

SEPTEMBER 15, 2014 COUNCIL MEETING

City Council met in public session on September 15, 2014. Here are the highlights.

Minutes were approved for the August 18 regular, executive and work sessions of Council.

STATUS REPORTS

- Director of Engineering and Public Works Position – Mayor Bill Duncan reported that Kevin Weaver, who served as engineer and public works director, left Oakwood to assume a public works position for the city of Westerville. He explained that as another important cost savings measure, Council is appointing City Manager Norbert Klopsch to directly oversee the city engineering and public works department operations as authorized in Section 5.02 of the Oakwood City Charter... this in addition to his city manager responsibilities.

VISITORS

- Madeline Iseli, Human Services Levy Campaign –Ms. Iseli referenced a PowerPoint presentation and updated Council on the Human Services Levy, which provides services for people in need across Montgomery County. This November, Montgomery County voters will have the opportunity to vote on a Human Services issue that would serve more than 50,000 children, families and seniors with needs.

LEGISLATION

Oakwood City Council approved the following legislation:

- Resolution to approve Existing Property Tax Amounts and Rates.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- City Manager Norbert Klopsch provided an update on construction projects, the Vectren gas line work and the RTA Pole Replacement project. He reported that a working draft of the 2015 Budget has been prepared and the 35 member citizen Budget Review Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, September 16. He shared that public works has an outstanding staff including Assistant Public Works Director Mike Wenclewicz, Foreman Kenneth Perkins, Foreman Jeff Rittenhouse, Water Superintendent Gary Dursch and Public Works Secretary Theresa Caldwell. He explained that he and Assistant City Manager Jay Weiskircher interviewed eight candidates of 27 applicants and plan to make a selection fairly soon for filling the vacant Engineering Technician and Project Inspector position. As a cost saving measure, additional responsibilities will be added to this position in anticipation of eliminating a foreman position on the next retirement.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

- Councilmember Anne Hilton congratulated Mark Risley for the successful car show at the Oakwood Historical Society.
- Vice Mayor Steve Byington congratulated the Oakwood Schools for coming out on top once again. He shared that he had the opportunity to speak to a Leadership Dayton class at Carillon Park about the world of government and wished everyone a great year.
- Mayor Bill Duncan recognized Councilmember Anne Hilton for her pro bono legal aid work provided to low income families. Mayor Bill Duncan congratulated Councilmember Chris Epley for being appointed as a trustee of the Dayton Bar Association. Mayor Bill Duncan shared that recently an Oakwood Public Safety Officer pulled over a man that ran a stop light on Far Hills. When the officer spoke with the man, he shared that he had recently come back from serving in Afghanistan and had just asked his girlfriend to marry him and she said yes. The story got back to Mayor Duncan and he offered to marry them. He performed their wedding ceremony on September 3.

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.