

CITY OF OAKWOOD

STATE OF OHIO

MAY 2, 2005

The Council of the City of Oakwood, State of Ohio, met in a work session at 6:30 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 7:35 p.m., in the council chambers of the City of Oakwood. Mayor Cook opened the meeting by asking all present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Mayor, Mrs. Judy Cook, presided, and the Clerk of Council, Ms. Cathy Blum, recorded.

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

MRS. JUDY COOK.....PRESENT
MR. CARLO C. McGINNIS.....PRESENT
MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN.....PRESENT
MR. ROGER C. BLUMENSHEID.....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, Deputy City Manager
Mr. Kevin W. Weaver, Director of Public Works & Engineering
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:

Joseph Koussa, Kettering
Harry Ebeling, 456 Lookout Ridge
Teresa Prosser, 315 Harman Boulevard
Dave Crusey, 230 E. Dixon 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 April 18, 2005. 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 REPORT

Proclamation. Mayor Cook proclaimed May as Community Action Month. She has had an opportunity to work with the local group that is organized by a fine director.

Mayor Cook commented on recent issues about the city's representation on the RTA and Senator Jacobson's proposal to change the way in which the representation is determined by Mayors & Managers, Montgomery County, Dayton and Oakwood. She has made opposing comments since Oakwood does monitor and hold their representative accountable. Mr. Duncan indicated Oakwood's representative, Cheri Ohmer, is very involved in the financial aspect, has done a very good job and the city communicates with Mrs. Ohmer on this regional issue. Mayor Cook indicated this matter merits additional research. Mr. McGinnis suggested comments to Senator Jacobson be put in writing.

Mayor Cook welcomed the visitors and recognized representatives from the Oakwood Historical Society. She read the following letter from the city manager

“May 2, 2005

Mrs. Teresa Prosser, President
Oakwood Historical Society

Dear Teresa,

In establishing the 2005 budget, a line item was included that appropriates some money to support the Oakwood Historical Society. This was included after discussion with the citizen Budget Review Committee, city staff and city council. With limited resources available and without a tradition of financial support for city organizations like the Historical Society, inclusion of this new line item was given considerable thought. Citizen comments received over a period of years, particularly during the process of writing a new city Comprehensive Plan, leads us to believe that there is support for limited public financial contributions to the

Oakwood Historical Society – specifically to support the Society’s role as stewards of our city historical documents and to help support the maintenance of the Long-Romspert Homestead.

Early in the fall of 2004 you presented us with a well prepared document that summarized your financial issues and reported on your vision and future plans for the Society. With that report, you requested financial support from the city. Your fine report aided in this decision regarding funding for 2005. After deliberation, city council unanimously agreed to award the Oakwood Historical Society five thousand dollars (\$5,000) this year for the purpose of repairing the foundation in the southwest corner of the Long-Romspert house. Attached you will find a check in that amount. Repairing the foundation is listed as a critical need in your report and discussions we have had with Society leadership further emphasize its importance. We understand the need to maintain the house as a focal point for Society activities for the community and feel it justified to assist with some of the capital costs.

As a condition of providing this financial support, we would like for you, or another representative of the Historical Society, to provide a verbal report to city council at one of our upcoming public meetings. You should give this report after the foundation work is completed and include in the report an explanation of what was accomplished.

City council and staff appreciate the work of the Historical Society and recognize its benefits to the community. We look forward to seeing your plans for improving the Long-Romspert Homestead become a reality. We also look forward to seeing your outreach efforts generate new community support for the work of the society, particularly amongst the younger population in Oakwood. The coming celebration of our 2008 centennial will hopefully inspire new interest in Oakwood history and its preservation. We know the Society will play a significant role in planning for and executing the celebration and look forward to working closely with you in that regard.

Sincerely, (Signed) Norbert S. Klopsch, City Manager”

Mayor Cook asked Teresa Prosser, Historical Society President, to accept the check. She also recognized member Harry Ebeling in the audience. On behalf of the board of directors and members, Mrs. Prosser extended thanks to the city for its support. She indicated last year they developed a strategic plan that has five main points: 1) complete the renovation of the homestead; 2) increase membership; 3) increase educational programs; 4) continue community events; and 5) develop a marketing plan. She indicated the Historical Society has enjoyed mutual cooperation with the city and thanked council for recognizing its efforts.

Mayor Cook recognized Dr. Norman Fogel and presented a Resolution of support for all he has done for the city and added they are sad to see him leaving the community. Said resolution was declared duly adopted and it was so ordered.

Dr. Fogel indicated he has happy memories and thanked council for the recognition. He noted the greatest honor has been to participate in something special, the governance of this wonderful suburb. He has benefited from all the meetings and joked how it helped get him out of housework. Dr. Fogel has also benefited by serving, learning, teaching and leading. He has served on a variety of committees and projects, had an opportunity to contribute and his involvement has presented an opportunity to learn. He referenced outlandish excuses for meeting avoidance; however, he has enjoyed all the meetings. He reflected on the people from whom he learned, Norbert Klopsch plus the past two city managers, Carol Collins, Jay Weiskircher, Dalma Grandjean plus the past two law directors, staff members, elected officials including four Mayors, service on the budget review committee, all the other volunteers, and those who appeared before them. He took from this experience lessons that enriched his teaching since he has first hand knowledge on how government operates. Dr. Fogel indicated when he adds up what he has given compared to what he has gained, there are more gains. He reiterated this thanks for the honor and opportunity to serve. Mayor Cook recognized Planning Commission Chair Bill Kendell. Mr. Kendell indicated Dr. Fogel will be missed and he will recognize him at their last meeting on Wednesday. Mr. Klopsch indicated he has benefited tremendously from Dr. Fogel’s command of the English language and appreciated all the input received from various draft documents.

Mr. Koussa extended prayers to the troops overseas for a safe return. He continues to speak to the public about saving gas by not idling cars. He also reminded everyone that May is police memorial month and how on a daily basis officers face danger.

ORDINANCE

BY MR. McGINNIS

NO 4582

AMENDING SECTION 901.9 OF TITLE 9 OF THE OAKWOOD ZONING ORDINANCES.

A copy of the ordinance, having been placed on the desks of each member of council prior to introduction, was given a second reading by title. Mr. McGinnis explained this broadens regulations relating to pillars and decorative walls based on specific guidelines.

Thereupon, it was moved by Mr. McGinnis and seconded by Mr. Blumensheid that 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. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN.....YEA
MR. ROGER C. BLUMENSHEID.....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.

ORDINANCE

BY MR. BLUMENSHEID

NO 4584

DETERMINING TO PROCEED WITH THE REPAIRING OF SIDEWALKS AND APPURTENANCES THERETO ON WEST SCHANTZ AVENUE AND CERTAIN OTHER STREETS BETWEEN CERTAIN TERMINI IN THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, OHIO, PROVIDING THAT ABUTTING PROPERTY OWNERS REPAIR THE SAME, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

A copy of the ordinance, having been placed on the desks of each member of council prior to introduction, was read by title. Mr. Blumensheid explained this annual legislation relates to the sidewalk project. Mr. Duncan questioned the location. Mr. Blumensheid indicated west of Far Hills.

Thereupon, it was moved by Mr. Blumensheid and seconded by Mr. Castleman that the ordinance be passed as an emergency measure.

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. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN.....YEA
MR. ROGER C. BLUMENSHEID.....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.

Mayor Cook indicated the next agenda item relating to an ordinance regarding to water meter project compliance will be deferred.

ORDINANCE

ADOPTING THE 2006 TAX BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, OHIO, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 2006.

A copy of the ordinance, having been placed on the desks of each member of council prior to introduction, was given a first reading by title. Mr. Duncan explained this annual legislation is for the next fiscal year and although the county no longer requires the legislation, the Charter does.

ORDINANCE

BY MR. DUNCAN

NO 4586

TO AMEND SECTION 145.13 OF TITLE FIVE, ADMINISTRATION, OF PART ONE OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF OAKWOOD.

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 in 1997, the ordinance was adopted which stated that petty cash shall not exceed \$25, however the purchasing policy has since been changed but the ordinance was not. Mr. Duncan asked that this be given a first reading. Mr. Klopsch explained they could waive the second reading since this is a housekeeping measure, by a four-fifths vote.

Thereupon, it was moved by Mr. Duncan and seconded by Mr. McGinnis that the ordinance be passed without two readings.

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. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN.....YEA
MR. ROGER C. BLUMENSHEID.....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.

STAFF REPORT

Engineering and Public Works Update. In regard to the water meter project, Mr. Weaver displayed the standard water meter and digital register that is being changed out with the installation of a box that transmit readings back to the city building. This new method no longer necessitates a meter reader going inside the property. He reviewed other water system issues: no water has been purchased from the City of Dayton as of this date; water tower booster control equipment; and valve testing. Mr. Blumensheid asked if the latter includes fire hydrants. Mr. Weaver indicated that is a separate test done once a year. In regard to distribution system water meters, to date approximately 1350 meters and transmitters have been installed. The reading network is running however they are working with the University of Dayton to install another antenna, and hopefully all meter pits and retrofits will be completed by July. Mayor Cook asked if they anticipated the need for extra antennas. Mr. Weaver responded yes and indicated the antennas are very small and not noticeable. Mr. Klopsch indicated they didn't contemplate needing an antenna at UD. Mr. Weaver indicated they are planning to have it installed on a residential campus building. Mr. Duncan wondered what zones of the city they are working in. Mr. Weaver indicated they are working throughout the city and urged anyone who hasn't called the 1-800 number to do so and make an appointment.

Mr. Weaver reported on refuse programs and indicated there have been a lot of questions about the yellow door hangers which are advisory notices to educate the public on the danger of placing debris in the street. Mayor Cook noted since Oakwood has a parking problem, any refuse left in the street is a problem. Mr. Weaver indicated anyone who has questions about recycling should review the county website at www.mcswd.org as to acceptable materials. He also indicated the mulch program is underway with pickup dates of May 7, June 4 and June 11 remaining for three cubic yards at \$60 and six cubic yards at \$80. Mr. Weaver reviewed roadway system projects including the 2005 curb and walk project that is west of Far Hills, notices have been sent and construction to begin in June. He reported the timber wall in the Business District should be painted within the next couple weeks. In regard to the Runnymede Hills subdivision, the paving should be completed in June and the Ridgeway Road bridge was just opened. Mr. Weaver referenced various photos of the two latter projects as well as the bollards, through a PowerPoint presentation. Mr. Blumensheid felt the bollards were very bright and asked if there were any planned adjustments. Mr. Weaver indicated there is currently a 42 watt fluorescent bulb that could be changed. Mr. Castleman also felt the intensity of the light is a problem. Mr. Klopsch indicated another option would be to change the bulbs to high pressure sodium, but there would be a cost to change the ballast. Staff will evaluate options.

Mr. Weaver referenced storm sewer work and the NPDES permit received. He indicated that the permit has specific requirements of street sweeping, dry weather screening, ordinance for controlling site runoff, ordinance for long term maintenance and education of the public and staff. In regard to the required legislation, staff plans to work with council on that issue later in the year. Mr. Weaver reported on the GIS system and indicated they are working on the GASB 34 to track infrastructure, including financial data from the finance department. He indicated they are also working on fire hydrant information in conjunction with the city of Kettering and a sign inventory. Mr. Blumensheid wondered what a citizen should do to report a street light outage. Mr. Weaver indicated either call the public works department or dispatcher so a list can be forwarded to DP&L Energy Resources. Council thanked Mr. Weaver for his report.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORTS

DPVA Show House. Mr. Klopsch reported the Dayton Philharmonic Volunteer Association is again hosting its bi-annual Show House in the City of Oakwood. This year the event is at 1000 Runnymede, the former Mead/Schuster estate. He indicated the opening events occurred without a single complaint and for the next three weeks, a mini-bus will shuttle visitors from Sugar Camp to the site. He noted the last Show House on Park Road had over 10,000 visitors and they anticipate the same interest this year.

Open House. Mr. Klopsch invited the community to the Open House set for May 6th from 3-6 p.m. He encouraged the public to drop in and see the new facilities.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Castleman reported on a recent out-of-town visitor who was riding down Far Hills with him and observed the beautiful trees in Oakwood and commented on the city's beauty.

Mr. Blumensheid announced May 21st is That Day in May, a lot of fun activities planned.

Mayor Cook indicated last Saturday the city hosted a successful New Resident Breakfast at the Community Center thanks to Carol Collins and her staff. She noted there was a room full of families and children there to learn more about the community. Mayor Cook announced this Saturday is the 4th annual CARE Walk in Oakwood and urged citizens to participate. She thanked the Wills for operating the cable equipment and announced the next public meeting is scheduled for June 27th.

Council adjourned to work session. The public meeting concluded at 8:42 p.m.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CLERK OF COUNCIL