MINUTES
OAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
NOVEMBER 5, 2012

The council of the city of Oakwood, Ohio, met in a work session on Monday, November 5, 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.

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

- STATUS REPORTS
  - Income Tax Uniformity: Mayor Duncan noted that he will comment on the negative impact of HB 601 at the formal meeting this evening.

- VISITORS
  - Scarecrow Contest Winners: Mr. Klopsch mentioned that winners of the 2012 scarecrow contest will attend the formal meeting this evening to receive recognition.

- LEGISLATION: Council discussed the following legislation scheduled for action at the formal meeting this evening.
  - Second Reading, Ordinance to Enact Chapter 913, Stormwater Management Utility, Mr. Castleman
  - Resolution Establishing Stormwater Fee, Mr. Castleman
  - Resolution Approving Sugar Camp Building "A" Parking Lot Expansion, Mr. Castleman
  - Ordinance to Amend Property Maintenance District Map, Mr. Byington
  - Ordinance to Update Traffic and General Offenses Codes, Mr. Stephens

- COUNCIL COMMITTEES
  - Finance, Mr. Castleman
    - Open House Events, Cost Cuts, Fees and Taxes: Council had a general discussion about the three open house events recently conducted providing Oakwood citizens an opportunity to express opinions on cost cutting and revenue enhancement options.
    - Alternative Revenue Summit: Vice Mayor Byington and Mr. Klopsch reported on an October 19 meeting in Bexley where numerous communities shared ideas about generating revenue to replace state cuts to local government. Unfortunately, there are no easy ways to make up for the major losses associated with repeal of the Ohio estate tax and Local Government Fund cuts.
    - Leisure Services Cost Cuts: Mr. Klopsch reviewed the proposed 2013 spending cuts totaling about $32,000.

- Safety & Traffic, Mr. Stephens
    - Fire/EMS Proposal from Kettering: Mr. Klopsch commented on the proposal from Kettering to provide fire and EMS services to Oakwood. The proposal would increase Oakwood costs by about $50,000 annually and would also include a one-time $180,000 startup fee.

- MISCELLANEOUS
    - Personnel Changes: Mr. Klopsch reported on three staff positions that are vacating due to retirements (clerk of council, income tax clerk and truck driver). The clerk of council and income tax clerk will be replaced. The truck driver position will remain unfilled.
    - 2013 Community Calendar: Mr Klopsch mentioned that it would cost about $3,700 to produce and distribute to every Oakwood property via the Oakwood Register a 2013 city calendar. Council opined that this be cut from the budget. Mr Klopsch suggested that the city could still produce the calendar, through in-house labor, and make it available as a download from the city website.
    - Far Hills Business District Banners: Council discussed the cost of decorative banners for the business district and concluded that the city should forego the expense of a new set.
    - 2013 Committee Needs: Mayor Duncan provided an update on the status of filling upcoming vacancies.

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

William D Duncan

Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council