

DECEMBER 8, 2014 COUNCIL MEETING

City Council met in public session on December 8, 2014. Here are the highlights.

Council meeting minutes were approved for the November 3 regular and work sessions and November 17 work session.

STATUS REPORTS

-Proclamation – Mayor Bill Duncan recognized and congratulated Oakwood resident Rob Connelly on completing the Chicago and Athens Marathons and in raising \$56,171 in support of the Ronald McDonald House Charities.

-House Bill 5 – Mayor Bill Duncan provided an update on Ohio House Bill 5, the municipal tax law change that will result in a significant loss of revenue to Oakwood. Click [HERE](#) for the statement.

VISITORS

-Dorothy Rhodes-Kupka, Oakwood Winter Market – Dorothy shared that this was the first year for the Oakwood Winter Market and with the help of many sponsors, it was a success. She thanked members of the Winter Market Committee and added that each member brought a special talent, which helped bring everything together. She also thanked Assistant City Manager Jay Weiskircher and other city staff for helping with the event.

-Winter Lights in the Business District – Mayor Bill Duncan thanked Linda Weprin for raising over \$8,000 of private funding through the Dayton Foundation for the winter lights in the Far Hills Business District.

LEGISLATION

Oakwood City Council approved the following legislation:

- Ordinance to approve updates to Traffic and General Offenses Codes.
- Ordinance to amend the organization and staffing schedule.
- Ordinance to amend the personnel schedule.
- Ordinance to amend compensation rates for the Oakwood Court.
- Ordinance to approve the 2015 Budget.

2014 BUDGET

City Manager Norbert Klopsch gave a presentation on the 2015 city budget.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Norbert Klopsch reported on the following items. He thanked all of the department heads for their hard work in preparing the 2015 budget and for continuing to work through the city's financial challenges. He introduced Tom Long, the city's new Foreman/Inspector/Engineering Technician. The leaf pick-up schedule is a little behind due to the recent snow storm. The collection should be back on schedule by the end of next week. He reported that the city has enough deicing salt for an average winter and asked that citizens understand the need to be conservative with the deicing salt use.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

-Councilmember Anne Hilton reported that the annual Holiday at the Homestead sponsored by the Oakwood Historical Society is on Sunday, December 14 from 1 - 4 p.m.

-Councilmember Rob Stephens thanked Mayor Duncan for being a strong voice for our community and cities throughout the state in opposition to House Bill 5. Mr. Stephens thanked Mr. Klopsch and his staff for their work on the 2015 budget. He commended the Winter Market Committee likening it to a smaller version of "That Day in May". Mr. Stephens wished everyone a safe holiday season.

-Vice Mayor Steve Byington thanked Mayor Duncan and city staff for their work in opposing House Bill 5. The Shafor Park Tree Lighting ceremony is on Sunday, December 14 at 6:30 p.m. He congratulated Alter and Wayne for their participation in the state football playoffs.

-Mayor Bill Duncan reported that the 2015 Budget will be available on the city website. He read a letter aloud from Mrs. Platt thanking him for talking to her high school accounting class. He shared that he will be meeting with the Webelos Scouts from Pack 101 on Thursday, December 11 to discuss citizenship.

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.