

**MINUTES**  
**OAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION**  
**JANUARY 7, 2013**

The council of the city of Oakwood, Ohio, met in a work session on Monday, January 7, 2013 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. *Dayton Daily News* reporter Terry Morris also attended.

Mayor Duncan called the pre-council work session to order at 6 p.m. and led a discussion on the following agenda items.

- **STATUS REPORTS**
  - 2013 Council Committee Appointments: Mayor Duncan noted that he will present a slate of Oakwood residents to be appointed to various council committees.
  - Income Tax Uniformity: Vice Mayor Byington acknowledged that he will provide a status report on the last meeting he attended with other first suburbs communities throughout Ohio to discuss the state's quest to establish a uniform local income tax code.
  
- **VISITORS**
  - 2012 Holiday Decorating Award Winners: Mayor Duncan commented that he will join Oakwood resident and environmental committee member Kimberly Robinson at the formal meeting this evening in recognizing winners of the city's 2012 Holiday Decorating Contest.
  
- **LEGISLATION:** Council discussed the following three items of legislation scheduled for the formal meeting this evening.
  - Resolution appointing Lori L. Stacel to serve as Clerk of Council pursuant to section 2.11 of the Oakwood Charter.
  - Ordinance to amend Section 1 of the 2013 original appropriation Ordinance No. 4761 to provide for the appropriation of an additional amount of \$100,000 to be advanced from the general fund to the Stormwater Management Fund, subject to repayment as permitted by law.
  - Resolution declaring the necessity of a levy in excess of the ten-mill limitation and requesting that the County Auditor certify the total current tax valuation of the city of Oakwood and the dollar amount of the revenue that would be generated by a specified number of mills.
  
- **COUNCIL COMMITTEES**
  - **FINANCE**, Mr. Castleman.
    - **Levy Campaign:** Mr. Klopsch reported that he and Mayor Duncan recently met with Budget Review Committee (BRC) chair and vice chair Dave Dickerson and Bill Frapwell to discuss ideas for conducting a levy campaign. Mr. Dickerson and Mr. Frapwell agreed to serve as levy co-chairs. In the discussion, they suggested that an ad hoc committee be

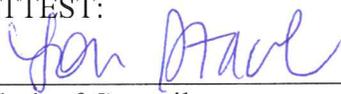
assembled, primarily from members of the BRC, but also including one or two Oakwood citizens with professional marketing skills. Oakwood resident Dick Good was suggested as a possible candidate.

- PUBLIC UTILITIES, Mr. Castleman.
  - Leaf Mulch Program: Mr. Klopsch noted that it is staff's recommendation to continue the annual leaf mulch program as it has been conducted over the past fifteen or so years. Council concurred.
- MISCELLANEOUS
  - CVS Beer and Wine Sales Application: Mr. Klopsch commented that staff finds no basis on which to object to an application by the Oakwood CVS store to begin selling beer and wine. Mr. Klopsch will submit the Ohio Division of Liquor Control form declining a hearing.
  - 2013 Council Committee Assignments: Mayor Duncan asked if any council member wished to discuss changing council committee assignments. No changes were requested.
  - RTA Bus Shelter: Mr. Klopsch noted that the city has an opportunity to request federal funding through RTA for construction of a bus shelter at the east entrance to Sugar Camp. The total cost of the shelter is approximately \$19,000 with approximately \$4,000 required from Oakwood. The question arose as to how many riders use this bus stop on a daily basis. Council questioned the expense, particularly given the current financial shortfall. Mr. Klopsch will report back on the bus stop usage.
  - Old River Field Fee Adjustment: Mr. Klopsch explained that the Oakwood United Soccer organization has requested a 50% reduction to their 2012 field use fees. Mr. Klopsch opined that this was not a reasonable request and not justified, particularly at a time when Oakwood citizens generally favor a fee for use approach in addressing city expenses. Oakwood United Soccer's request was based on their opinion that the field condition was substandard, primarily because of the 2012 draught. The question arose as to whether the field use agreement includes any specific language as to the condition of the field. Mr. Klopsch responded that he was not aware of the contract including any requirements on field condition, but would consult with City Attorney Rob Jacques to confirm this.

There being no other business, Mayor Duncan adjourned the work session at 7:14 p.m.

  
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