

CITY OF OAKWOOD

STATE OF OHIO

JUNE 15, 2009

The Council of the city of Oakwood, State of Ohio, met in a work session at 6:00 p.m. in the conference room of the city of Oakwood, 30 Park Avenue, Dayton, Ohio, 45419. Council then met in a regular session at 7:30 p.m., in the council chambers of the city of Oakwood. The Mayor, Mrs. Judy Cook, presided, and the Clerk of Council, Mrs. Cathy Gibson, recorded. Mayor Cook opened the meeting by asking all present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon call of the roll, the following members of council responded to their names:

MRS. JUDY COOK..... PRESENT  
MR. CARLO C. McGINNIS..... PRESENT  
MR. STEVEN BYINGTON ..... PRESENT  
MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN..... PRESENT  
MR. STANLEY CASTLEMAN ..... PRESENT

Officers of the city present were the following:

Mr. Norbert S. Klopsch, City Manager  
Ms. Dalma C. Grandjean, City Attorney  
Mr. Jay A. Weiskircher, Assistant City Manager  
Ms. Carol D. Collins, Leisure Services Director

The press this evening was represented by the editor of the *Oakwood Register*, Mr. Lance Winkler.

The following visitors registered:

Wendi Van Buren, Ohio Department of Natural Resources  
Gregory Johnson, Dayton Metropolitan Housing Authority (DMHA)  
Wyle Boddie, DMHA  
Lora Heller, 1400 Runnymede Road  
Judy Heller, 1400 Runnymede Road  
George Thielen, 72 E. Thruston Boulevard  
Elaine Letton, DMHA  
Ludolph Van der Hoeven, 2230 S. Patterson Boulevard #126  
David Crusey, 230 E. Dixon Avenue  
Anglea Flynn, 2401 Briggs Road  
Irvin Bieser, 790 E. Schantz Avenue  
P. Andrew Pruitt, 400 Ridgewood Avenue  
Bill McCarty, 221 Monterey Avenue  
Pam Hull, 311 Wiltshire Boulevard  
Sue & Scott Gunnell, 2744 Fairmont Avenue  
The Ranks, 229 E. Peach Orchard Avenue  
The Dalrymple Family, 38 Spirea Drive  
Toni Winters, 450 Thornhill Road  
Debra Edwards, 234 E. Dixon Avenue  
Cindy Garner, 1150 Oakwood Avenue

Mr. Duncan, Chair of the Council Committee on Minutes, advised council he had read the minutes of the regular and work sessions of council held May 4, 2009, the work session of May 18, 2009 and the work session of June 8, 2009. Mr. Duncan reported he found the minutes correct and complete. Therefore, it was moved by Mr. Duncan and seconded by Mr. Castleman that the minutes of the sessions of council aforementioned be approved as written and the reading thereof at this session be dispensed with. Upon a viva voce vote on the question of the motion, same passed unanimously and it was so ordered.

STATUS REPORTS

Centennial Park at Houk Stream. Mayor Cook noted this Centennial legacy has been a joint effort of public and private contributions, including numerous volunteer hours. Mr. Klopsch explained they will hear from wonderful Oakwood residents who have played a major role in this Centennial Park - Mr. Bieser was the Legacy Committee Chair, Mrs. Garner, Co-Chair of the "Hike to Houk" event and partnered with Mr. Bieser. He indicated money raised was used for the Centennial celebration events and to help with the expense to hire Human Nature, a Cincinnati consultant, to develop a Master Plan for the site.

Mrs. Garner explained they are implementing the Human Nature Master Plan to update features at Houk Stream and enhance Centennial Park. She extended thanks to the Oakwood Rotarians, Oakwood Indian Guides and many others for help in removing invasive plants and cleaning up the

property. Mrs. Garner indicated they also contracted with Siebenthalers to help soften the appearance of some of the existing concrete at the dam and with natural plantings as well as a foot bridge and stone paths. The city contracted for restoration of the natural grade at the old tennis court site and erosion control. She extended thanks to council and all the other volunteers for their assistance. Mr. Bieser concurred, so many of council have helped volunteer on this project. He noted they are working on implementing the Master Plan and also coordinate the installation of a "hidden garden" which formerly existed and is being restored in memory of Francine Van der Hoeven, thanks to the wonderful advice and contribution of her husband Ludolph. This garden will include native species which are not tasteful to the deer and require little maintenance. He extended thanks to Ms. Collins and Mr. Klopsch for their assistance and referenced the establishment of walking trails to other parts of the Park and the wide open area for groups to gather.

Dr. Van der Hoeven was pleased and honored to be at the meeting and indicated this property is very familiar to him. In 1971, his family moved to 255 Park Road, next door to the former Talbott property. In 1972, they were shown a subdivision proposal of the area and in order to prevent that, they purchased the property, updated the home and later sold it on one-acre, owning the remainder of the land. They enjoyed the property, including the tennis court. Dr. Van der Hoeven explained part of the area was the former herb garden of Mrs. Talbott. He indicated this is a wonderful outdoor setting and he is happy it is now in the hands of the city. He noted Francine would be thrilled as she loved to garden, a very special woman born in the Netherlands who entered medical school at the age of 15 - this is a wonderful tribute to her and extended thanks. Mayor Cook agreed this is a wonderful memorial to Francine.

Sugar Camp/Pointe Oakwood. Mr. Byington reported the foundation is in place for the first home; the Far Hills realignment is nearly complete; they are working on plans for Old River Trail which will be the new roadway to Old River Fields; and they are very close to earthwork being finished.

Mayor Cook referenced Dr. Van der Hoeven's comments and extended thanks for his \$20,000 contribution to the "hidden garden" project.

Athletic & Recreation Master Plan Committee. Mayor Cook announced the city has selected Michael Schuster Associates (MSA) as the consultant to work with a geographically and demographically diverse citizen committee on a plan to present to the community. The following have agreed to serve: Jeff Ireland, Cindy Koenig, Todd Howell, Jeff Snyder, Jeff Briedenbach, Barb Erbe, Beth Loew, Bill Wagner, Tim Lahmon, Julie Worley, Roger Crum, Rob Stephens, Mackensie Wittmer, Adam Woessner, Stephen Heyl, Tracy Cunningham, Joan Albrecht, Paul Redden, Dave Winch, Cindy Garner, John Haley, Skip Ordeman, Harvey Pierce, Jeff Shulman and Dave Dickerson.

Therefore, it was moved by Mr. Byington and seconded by Mr. Duncan that the aforementioned appointments to the Athletic and Recreation Master Plan Committee be accepted. Upon a viva voce vote on the question of the motion, same passed unanimously and it was so ordered.

First Tier Suburbs. Mayor Cook reported with assistance from Wright State University, they are working on sharing ideas, including a working relationship with state representatives in communicating important issues, particularly since former First Suburbs members Peggy Lehrner and Roland Winburn are now in the Ohio House of Representatives. She noted issues include the needs of established cities to rehab and upgrading sites, general housing concerns, maintenance issues, etc. At the upcoming June meeting, they will discuss land banking and in July, Oakwood will host the meeting. Mayor Cook indicated Mr. Byington is also a representative and serves on the National League of Cities First Tier Suburbs group.

Mr. Byington reported on the NLC meeting he attended in Kansas City which included other first tier suburbs of communities such as Dallas, Indianapolis, Denver, etc. He indicated they are all dealing with similar issues around core cities and he was pleased to report that Oakwood is what some describe they want, i.e., walking community. Other issues include small business development, housing, anticipated "retail foreclosures" and senior housing. However, in regard to the latter, he was pleased to report on Oakwood's Pointe Oakwood project. Mr. Byington noted other issues relate to transportation and how to get citizens more involved. Mayor Cook extended thanks to Mr. Byington for representing the city.

#### VISITORS

Mayor Cook welcomed the visitors and recognized Recreation Supervisor Dan Ruble, Oakwood Community Center, and several children who created a mural that will be hung at Smith Gardens in celebration of the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Mr. Ruble introduced Jody Morley and Donnajean Ruble. Mrs. Ruble explained after completion of the Centennial mural, she received a call from Ms. Collins

asking about a mural in celebration of the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Smith Gardens so they worked on something with flowers. She presented the mural which will be installed in the windows at the Garden House, two vertical and one horizontal panels with a variety of flowers. The following introduced themselves and their respective flower tile: Emmaline Bennett, Rachel Dalrymple, Madelynn Einhorn, Emma Gunnell, Jessica Hull, Anna McCarty and Marie Rank. Mrs. Ruble noted some of the students were unable to attend. She presented a tiled plaque for the kitchen with Mr. Carlton Smith's gardening statement, some bird tiles and was pleased that only one student was a repeat from the Centennial project. Mayor Cook thanked them for this wonderful treat to celebrate the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Smith Gardens. Each student was presented with a flower from Ms. Collins.

Ms. Collins introduced Wendi Van Buren, Urban Forester with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources who has been very helpful to Oakwood with the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) and Tree City, USA programs. Mrs. Van Buren presented information sheets on the EAB, explained how she helps various communities with their tree programs and added it's a pleasure to work with Oakwood staff on their very proactive tree program. She commended the city on being a Tree City USA Award winner for 27 years. Mrs. Van Buren also commended the Environmental Committee, Ms. Collins and Mr. Caldwell for hosting a wonderful Tree City Award Luncheon last year and how impressed attendees were on the tree canopy and variety of trees in Oakwood. She presented a bark sample with marked entry of the EAB and two vials with samples of the insect. She explained EAB is spreading in Ohio and Montgomery County has been quarantined since 2007. Unfortunately, a lot of trees have died, and ash trees make up approximately 10% of the tree inventory in rural areas. Mrs. Van Buren explained it's not a matter of if but when the tree will be dead and the hope is to treat the trees and educate residents. She reported some communities have been greatly impact with mature tree loss which in turn impacts property values. She noted no treatment is 100% effective but it does help slow the spread. Mr. Castleman asked if you can still lose the tree even if it's treated. Mrs. Van Buren agreed; this is a tool to slow it down. Mr. McGinnis referenced the city's zoning code which requires a buffer strip to maintain the canopy. He noted the current buffer is up to 50' and asked for her input. Mrs. Van Buren indicated it depends on the health and type of trees; she'd have to do more research. Mayor Cook extended thanks for the presentation.

Mayor Cook introduced Mr. Greg Johnson, DMHA Director, and referenced his presentation a couple years ago to correct information that was unfortunately misrepresented in the *Register* and for an update on those issues. Mr. Johnson introduced his staff in the audience and will review public housing and Section 8 housing standards, etc. He referenced statistics on the 2,700 units they manage, the 3,600 Section 8 vouchers distributed, operational statistics including 432 evictions based on inability to pay rent based on economics, 17,500 work orders received, etc. Mayor Cook asked how Section 8 housing differs from Parkside. Mr. Johnson explained Section 8 provides financial assistance so that clients may go in to a community and find their own housing; the downside relates to absentee landlords not maintaining the property. Mayor Cook asked if there are maintenance standards. Mr. Johnson explained they have housing quality standards that must be met prior to anyone moving in, special inspections may be required and an annual inspection is also required. Mayor Cook referenced this relates to not just housing, but decent housing. Mr. Johnson reported in Oakwood and Kettering there are 20 units that are 100% occupied. Mr. Duncan noted the property DMHA owns in Oakwood is not Section 8. Mr. Johnson concurred, they purchased that property on Shroyer and did a total rehab on the kitchen, bath, electric, garage and roof as they did on the property on Telford in Kettering. Mayor Cook noted that was a great contribution to those properties.

Mr. Johnson gave an update on the completed demolition of Parkside, Arlington, Cliburn, etc. He then reviewed the effect the economy has had on affordable housing with businesses leaving and having to retrain for area jobs. He referenced 18,000 renters who pay more than 50% of their income for their rent and utilities based on the median income of a family of four of \$31,050, many of which work several jobs. Mr. Johnson reviewed the Section 8 waiting list, which at one point they exhausted but now is back up. Discussion ensued in regard to financial assistance they have received for capital improvements. Mr. Johnson indicated those who live in subsidized housing include families, singles, minimum wage workers, senior citizens on fixed income, people from every community, children in our schools and people of all race, religion and ability. Mayor Cook thanked him for the report.

Mr. George Thielen referenced the new administration in D.C. that has promised change and spent more money in the first four months than any other administration, money they don't have and can't borrow; the numbers are hard to comprehend. Mr. Thielen indicated with all due respect to Oakwood, part of his concern relates to the city voting to use federal stimulus money which he read in a small legal notice. He noted Oakwood prides itself on all they do for their children, yet he believes the use of that money is only generational theft. Mr. Thielen has sympathy for council and

other levels of government that are pressured by unions, citizens and special interest groups. However, he is tired of being quiet; his property taxes have more than doubled, his three kids go to great schools and have great teachers in a school system that is ranked top in the state as it was nine years ago. Mr. Thielen agreed this is a difficult economy with all the cut backs in the private sector, but doesn't see that in government. He explained his intent is not to harass but give a wake up call particularly since California has already gone bankrupt and wonders who will bail out America and what will they tell their children. Mr. Thielen indicated he is not asking that they decline the stimulus money, but look at ways to perhaps cut back on services to reduce taxes (which includes the 2 1/2% income tax rate), he has no specific request but wanted to publicly express his opinion. Mr. McGinnis indicated personnel costs, i.e., unions, are one of the biggest issues that council and staff are reviewing given the disparity between the public and private sectors. Mr. Duncan explained only 8% of the property tax goes to Oakwood, the remainder goes to the county, schools and library. He noted last August; council took the opportunity to reduce property tax by letting the 5.5 mill levy expire, approximately \$350,000.

ORDINANCE

BY MR. DUNCAN

NO 4676

TO AMEND SECTION I, 2008 ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 4659,  
TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF:

1. AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$360,000 TO BE EXPENDED FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR PURPOSES OF COMPLETING ROADWAY REALIGNMENT AND ASSOCIATED IMPROVEMENTS ALONG FAR HILLS AVENUE FROM RUBICON ROAD TO THE NORTH CORPORATION LINE; AND
2. AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$200,000 TO BE EXPENDED FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR PURPOSES OF COMPLETING CONSTRUCTION OF A ROADWAY FROM THE NEW OLD RIVER TRAIL TO THE OLD RIVER ATHLETIC FIELDS PARKING LOT; AND
3. AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$40,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND FOR RESTORATION OF THE HIDDEN GARDEN AND ASSOCIATED WORK AT CENTENNIAL PARK; AND
4. AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$10,000 FROM THE BULLOCK ENDOWMENT TRUST FUND FOR RESTORATION OF THE HIDDEN GARDEN AT CENTENNIAL PARK; AND
5. AN AMOUNT OF \$560,000 TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND TO REPLENISH FUNDS SPENT ON ITEMS 1 AND 2 ABOVE.

A copy of the ordinance, having been placed on the desks of each member of council prior to introduction, was read by title. Mr. Duncan explained this appropriation ordinance includes \$360,000 for work on Far Hills and Rubicon to the north corporation line; \$200,000 for the Old River Trail that will lead to the Soccer Field which was a requirement as part of the contract with NCR; and \$40,000 for "Francine's Hidden Garden" (which includes \$20,000 from Dr. Van der Hoeven and \$10,000 from the Bullock Endowment).

Thereupon, it was moved by Mr. Duncan and seconded by Mr. Castleman that they dispense with the second reading and the ordinance be passed.

Upon call of the roll on the question of the motion, the following vote was recorded:

MRS. JUDY COOK .....	YEA
MR. CARLO C. MCGINNIS.....	RECUSE
MR. STEVEN BYINGTON .....	YEA
MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN .....	YEA
MR. STANLEY CASTLEMAN .....	YEA

There being four (4) yea votes, one (1) recused vote, and no (0) nay votes thereon, said ordinance was declared duly passed and it was so ordered.

ORDINANCE

BY MR. BYINGTON

NO 4677

TO LEVY SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OR RECONSTRUCTION OF SIDEWALKS AND APPURTENANCES THERETO IN THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, OHIO.

A copy of the ordinance, having been placed on the desks of each member of council prior to introduction, was read by title. Mr. Byington explained there is currently \$11,608 in outstanding invoices from last year's program. Of the 34 property owners not yet paid, that number will probably be reduced once the final notice has been received.

Thereupon, it was moved by Mr. Byington and seconded by Mr. Castleman that they dispense with the second reading and the ordinance be passed.

Upon call of the roll on the question of the motion, the following vote was recorded:

MRS. JUDY COOK ..... YEA  
MR. CARLO C. McGINNIS..... YEA  
MR. STEVEN BYINGTON ..... YEA  
MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN..... YEA  
MR. STANLEY CASTLEMAN..... YEA

There being five (5) yea votes and no (0) nay votes thereon, said ordinance was declared duly passed and it was so ordered.

RESOLUTION

BY MR. BYINGTON NO 1692

DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF IMPROVING CERTAIN STREETS BETWEEN CERTAIN TERMINI IN THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, OHIO, BY LIGHTING THE SAME WITH ELECTRICITY.

A copy of the resolution, having been placed on the desks of each member of council prior to introduction, was read by title. Mr. Byington explained this is the annual legislation relating to street lighting.

Thereupon, it was moved by Mr. Byington and seconded by Mr. Duncan that the resolution be passed.

Upon call of the roll on the question of the motion, the following vote was recorded:

MRS. JUDY COOK ..... YEA  
MR. CARLO C. McGINNIS..... YEA  
MR. STEVEN BYINGTON ..... YEA  
MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN..... YEA  
MR. STANLEY CASTLEMAN..... YEA

There being five (5) yea votes and no (0) nay votes thereon, said resolution was declared duly passed and it was so ordered.

RESOLUTION

BY MR. BYINGTON NO 1693

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN INFRASTRUCTURE AGREEMENT WITH VERSANT GROUP AND BALSBAUGH EXCAVATING, INC. FOR CONSTRUCTION OF OLD RIVER TRAIL.

A copy of the resolution, having been placed on the desks of each member of council prior to introduction, was read by title. Mr. Byington explained this authorizes the city manager to enter into the agreement relating to Old River Trail, the road from Far Hills through Pointe Oakwood to Old River Fields which was part of the NCR contractual agreement.

Thereupon, it was moved by Mr. Byington and seconded by Mr. Duncan that the resolution be passed.

Upon call of the roll on the question of the motion, the following vote was recorded:

MRS. JUDY COOK ..... YEA  
MR. CARLO C. McGINNIS..... RECUSE  
MR. STEVEN BYINGTON ..... YEA  
MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN..... YEA  
MR. STANLEY CASTLEMAN..... YEA

There being four (4) yea votes, one (1) recused vote and no (0) nay votes thereon, said resolution was declared duly passed and it was so ordered.

RESOLUTION

BY MR. CASTLEMAN NO 1694

TO ESTABLISH THE ATHLETIC AND RECREATION SPACE MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE.

A copy of the resolution, having been placed on the desks of each member of council prior to introduction, was read by title. Mr. Castleman explained this relates to the 25 citizen committee they appointed this evening and includes two members from each of the 11 voting precincts as well as a member of the Budget Review, Planning Commission and Comprehensive Planning Committee. The city has selected MSA as the consultant who will work with the city on studying existing facilities and future athletic and recreation needs.

Thereupon, it was moved by Mr. Castleman and seconded by Mr. Byington that the resolution be passed.

Mr. McGinnis thinks this a great concept but asked for clarification on the process to assure that there will be citizen input and the ultimate decision by council. Mr. Klopsch explained staff plans to meet with MSA to establish the outline of citizen meetings, a process that could take six to ten months. The final proposal will be to council, with the recommendation of the committee. He noted although it is a large committee, there is good representation from each voting precinct and there will be many ways for all citizens to participate. Mr. McGinnis encouraged broader participation and that council’s input will be included. Mr. Klopsch hopes council will be able to attend all upcoming meetings and be involved every step of the way.

Upon call of the roll on the question of the motion, the following vote was recorded:

MRS. JUDY COOK..... YEA  
MR. CARLO C. MCGINNIS..... YEA  
MR. STEVEN BYINGTON ..... YEA  
MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN..... YEA  
MR. STANLEY CASTLEMAN..... YEA

There being five (5) yea votes and no (0) nay votes thereon, said resolution was declared duly passed and it was so ordered.

ORDINANCE

BY MR. CASTLEMAN

NO 4678

TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH 35 PARK AVENUE ASSOCIATES, LTD, TO PURCHASE LAND, WHICH AGREEMENT IS SET FORTH IN EXHIBIT “A”, ATTACHED HERETO AND INCORPORATED HEREIN.

A copy of the ordinance, having been placed on the desks of each member of council prior to introduction, was read by title. Mr. Castleman explained this relates to purchasing land behind Park Avenue Associates, for \$50,000 which provides access to the municipal parking lot.

Thereupon, it was moved by Mr. Castleman and seconded by Mr. Duncan that they dispense with the second reading and the ordinance be passed.

Mayor Cook explained the majority of the Park Avenue parking lot, across the street, is owned by the city. Mr. Byington explained this purchase is so that improvements may be made to the parking lot. Mr. McGinnis noted .057 of an acre for \$50,000 seems rather high. Mr. Klopsch indicated the city hired Gem Real Estate to do the appraisal and that was their determination of the value.

Upon call of the roll on the question of the motion, the following vote was recorded:

MRS. JUDY COOK..... YEA  
MR. CARLO C. MCGINNIS..... YEA  
MR. STEVEN BYINGTON ..... YEA  
MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN..... YEA  
MR. STANLEY CASTLEMAN..... YEA

There being five (5) yea votes and no (0) nay votes thereon, said ordinance was declared duly passed and it was so ordered.

RESOLUTION

BY MR. CASTLEMAN

NO 1695

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH BALSBAUGH EXCAVATING, INC. FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A ROADWAY FROM OLD RIVER TRAIL TO THE PARKING LOT AT THE OLD RIVER ATHLETIC FIELDS.

A copy of the resolution, having been placed on the desks of each member of council prior to introduction, was read by title. Mr. Castleman explained this relates to contracting with Balsbaugh Excavating for \$70,000.

Thereupon, it was moved by Mr. Castleman and seconded by Mr. Duncan that the resolution be passed.

Mr. Duncan explained this \$70,000 is part of the earlier appropriation.

Upon call of the roll on the question of the motion, the following vote was recorded:

MRS. JUDY COOK..... YEA  
MR. CARLO C. MCGINNIS..... YEA

MR. STEVEN BYINGTON ..... YEA  
MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN ..... YEA  
MR. STANLEY CASTLEMAN ..... YEA

There being five (5) yea votes and no (0) nay votes thereon, said resolution was declared duly passed and it was so ordered.

STAFF REPORT

Leisure Services Department Update. Mr. Duncan informed the audience since the projector equipment is not working, they won't be able to see one of the best PowerPoint presentations, however, it will be available on the website. Ms. Collins extended thanks to Mr. Ruble for his work on the tile project and earlier presentation. She plans to update council on 2009 highlights. At Gardner Memorial Pool; attendance is at 3,193 through the end of May, there have been 686 memberships purchased; concessions are at \$4,130 through the end of May, three family swim nights are planned, and two new pool heaters were installed. The Oakwood Dolphins Swim Team has begun meets with 213 swimmers participating and she extended thanks to the coaches. She reported on swim lessons which consist of eight levels of instruction. Ms. Collins referenced Orchardly Park that opened Memorial Day weekend, with summer personnel there daily from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. She reviewed OCC 2009 summer activities which include a variety of tennis classes and camps. The latter includes field trips, art camp, safety town, kiddie camps, etc.

Ms. Collins reported on community events. The New Resident Breakfast was held on March 15 with over 100 attending. That Day in May was held on May 16 and included the pancake breakfast, runs, silent auction, community parade on Shafor, games and rides, and food and fun. Ms. Collins referenced community ambiance. In regard to the EAB, she extended thanks to Mrs. Van Buren for sharing her expertise. The city treated 793 trees in 2008 which included 5,507 viles of imicide for a total of \$49,563, an average cost of \$62.50 per tree; and 42 residents paid for tree treatment on private property. American Forestry is in the process of treating the 2" to 47" diameter ash trees and to date 564 trees have been injected. Ms. Collins reviewed the upcoming blanket concerts at Smith Gardens and in particular on August 30, the Smith Gardens 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration with a sound sculpture. As part of that 35<sup>th</sup> celebration, the Gardens are offering professional portraits thanks to Kim Coughnour of Red Leaf Photography. She also noted the pre-school story hours held at the Gardens. Ms. Collins referenced the city's 27<sup>th</sup> year as a Tree City USA and the recent award luncheon held in Hamilton. She noted every day is a good day in Oakwood as they celebrate the community. Mr. Castleman questioned treating for EAB when the tree will eventually die. Ms. Collins explained there is some hope that a new treatment will be found. Mrs. Van Buren concurred. Mr. McGinnis believes the average cost to treat the trees outweighs the cost of removal. Discussion ensued in regard to the cost of tree removal dependent on size, etc.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORTS

Sanitary Sewer Rates. Mr. Klopsch indicated these rates have not been increased since January, 2007. The wastewater treatment cost is divided equally between Dayton and Montgomery County and since those treatment fees have increased, the sanitary sewer rate needs adjusted. He referenced legislation which gave him authority to pass on rate increases; therefore, announced that effective with the July, 2009 bills, there will be an 8.75% increase. A typical residential four member family home that uses 3,000 cubic feet of water will have a \$10 per quarter increase in the sanitary sewer bill. Mr. Duncan noted that rate is still lower than other communities. Mr. Klopsch concurred; water rates were 5<sup>th</sup> lowest out of 68.

Roadway Projects. Mr. Klopsch reported projects are picking up and notices are sent to property owners about upcoming work, i.e., micro-surfacing, etc.

Parking Lot Project. Mr. Klopsch indicated the project is moving along nicely, the new concrete pavement has been poured and landscaping should be completed by the end of July.

City Phone Outage. Mr. Klopsch reported last Thursday and Friday, the city had internal phone problems and calls were not received.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Byington invited citizens to attend the Hills and Dales Park Open House scheduled for Saturday, June 20 to see the fabulous work done by Metro Parks. He announced that Senator Husted will be at the Washington Township Government Center on June 22 from 9-11 a.m. to meet with constituents. Mr. Byington explained the city is encouraging bicycling and if anyone is interested in working on the issue, to contact he or the city manager.

Mr. Byington invited the community to the July 10-11 Oakwood Relay for Life fundraiser at Oakwood High School, an 18-hour event from Friday 6 p.m. to Noon on Saturday. He encouraged citizens to attend and help raise money for the Cancer Society.

Mayor Cook attended the Sinclair graduation last Friday for the 43<sup>rd</sup> ceremony since the school has been publicly supported. She indicated 1,590 degrees and 1,677 certificates were distributed. It was an exciting mix of individuals and demographics with the health degree students passing state boards by 100% in seven different categories. She also recognized Oakwood resident Gary Mitchner who was given a Professor Emeritus in recognition of his years of exemplary service as a faculty member. Mayor Cook referenced the displays at City Hall from the That Day in May parade which were part of the Harman 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Art Project, a fantastic job.

Council adjourned. The public meeting concluded at 9:46 p.m.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CLERK OF COUNCIL