

Brookville City Council
Regular Meeting
February 18, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the Brookville City Council was called to order by Mayor Letner at 7:30 p.m. on February 18, 2020 in the Brookville Council Chambers. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Members Crane, Fowler, Schreier, Swabb, Wilder and Zimmerlin; Finance Director Brandt, Law Director Stephan, Clerk Duncan, Fire Chief Fletcher, Police Chief Jerome were present. Manager Keaton was absent.

Roll Call by Clerk Duncan.

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

Motion by Zimmerlin, second by Fowler to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of February 4, 2020. All yeas, motion carried.

Roger Hoover, of the Brookville Optimist Club, presented the Honoring America Flag Project, which the Optimist Club is seeking one time donations for, to place flags along Arlington Road from the I-70 overpass to Wolf Creek Street as well as approximately ten flags down the center of Terrace Park Boulevard. The flags would be displayed on Memorial Day, the Fourth of July, September 11 and on Veteran's Day. Mr. Hoover advised the second phase of the project is a flag subscription for local businesses and residents. The cost for this will be \$40 per year, with the Optimist Club installing flag sleeves in each subscriber's yard and prior to each holiday, placing a flag in the sleeve. After the holiday, members will return to remove the flags, properly clean them and then store the flags until the next holiday. Mr. Hoover advised the flags are American made and purchased from the All American Store in Brookville. Mr. Hoover reported the he has checked with the Service Department to make sure the program would not be disrupting any City services or interrupting the mowing schedule. Mr. Hoover reported a similar program in Troy now has over 1,600 flag subscriptions. Mr. Hoover stated the Optimists are aware of the manpower required to undertake this project and the plan is to use school groups, scouts or students seeking community service hours to carry out the installation, removal and storage of the flags. The Troy project has successfully enlisted the Booster Club to take on the labor in exchange for an annual donation to the Booster Club. Mr. Hoover stated the Optimist Club expects to make a profit on this project, which they would like to use to install local veterans' pennants throughout the City as seen in other communities. Mr. Hoover stated additional profits would be put back into the City for any other projects as needed.

Mayor Letner voiced concern over locating underground utilities before installing the flag sleeves.

Mr. Hoover replied the Optimist Club will request a utility locate on each location before installing the flag sleeves.

Mayor Letner asked if any pennants would be placed on utility poles?

Mr. Hoover replied no, the first pennants would be installed downtown where there are already pennant holders in place. After those are full, Optimists would work with Council to determine where to place additional pennants.

Member Zimmerlin commented the Village of New Lebanon had some issues with Dayton Power and Light regarding placing pennants on utility poles.

Mr. Hoover replied the issue in New Lebanon was quickly resolved and they were allowed to display the pennants on the power poles as installed.

Mr. Hoover stated the current sign ordinance does not allow flags up in the right-of-way, so Council would have to make an exception before the flags could be installed on Terrace Park Boulevard. Mr. Hoover commented there is an overgrown pine tree on the boulevard that could be removed at the same time.

Mayor Letner commented that pine tree is also becoming a traffic issue.

Mr. Hoover stated they would like to have the flags placed by Memorial Day, to commemorate the holiday as well as the Memorial Day tornado recovery.

Mayor Letner asked Law Director Stephan to comment on resolving the right-of-way issue.

Law Director Stephan stated the current Ordinance does not allow signs in the right-of-way. Law Director Stephan asked Mr. Hoover if they wanted to place the flags between the sidewalk and the curb on Arlington Road?

Mr. Hoover stated the flags would look best installed between the sidewalk and the curb, however they are willing to place them wherever Council will allow.

Law Director Stephan replied the best course is to review the proposed project with Manager Keaton and staff and come back to Council with a recommendation.

Police Chief Jerome stated he does not foresee any issues with the flags on Terrace Park Boulevard, however, installing the flags in the right of way on Arlington Road could cause a traffic hazard, particularly on a windy day.

Member Zimmerlin inquired whether they have discussed alternative locations for the flags?

Mr. Hoover replied as the project progresses, they would eventually like to install them in front of Golden Gate Park.

Mayor Letner commented it would be nice to see the flags all the way down the Market Street to the firehouse.

Mr. Hoover replied this is something they have also discussed as the project takes hold. Mr. Hoover also commented there are possibly some restrictions to work through with the various homeowner's associations, however they have contacted one local homeowner's association and they are very supportive of the project.

Mr. Hoover advised the Troy group he has spoken with stated their biggest concern with the flag program is figuring out how to spend the profit they have made. Mr. Hoover stated he hopes to have the same issue. Service Superintendent Homan has advised him the fence in front of Golden Gate Park needs replaced so that is a potential project.

Mayor Letner commented this is a good project and he looks forward to working with the Optimists to make it happen.

Mayor Letner reported in response to the residents' concerns raised at the last Council meeting, the Service Department will be replacing the old and outdated signage on Albert Road with new reflective signage and adding no engine braking and speed limit signs. Mayor Letner reported the Police Department has also shown a definite presence and will place the portable speed limit trailer out, weather permitting. Mayor Letner reported we are doing our due diligence as a City.

Finance Director Brandt requested Council authorization to transfer \$100,000 to the Park Fund, \$250,000 to the Street M&R Fund, \$80,000 to the Note Retirement Fund and \$374,000 to the Bond Retirement Fund from the General Fund as appropriated. Finance Director Brandt stated the Park, Street and Note fund transfers are partial and the Bond fund is a full transfer of the total amount appropriated.

Motion by Zimmerlin, second by Crane to authorize the transfer of \$100,000 to the Park Fund, \$250,000 to the Street M&R Fund, \$80,000 to the Note Retirement Fund and \$374,000 to the Bond Retirement Fund from the General Fund as appropriated. All yeas, motion carried.

Fire Chief Fletcher had no report.

Police Chief Jerome gave a brief overview of the 2019 Brookville Police Department Annual Report.

Law Director Stephan had no report.

Mayor Letner thanked Hardees for inviting City officials and staff to lunch on February 8, 2020.

Mayor Letner stated the trees have been removed along the lot line at 449 N. Wolf Creek Street where B Concrete removed the house and developed the lot.

Mayor Letner reported he stopped by the DMAX building site Friday. They have had two shifts working daily to complete the project and it is moving along quickly.

Motion by Fowler, second by Wilder to read proposed Resolution No. 20-01. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Fowler, second by Zimmerlin to accept the third reading and adopt Resolution No. 20-01 entitled "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANGER TO DISPOSE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY EITHER AT A PUBLIC AUCTION, A PRIVATE SALE OR BY INTERNET AUCTION OR BY DONATION TO A GOVERNMENT ENTITY, OR TO A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION." All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Zimmerlin, second by Fowler to read proposed Ordinance No. 2020-01 entitled "AN ORDINANCE LEVYING ASSESSMENTS FOR DELINQUENT UTILITY BILLS FOR CERTAIN PROPERTIES IN THE CITY OF BROOKVILLE, OHIO." All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Zimmerlin, second by Fowler to accept the first reading of proposed Ordinance No. 2020-01 entitled "AN ORDINANCE LEVYING ASSESSMENTS FOR DELINQUENT UTILITY BILLS FOR CERTAIN PROPERTIES IN THE CITY OF BROOKVILLE, OHIO." All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Zimmerlin, second by Schrier to read proposed Ordinance No. 2020-02 entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES PART 9, TITLE 3, SECTION 931.20 (a) FIXING THE RATES AND CHARGES TO ALL WATER CUSTOMERS IN THE CITY OF BROOKVILLE, OHIO." All yeas, motion carried.

Mayor Letner commented before asking for a motion to approve proposed Ordinance No. 2020-02 he wants to make it known this a result of the City of Dayton raising our water rates. Mayor Letner stated the City cannot absorb a 5% increase, especially after losing water during the Dayton water main break in 2019 and also after the tornado. These incidents show the need for the City of Dayton to upgrade and unfortunately, we are paying the price for it.

Motion by Fowler, second by Swabb to accept the first reading of proposed Ordinance No. 2020-02 entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES PART 9, TITLE 3, SECTION 931.20 (A) FIXING THE RATES AND CHARGES TO ALL WATER CUSTOMERS IN THE CITY OF BROOKVILLE, OHIO." All yeas, motion carried.

Member Fowler, Park Board Liaison, reported Roger Hoover also gave an overview of the Flag Program at the Park Board meeting. Member Fowler reported the Optimists will hold the annual Adult Egg Scramble on March 7 and the annual Children's Easter Egg Hunt on April 11, 2020.

Member Schreier, Planning Commission Liaison, had no report.

Matt Yablonsky, of 14 Columbia Street, thanked Council and the Brookville Police Department for taking his concerns seriously regarding the need for additional signage on Columbia Street to make drivers aware it is a one-way street.

Mayor Letner thanked Mr. Yablonsky for bringing it to Council's attention, commenting how easy it is to lose sight of something when you have lived in the same town for years.

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


Kimberly Duncan, Clerk
Charles Letner, Mayor

