of the ORC and Council finds the Executive Session is necessary to protect the interest of the applicant. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Zimmerlin, second by Wilder to enter back into Regular Session. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Zimmerlin, second by Schreier to approve the City of Brookville Incentive Agreement with General Motors, LLC. and to authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Zimmerlin, second by Fowler to approve the Income Tax Revenue Sharing Agreement between the City of Brookville and the Brookville Local School District and to authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Zimmerlin, second by Fowler to approve the City of Brookville Development Agreement between the City of Brookville and General Motors, LLC and to authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Schreier, second by Fowler to adjourn. All yeas, motion carried.



Sonja M. Keaton, City Manager



Charles Letner, Mayor