

**MINUTES
OAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
NOVEMBER 3, 2014**

The council of the city of Oakwood, Ohio, met in a work session on Monday, November 3, 2014 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 Steve Byington, Rob Stephens, Anne Hilton and Chris Epley. Staff in attendance included City Manager Norbert Klopsch.

Mayor Duncan called the pre-council work session to order at 6:30 p.m. and began by reviewing the agenda for the formal council meeting this evening. Thereafter, Mayor Duncan led a discussion on the following additional agenda items:

- **STATUS REPORTS:** Mayor Duncan mentioned that he will provide a brief update on the status of HB 5 at the formal meeting this evening.
- **VISITORS:** Mayor Duncan noted that winners of the Scarecrow Row Contest and 2014 Beautification Awards will be recognized at the formal council meeting this evening.
- **LEGISLATION –** Council discussed the following three ordinances that will be addressed at the formal meeting this evening:
 - Ordinance to enact new Chapter 513, *Smoking on City-Owned Property*.
 - Ordinance to repeal existing Chapters 951, 953, 955, 957, 959, 961, 963, and 967 and to enact new Chapter 951, *Rights-of-Way Administration*.
 - Ordinance to authorize sale of grapple truck.
- **COUNCIL COMMITTEES**
 - **COURT LIAISON, Mrs. Hilton**
 - **Courts Costs:** Mr. Klopsch noted that Municipal Court Judge Peggy Quinn raised court costs effective November 1. Mr. Stephens added that he will continue to monitor court costs and suggested to Judge Quinn that she review these costs on a regular basis.
 - **FINANCE, Vice Mayor Byington**
 - **2015 Budget:** Mr. Klopsch noted that staff is assembling the final version of the 2015 Budget and that the document will be sent to the printer in mid-November. Formal presentation of the budget will take place at the December 8 council meeting.
 - **PUBLIC UTILITIES/WATERWORKS/SEWER, Mr. Epley**
 - **County Solid Waste District:** Mr. Klopsch reported that he recently attended a meeting of the Montgomery County Solid Waste District Financial Advisory Committee. At the meeting, Solid Waste District officials presented the proposed 2015 budget and reviewed a Facilities Master Plan Report. Mr. Klopsch mentioned that the Solid Waste District is

financially sound and that refuse disposal fees will likely not be raised any time over the next few years.

- SAFETY & TRAFFIC, Mr. Stephens
 - Public Service Radio Systems: Mr. Klopsch reported that staff continues work on determining needs for building a standalone VHF radio system for all non-public safety uses within the city organization. He also noted that a review of public safety radios was completed. Removing the non-public safety radios from the county 800 MHz system and reducing the count of public safety radios will drop the city's total of 800 MHz radios from 85 to 45.
 - Foxes and Deer: Mr. Klopsch noted that more Oakwood residents are reporting the presence of foxes around the community. It appears that the fox population is higher this year than in previous years. That said, the state wildlife officer continues to advise that these animals generally pose no risk and should be left alone, unless they are sick or injured.

- MISCELLANEOUS
 - "Triumph of Flight" Monument: Council discussed a recent request from a local group promoting the idea of building the "Triumph of Flight" monument at the intersection of I-70/I-75. The planning group requested an updated resolution from Oakwood supporting this project. Mr. Klopsch noted that there are mixed reactions to this request amongst other communities within the region and suggested that the planning group should engage in a marketing campaign to better promote their project.
 - Winter Market: Mr. Klopsch reported that planning for the December 5-6 Winter Market continues.
 - Far Hills Lights: Mr. Klopsch noted that Oakwood resident Linda Weprin collected \$8,200 in private donations to assist in decorating the Far Hills Avenue Business District this winter.

There being no other business, Mayor Duncan adjourned the pre-council work session at 7:22 p.m. at which time Council moved to the formal meeting.



Mayor

ATTEST:



Clerk of Council