

Brookville City Council
Regular Meeting
October 18, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the Brookville City Council was called to order by Mayor Letner at 7:30 p.m. on October 18, 2022. The meeting was held in the City Council Chambers and virtually using the Cisco Webex application. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Members Crane, Requarth, Schreier, Wilder and Zimmerlin; Manager Keaton, Finance Director Brändt, Law Director Stephan, Fire Chief Fletcher, Police Chief Jerome and Clerk Duncan were present. Member Fowler was absent.

Roll Call by Clerk Duncan.

Motion by Zimmerlin, second by Wilder to adopt the Agenda as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Zimmerlin, second by Requarth to approve the October 4, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes. All yeas, motion carried.

Mayor Letner recognized Tim Colston as the Citizen of the Month. Mayor Letner stated Tim sets an example for all the citizens of Brookville with his volunteer work for Pink Ribbon Girls and the Montgomery County Fair Board.

Mr. Colston thanked Mayor Letner, stating his volunteer work would not be possible without his wife Gale, the many individuals who do as much as him, and the generosity of the citizens of the City of Brookville.

Adam Murka, from Citizens for Sinclair, made a brief presentation requesting Council support of the upcoming Issue 10, which is for the Renewal of 1 mill for Sinclair Community College, to be used for expanding job training and educational services in health sciences, technologies and other career fields, making property improvements, and paying operating costs. Issue 10 will be on the November 8, 2022 ballot.

Manager Keaton requested Council authorization to enter into a one-year contract with the Montgomery County Public Defender. This Agreement allows the County to provide legal representation to indigent adults charged with a violation of an ordinance of a municipal corporation for which the penalty or possible adjudication includes potential loss of liberty. The 2023 Agreement is the same as the 2022 Agreement with the exception of a 2.5% rate increase. The 2023 rate will be \$188.09 per case. To date, we had one case in 2022 and zero cases in 2021, 2020, and 2019.

Motion by Schreier, second by Requarth to authorize Manager Keaton to enter into a one-year contract with the Montgomery County Public Defender for 2023, at a rate of \$188.09 per case. All yeas, motion carried.

Manager Keaton requested Council approval for Change Order #1 on the Westbrook and Albert Drainage Improvement Project. Change Order #1 is a decrease of \$725 for final quantity adjustments. The Original Contract Price was \$44,375. With this Change Order, the new Contract Price will be \$43,650.

Motion by Zimmerlin, second by Wilder to approve Change Order #1 on the Westbrook and Albert Drainage Improvement Project, which decreases the Original Contract Price of \$44,375 to the New Contract Price of \$43,650. All yeas, motion carried.

Manager Keaton reminded everyone that Trick-or-Treat is scheduled for Monday, October 31 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Manager Keaton reported November 8 is Election Day and there are two Brookville Issues on the ballot. Issue 11 is a local option for liquor sales and Sunday liquor sales for the El Bronco Mexican Restaurant, located at 485 Arlington Road. This levy is for residents in the Brookville B Precinct. Issue 33 is an additional 4 mill levy for the purpose of operating and maintaining Fire/EMS services. This levy is for residents in the incorporated and unincorporated areas of Perry Township. Manager Keaton encouraged everyone to get out and vote.

Member Requarth asked what area Precinct B consists of?

Manager Keaton replied the City offices are in Precinct B, and it includes a portion of Hay Avenue, down Wolf Creek to Arlington to Rona Parkway. Manager Keaton advised she will email a copy of the Precinct B boundaries to Council Members in case they receive any inquiries.

Finance Director Brandt requested Council accept the first reading and dispense with the second and third reading to adopt proposed Resolution 22-30 which amends the 2022 Appropriations and Estimated Resources. This Resolution shall take effect immediately after passage of this Resolution as provided in 4.07(A)(1) of the Charter of the City.

Motion by Zimmerlin, second by Schreier to read proposed Resolution No. 22-30. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Requarth, second by Wilder to accept the first reading, dispense with the second and third reading and adopt Resolution No. 22-30 entitled "A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2022 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 APPROVING THE AMENDMENT TO THE CERTIFICATE OF ESTIMATED RESOURCES, AS SET FORTH BELOW." All yeas, motion carried.

Fire Chief Fletcher reported the past few weeks have been extremely busy. Fire Chief Fletcher reported they recently responded to a large field fire which required 71 pieces of equipment from 27 departments to get the fire under control. The weather conditions are extremely dry and windy, which contributed to the spread of this large fire that burned more than 60 acres. Fire Chief Fletcher discouraged any open burning until we have more damp weather conditions.

Fire Chief Fletcher reported the Fire Department Open House event was very successful. They were joined by the Corvette Club and food trucks from What's the Scoop and Diablo Grill. Captain Chad Ferguson and Administrative Assistant Brittany Ferguson organized the event and worked hard alongside the duty crews to make this event a success.

Member Schreier commented it seems like there are a large number of crashes in the section of Interstate 70 in our fire district.

Fire Chief Fletcher stated it might appear that way, but there are no more crashes on our section of Interstate than all along Interstate 70 and 75.

Police Chief Jerome commended the Service Department for their hard work setting up and tearing down after the Pink Ribbon Girls Event. They worked as a team and did a tremendous job.

Mayor Letner commented most of the Service Department donated the time they worked at the event.

Police Chief Jerome reported the pink ribbons have been installed on all the police cruisers for Breast Cancer Awareness month.

Police Chief Jerome advised they are ready for trick or treat. They will give safety talks at the school and will pass out candy from one of the fire bays if there is inclement weather.

Police Chief Jerome reported the Police Department is helping instruct the high school students on how to present themselves in a job interview.

Police Chief Jerome commented Council should have a copy of a citizen complaint regarding traffic violations within the City. The duty crews have been informed and will be watching for and investigating these complaints, including the complaint about loud exhaust.

Police Chief Jerome announced Ghostly Night Out is this Saturday from 6:00 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. and encouraged everyone to attend. Volunteers are welcome as well.

Police Chief Jerome remarked the new police cruiser has been striped and tentatively scheduled to be in service the first weekend in November.

Police Chief Jerome commended Fleet Mechanic Dave Schmitt for his skill and time management abilities.

Law Director Stephan had no report.

Mayor Letner thanked Tim Colston for being his Citizen of the Month. Mayor Letner commented Tim and his wife Gale are a real asset to the City of Brookville.

Motion by Zimmerlin, second by Schreier to read proposed Resolution No. 22-28. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Requarth, second by Wilder to accept the third reading and adopt Resolution No. 22-28 entitled "A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR." All yeas, motion carried.

Carolyn Haney, of 202 Beechwood Avenue, reported Park Board is busy planning the Christmas in the Park event. Volunteers are welcome to help assemble and set up displays on November 18.

Member Schreier had no report.

Motion by Zimmerlin, second by Wilder to adjourn. All yeas, motion carried.



Kimberly Duncan, Clerk

Charles Letner, Mayor