

**MINUTES**  
**OAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION**  
**JANUARY 23, 2012**

The council of the city of Oakwood, Ohio, met in a work session on Monday, January 23, 2012 in the conference room of the Oakwood Municipal Building, 30 Park Avenue. The Mayor of the city, William Duncan, presided. Council members in attendance were Mayor William Duncan, Vice Mayor Steven Byington, Stanley Castleman, Rob Stephens and Anne Hilton; Staff in attendance were City Manager Norbert Klopsch and City Attorney Rob Jacques. Assistant City Manager Jay Weiskircher also attended for the discussion on sewer backups.

Mayor Duncan called the council work session to order at 5 p.m. and led a discussion on the following agenda items.

**COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

- **FINANCE, MR. CASTLEMAN**

- 2012 Neighborhood Meetings. Mr. Klopsch noted that the first of 40 neighborhood meetings will take place tomorrow evening at the home of Ellen Fodge. Mr. Klopsch presented the information that will be discussed at the neighborhood meetings. Mr. Klopsch also commented that he met last week with Rabbis Mangel and Klatzkin at the Chabad of Greater Dayton to discuss the city's financial situation. The meeting took place at the request of the Rabbis.
- Town Hall Meetings. Mr. Klopsch suggested that three meetings be scheduled to discuss city finances. Proposed dates are: February 29, March 20 and May 10. Council concurred. These meetings will take place at 7 p.m. at the OCC.
- Water/Sewer/Refuse Envelopes. Mr. Klopsch explained that the city spends about \$1,800 annually to provide return envelopes with the monthly water/sewer/refuse invoices. The charge is split between the water and sewer utilities and the refuse fund. Mr. Klopsch suggested that the city discontinue providing envelopes. In addition to saving money, it might encourage citizens to begin using the automatic monthly bill payment system. Council concurred.

- **PUBLIC PROPERTIES, MR. CASTLEMAN**

- Creager Field Rededication. Mr. Klopsch explained his interest in conducting a rededication ceremony in April or May. That ceremony would include placement of the original Creager Field monument and erection of a dog park sign. Council concurred.
- Dog Park Benches. Mr. Klopsch reported that the Oakwood Rotary Club Foundation is providing a grant in the amount of \$1,138 for purchase of two additional benches at the dog park.

- **PUBLIC UTILITIES/WATERWORKS/SEWER, MR. CASTLEMAN**

- Sewer Backups. Mr. Klopsch and Mr. Weiskircher explained circumstances surrounding a recent sewage backup incident in a property at Far Hills and Rubicon. The property owner has a very high deductible insurance policy and

is asking the city to reimburse them approximately \$9,000 in cleanup expenses. Mr. Weiskircher added that the city's insurance carrier has agreed to cover \$3,000, but may yet agree to somewhat more. Mr. Jacques explained that under Ohio law, the city is not liable. No negligence was involved in this particular incident. Mr. Klopsch suggested that staff attempt to settle the claim but that no sewer fund expenses be incurred. Council agreed.

- SAFETY & TRAFFIC, MR. STEPHENS
  - Police Car Video Systems. Mr. Klopsch informed council that the city will no longer outfit police cars with video systems. This will save several thousand in annual expenses.
  
- STREETS & ALLEYS, MR. STEPHENS
  - Sidewalk Trip Hazards. Mr. Klopsch noted a letter recently received from a citizen who tripped on a section of sidewalk along Shafor Boulevard. Mayor Duncan noted that the letter was complimentary about the expedient manner in which the city responded to the issue. Mr. Klopsch added that the trip hazard was less than the city's three-quarter inch standard.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

- Dayton Development Coalition Annual Membership, \$5,500. Mr. Klopsch mentioned that he had considered recommending that the city drop its membership to the Dayton Development Coalition and thereby save \$5,500. After attending the annual meeting, however, Mr. Klopsch believes the investment should again be made. Council concurred.
- 2012 Homearama. Mr. Klopsch reported that plans are underway to conduct the 2012 event at Pointe Oakwood. Preliminary dates are July 9 through 30.

There being no other business, at 6:30 p.m., Mayor Duncan concluded the meeting.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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Clerk of Council

MEMORANDUM

TO: MEMBERS OF STAFF  
FROM: NORBERT KLOPSCH  
SUBJECT: COUNCIL MEETING WORK SESSION MINUTES  
DATE: JANUARY 31, 2012

Attached is a copy of the minutes from our most recent council work session. I send this to you for your information and follow through as appropriate. Please see me if you have any questions.

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