

CITY OF OAKWOOD
STATE OF OHIO
DECEMBER 7, 2015

The Council of the city of Oakwood, State of Ohio, met in a work session at 6:30 p.m. in the conference room of the city of Oakwood, 30 Park Avenue, Oakwood, Ohio, 45419. Council then met in a regular session at 7:30 p.m., in the council chambers of the city of Oakwood.

The Mayor, Mr. William Duncan, presided, and the Clerk of Council, Ms. Lori Stacel, recorded. Mayor Duncan opened the meeting by asking all present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon call of the roll, the following members of Council responded to their names:

MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN.....PRESENT
MR. STEVEN BYINGTON.....PRESENT
MR. ROBERT P. STEPHENS.....PRESENT
MRS. ANNE S. HILTON.....PRESENT
MR. CHRISTOPHER B. EPLEY.....PRESENT

Officers of the city present were the following:

Mr. Norbert S. Klopsch, City Manager
Mr. Robert F. Jacques, City Attorney
Mr. Jay A. Weiskircher, Assistant City Manager
Ms. Carol Collins, Leisure Services Director
Mr. Alex Bebris, Public Safety Director
Mrs. Cindy Stafford, Finance Director
Ms. Lori Stacel, Clerk of Council

The following visitors registered:

Bill Frapwell, 400 Hathaway Road
Dave Dickerson, 216 Lookout Drive
Leon Chuck, 228 Triangle Avenue
Megan Smith, 333 E. Peach Orchard Avenue
PSO Kevin Pruszynski and Family
PSO Jeffrey Watkins and Family
Various Members of Oakwood Safety Department
Darlene and Frank Snell
Rich Olszewski
Stefanie Campbell, 271 Schenck Avenue
Brian Barr, *Oakwood Register*
Oakwood Sister City Association Members

Kirsten Halling
Julien Biteau and Family
Debbie Fuller
Taylor Snyder
Marc and Liz GeorGIN
Muriel Hunt
Charles and Ann Simms
Carol Holm
Pascale Abadie
Lucy Baker
Mike and Megan Smith
Wendy and Allison Kordik

Oakwood High School French Club Members

Katie Whitlock
Lizzy Knoll
Christine Intili
Jenna Geisenfeld
Isabel Sherk
Taylor Snyder
Kaylee Lutz

Mrs. Hilton advised Council she had read the meeting minutes of the November 2, 2015 regular, work and executive sessions and November 16, 2015 work session. Mrs. Hilton reported that she found the minutes correct and complete. Therefore, it was moved by Mrs. Hilton and seconded by Mr. Stephens that the minutes of the sessions of Council aforementioned be approved as written and the reading thereof at this session be dispensed with. Upon a viva voce vote on the question of the motion, same passed unanimously and it was so ordered.

STATUS REPORTS

Lieutenant Promotion – Mayor Duncan welcomed PSO Pruszynski and his family. Chief Bebris reported that Lieutenant Jim Tovinnitti was retiring at the end of 2015. Six very qualified Oakwood public safety officer candidates were considered for the lieutenant position. The process was not easy and the candidates were evaluated by police chiefs, fire command staff and other command staffs from different stations in the area. In the end, Kevin Pruszynski scored the highest and came out on top. One of the command staff that helped with the evaluations shared that Lt. Pruszynski was one of the best candidates that he has seen in many years. Chief Bebris was pleased to promote Lt. Pruszynski. Lt. Pruszynski's wife pinned on the lieutenant badge.

PSO Swear-In – Mayor Duncan recognized new Public Safety Officer Jeffrey Watkins and his family. He then administered the Oath of Office. Chief Bebris welcomed PSO Watkins and shared that he is glad to see him on board.

Citizen Committee Appointment – Mayor Duncan announced the nomination of Dr. Elizabeth Maimon, DVM to the Board of Health. It was moved by Mayor Duncan and seconded by Mrs. Hilton that the aforementioned nomination be confirmed. Upon a viva voce vote on the question of the motion, same passed unanimously and it was so ordered.

VISITORS

Mayor Duncan introduced members of the Oakwood Sister City Association and members of the Oakwood High School French Club in the audience:

Oakwood Sister City Association

Charles and Ann Simms

Kirsten Halling

Julien Biteau

Carol Holm

Debbie Fuller and granddaughter Taylor Snyder (2015 exchange student to Le Vesinet)

Marc and Liz GeorGIN

Muriel Hunt

Pascale Abadie

Oakwood High School French Club

Katie Whitlock - French Club officer

Lizzy Knoll

Christine Intili

Jenna Geisenfeld

Isabel Sherk

Taylor Snyder

Kaylee Lutz

LEGISLATION

A RESOLUTION

BY MAYOR DUNCAN

NO 1809

CONDEMNING THE TERRORIST ATTACKS IN PARIS AND OFFERING THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS FOR THE VICTIMS, CONDOLENCES TO THEIR FAMILIES, AND THE PLEDGE TO STAND IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE COUNTRY OF FRANCE AND OUR SISTER CITY, LE VÉSINET, IN THE FACE OF THIS HORRIFIC ATTACK ON LIBERTY.

Mayor Duncan read the resolution aloud:

CONDEMNING THE TERRORIST ATTACKS IN PARIS AND OFFERING THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS FOR THE VICTIMS, CONDOLENCES TO THEIR FAMILIES, AND THE PLEDGE TO STAND IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE COUNTRY OF FRANCE AND OUR SISTER CITY, LE VÉSINET, IN THE FACE OF THIS HORRIFIC ATTACK ON LIBERTY.

WHEREAS, on November 13, 2015, at least eight armed gun-men and suicide bombers conducted six separate attacks across the city of Paris, France, killing at least 129 civilians and wounding over 350 innocent men, women, and children; and

WHEREAS, these horrific attacks mark the deadliest violence to strike the Republic of France since World War II, the worst act of terrorism to strike Europe since the 2004 attacks in Madrid, Spain, that killed 191 and wounded approximately 1,800 others, and one of the worst terrorist acts carried out on Western soil since the catastrophic attacks of September 11, 2001; and

WHEREAS, Paris is still grieving from the January 7, 2015, terrorist attack on the offices of the French newspaper Charlie Hebdo that brutally murdered 12 people and injured at least 11 others; and

WHEREAS, the Republic of France is America's oldest ally, dating back to Marquis de Lafayette, and the people of the United States and France mutually share a debt of gratitude that dates from the formation of our republics through two world wars; and

WHEREAS, since 1973, the city of Oakwood has enjoyed a special and close relationship with its sister city, Le Vésinet, a suburb of Paris just 12 miles (20 km) from the sites of the November 13, 2015, attacks; and

WHEREAS, in the face of this horrific attack on liberty, Council recognizes that words cannot adequately express all that we feel, but wishes to honor Oakwood's long-standing friendship with Le Vésinet with this resolution of support;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION I.

The Council of the city of Oakwood hereby condemns, in the strongest manner possible, the brutal attacks on the people of Paris that resulted in the death of at least 129 people through shootings, hostage-taking, and suicide bombings of innocent, civilian targets.

SECTION II.

Council further expresses its heartfelt condolences and deepest sympathies for the victims and family members of those attacked.

SECTION III.

Council hereby pledges the solidarity and support of the city of Oakwood with the Republic of France, and most especially with the people of our sister city, Le Vésinet.

SECTION IV.

This resolution shall take effect as of the earliest date permitted by law.

Mayor Duncan invited Mr. Marc Georquin to read the resolution in French:

“CONDAMNANT LES ATTAQUES TERRORISTES A PARIS ET OFFRANT NOS PENSEES ET PRIERES AUX VICTIMES, CONDOLEANCES A LEURS FAMILLES, ET L'ENGAGEMENT DE SOLIDARITE AVEC LA FRANCE ET NOTRE VILLE JUMELLE, LE VESINET, VIS A VIS DE CET HORRIBLE ATTENTAT CONTRE LA LIBERTE.

ATTENDU QUE, le 13 Novembre 2015, au moins huit hommes armés de fusils et des kamikazes ont perpétré six attaques distinctes dans la ville de Paris, France, tuant au moins 129 civils et blessant plus de 350 innocents, hommes, femmes et enfants; et

ATTENDU QUE, ces horribles attaques marquent la violence la plus meurtrière à frapper la République Française depuis la Seconde Guerre mondiale, l'acte de terrorisme le pire à frapper l'Europe depuis les attentats de 2004 à Madrid, Espagne, qui avait fait 191 morts et environ 1,800 blessés, et l'un des pires actes terroristes perpétrés sur le sol occidental depuis les attentats catastrophiques du 11 Septembre 2001; et

ATTENDU QUE, Paris porte toujours le deuil du 7 Janvier 2015, attaque terroriste contre les bureaux du journal français Charlie Hebdo où 12 personnes ont été brutalement assassinées et au moins 11 autres blessées; et

ATTENDU QUE, la République Française est la plus ancienne alliée des Etats-Unis, datant du Marquis de Lafayette, et que le peuple des États-Unis et de la France partagent mutuellement une dette de gratitude qui remonte à la formation de nos républiques au travers de deux guerres mondiales; et

ATTENDU QUE, depuis 1973, la ville d'Oakwood a bénéficié d'une relation particulière et étroite avec sa ville jumelle, Le Vésinet, une banlieue de Paris, à seulement 20 km (12 miles) des sites des attaques du 13 Novembre 2015; et

ATTENDU QUE, face à cette horrible attaque sur la liberté, le Conseil reconnaît que les mots seuls ne peuvent exprimer adéquatement tout ce que l'on pense, mais tient à

honorer, avec cette résolution de soutien, l'amitié de longue date d'Oakwood avec Le Vésinet;

EN CONSÉQUENCE, IL EST RÉSOLU PAR LE CONSEIL DE LA VILLE D'Oakwood, État de l'Ohio:

SECTION I.

Le Conseil de la ville d'Oakwood condamne par la présente, et de la manière la plus forte possible, les attaques brutales contre le peuple de Paris qui ont entraîné la mort d'au moins 129 personnes par le biais de fusillades, prises d'otages et les attentats-suicides contre des cibles civiles innocentes.

SECTION II.

Le Conseil exprime en outre ses sincères condoléances et profonde sympathie aux victimes et aux membres des familles de personnes attaquées.

SECTION III.

Le Conseil s'engage par la présente à la solidarité et au soutien, par la ville d'Oakwood, de la République Française et plus particulièrement des habitants de notre ville jumelle, Le Vésinet.

SECTION IV.

Cette résolution prend effet à compter de la date la plus proche permise par la loi.

ADOPTÉ PAR CONSEIL DE LA VILLE D'Oakwood, ce 7e jour de Décembre 2015."

Julien Biteau thanked Oakwood City Council for considering this resolution in support of France.

Thereupon, it was moved by Mayor Duncan and seconded by Mrs. Hilton that the resolution be passed.

Upon call of the roll on the question of the motion, the following vote was recorded:

MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN.....	YEA
MR. STEVEN BYINGTON.....	YEA
MR. ROBERT P. STEPHENS.....	YEA
MRS. ANNE HILTON.....	YEA
MR. CHRISTOPHER EPLEY.....	YEA

There being five (5) yea votes and no (0) nay votes thereon, said resolution was declared duly passed and it was so ordered.

The audience sang the French national anthem followed by America the Beautiful.

A RESOLUTION

BY VICE MAYOR BYINGTON NO 1810

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO INCREASE THE HOURLY WAGE RATES IN THE EXISTING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF OAKWOOD CHAPTER OF THE OHIO COUNCIL 8, DAYTON PUBLIC SERVICE UNION, LOCAL 101, AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES (AFL-CIO) FOR THE 2016 CALENDAR YEAR.

A copy of the resolution, having been placed on the desks of each member of Council prior to introduction, was read by title.

Vice Mayor Byington explained that in February of 2014, Oakwood entered into the current collective bargaining agreement with public works employees. The contract, which continues through December 31, 2016, included no wage increase for 2014 but included wage re-opener provisions for the 2015 and 2016 calendar years.

Consistent with the contract, Oakwood has entered into wage negotiations with DPSU Local 101, which is the union representative for these employees, and they have tentatively agreed on a 2016 wage increase of 2% for each job classification. This increase does not change any other term or condition of the existing collective bargaining agreement. Mayor Duncan and Vice Mayor Byington have reviewed this increase as members of Council's Finance Committee, and this resolution will authorize the City Manager to implement it. As always, Council commends Assistant City Manager Jay Weiskircher for his efforts on the city's behalf, and also Oakwood Public Works employees for their fine service to the Oakwood community, and for their help in coming to a reasonable agreement.

Thereupon, it was moved by Vice Mayor Byington and seconded by Mr. Stephens that the resolution be passed.

Upon call of the roll on the question of the motion, the following vote was recorded:

MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN.....YEA
 MR. STEVEN BYINGTON.....YEA
 MR. ROBERT P. STEPHENS.....YEA
 MRS. ANNE HILTON.....YEA
 MR. CHRISTOPHER EPLEY.....YEA

There being five (5) yea votes and no (0) nay votes thereon, said resolution was declared duly passed and it was so ordered.

AN ORDINANCE

BY MR. EPLEY NO 4814

TO AMEND EXISTING SECTIONS 913.06, 915.05, 919.06, AND 931.17 OF THE OAKWOOD STREETS AND PUBLIC SERVICES CODE TO CREATE A UNIFORM PROCEDURE FOR SETTING CITY UTILITY SERVICE RATES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

A copy of the ordinance, having been placed on the desks of each member of Council prior to introduction, was read by title.

Mr. Epley explained that this is an ordinance to create a uniform process for setting city utility service rates.

Each of Oakwood utilities – water, sanitary sewer, and stormwater management – and the Oakwood refuse program are governed by different sections of the Streets and Public Services Code. These sections were not written as a single cohesive ordinance, and as a result there are different mechanisms for setting the rates for each service. To adjust water rates, for example, Council must pass an ordinance to change that section of the code. To adjust stormwater rates, Council must adopt a resolution.

This ordinance will update all four sections of the Streets and Public Services Code so that Council can use the same mechanism to make adjustments to any of these city service rates. Rates for all four services will be specified on a single public services rate sheet, which will be in the form of an appendix to the Streets and Public Services Code. Adjustments will be made by passing an ordinance to update the appendix.

This ordinance is being introduced as an emergency measure, so it can take effect immediately, because tonight's agenda also includes an ordinance to increase the refuse rates by making an adjustment to the appendix.

Thereupon, it was moved by Mr. Epley and seconded by Mrs. Hilton that the ordinance be passed as an emergency measure, with no second reading required.

Upon call of the roll on the question of the motion, the following vote was recorded:

MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN.....YEA
 MR. STEVEN BYINGTON.....YEA
 MR. ROBERT P. STEPHENS.....YEA
 MRS. ANNE HILTON.....YEA
 MR. CHRISTOPHER EPLEY.....YEA

There being five (5) yea votes and no (0) nay votes thereon, said ordinance was declared duly passed and it was so ordered.

A RESOLUTION

BY VICE MAYOR BYINGTON NO 1811

AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO ALLOCATE CITY SERVICE CENTER COSTS AMONG VARIOUS FUNDS.

A copy of the resolution, having been placed on the desks of each member of Council prior to introduction, was read by title.

Vice Mayor Byington explained that this is a house-keeping resolution that has been recommended by the Finance Director and Law Director to clarify the method of accounting Oakwood uses for allocating service center costs. The city operates a motor vehicle service center within the Public Works Department, where 2 full time mechanics are employed to keep city vehicles and equipment properly maintained. For accounting purposes, the costs of

operating our service center must be allocated to various city departments and funds. Historically, this has been done on a percentage basis. If, for example, 20% of the service center costs can be attributed to servicing our police fleet, then 20% of the costs are allocated to the Safety Department budget.

Oakwood uses percentage allocations because costs vary each year depending on vehicle and equipment failures and other maintenance requirements. In order to budget appropriately in each department, we must make a reasonable forecast of these varying costs.

Oakwood has used this accounting method for many years, but Council has never formally adopted it via legislation. That is the purpose of this resolution. It will formally authorize the Finance Director to continue making these allocations according to generally accepted accounting standards, where the percentages are a reasonable forecast based on the number of vehicles and equipment in each department and a good faith estimate of the work that will be attributable to a particular department or accounting fund.

Thereupon, it was moved by Vice Mayor Byington and seconded by Mr. Stephens that the resolution be passed.

Upon call of the roll on the question of the motion, the following vote was recorded:

MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN.....	YEA
MR. STEVEN BYINGTON	YEA
MR. ROBERT P. STEPHENS.....	YEA
MRS. ANNE HILTON	YEA
MR. CHRISTOPHER EPLEY.....	YEA

There being five (5) yea votes and no (0) nay votes thereon, said resolution was declared duly passed and it was so ordered.

AN ORDINANCE

BY MR. EPLEY NO 4815

TO AMEND "APPENDIX A" OF THE STREETS AND PUBLIC SERVICES CODE OF THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, OHIO.

A copy of the ordinance, having been placed on the desks of each member of Council prior to introduction, was read by title.

Mr. Epley explained that this is an ordinance to update Appendix A, which is the public services rate sheet, by increasing city refuse collection rates from \$25 to \$27 per month. It also makes a minor clerical update so that the rate sheet includes rates for Oakwood's stormwater management utility, but no change is being made to the stormwater rates themselves.

When the Ohio Estate Tax was eliminated in 2013, the city of Oakwood lost nearly \$3 million in average annual revenue. This forced several changes in Oakwood. One of the things Oakwood did in response was to end the practice of subsidizing the refuse collection program out of general fund tax dollars. In other words, Oakwood restructured the program so that 100% of the cost was paid by user fees.

Beginning in 2016, Oakwood is entering a period when the refuse program will incur significant capital expenditures to replace critical equipment, including a front-end loader, 2 refuse packer trucks, and 3 dump trucks. Current projections show that Oakwood will need to make nearly \$1 million in capital expenditures for the refuse program over the next 5 years.

A rate adjustment is necessary to begin planning for these expenditures. The capital expenditures will allow Oakwood to continue providing top quality refuse services.

Under Section 3.04 of the City Charter, this ordinance will take effect upon its passage.

Thereupon, it was moved by Mr. Epley and seconded by Vice Mayor Byington that the ordinance be passed as an emergency measure, with no second reading required, so that the new rates will be in effect starting in January, 2016.

Mrs. Hilton asked how the increase in rates will be communicated to Oakwood residents.

Mr. Klopsch shared that the information will likely be reported in Wednesday's *Oakwood Register*, but if not, there will be a press release sent out.

Upon call of the roll on the question of the motion, the following vote was recorded:

MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN.....YEA
 MR. STEVEN BYINGTON.....YEA
 MR. ROBERT P. STEPHENS.....YEA
 MRS. ANNE HILTON.....YEA
 MR. CHRISTOPHER EPLEY.....YEA

There being five (5) yea votes and no (0) nay votes thereon, said ordinance was declared duly passed and it was so ordered.

AN ORDINANCE

BY VICE MAYOR BYINGTON NO 4816

TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2016.

A copy of the ordinance, having been placed on the desks of each member of Council prior to introduction, was read by title.

Vice Mayor Byington explained that this is Oakwood's annual budget ordinance, which appropriates the city's funding for 2016. This ordinance is required under Section 6.05 of the City Charter and, when adopted, provides formal authorization to the city manager to spend public dollars in providing city services.

The 2016 budget reflects non-enterprise spending at about \$70,000 less than the 2015 budget. The city budget is divided into four parts with budgeted spending in each as follows:

Water Utility: \$ 1,282,177
 Sanitary Sewer Utility: \$ 1,604,499
 Stormwater Utility: \$ 260,420
 All other City Services: \$12,969,422

City Manager Norbert Klopsch referenced a PowerPoint presentation on the 2016 budget. Mr. Klopsch shared that the information he is about to present on the city financials is a positive report and that the city's website includes detailed financial data.

Mr. Klopsch reviewed the following 2015 highlights:

The Far Hills Avenue Business District Tree Project was completed in late winter/early spring. The project was originally scheduled to be a two-year job, but there was cost savings in completing it all in one year.

The Business District Wintertime Lights were funded by the \$5,000 check that was donated by the DP&L Foundation and presented by Stefanie Campbell at the September 21, 2015 City Council meeting. Kudos to Leisure Services Director Carol Collins and her staff for spearheading the decorating project.

The city completed a number of important roadway improvement projects, most notably Oakwood Avenue. This is a continuation of Oakwood's commitment to maintaining the public infrastructure.

The vast majority of Oakwood public radio systems were replaced. This project was part of a county-wide project to move from an old analog system to a new digital system. The city now has all new radios and new public safety dispatch center equipment at the city building. The Public Works Department has a separate stand-alone radio system.

Half of the water meter transmitters throughout Oakwood were replaced in 2015. The second half of the project is budgeted for 2016. When that project is complete, the water system and the method used to obtain water usage data for the monthly billing will be fully updated and will be in good shape for the next 10-15 years.

The Public Safety Department replaced two police cars.

The city built two new refuse scooters, which saved about \$10 - \$15,000 compared to buying the scooters fully built from a single vendor.

Mr. Klopsch shared that in his 23 years with the city, this past year has had the greatest turnover of staff. Oakwood lost many great employees, mostly to retirement. Fortunately, Oakwood found outstanding new employees. A list of new employees was displayed.

In terms of 2015 revenue and expenses, Oakwood expected to spend about \$650,000 of reserves in Non-Enterprise Operations, but will end the year with approximately \$500,000 surplus, which is very good news! Revenue increases can be attributed to a significant rise in income tax collections. Expense decreases can be attributed to health insurance being significantly lower than budgeted, and also the public works director position being eliminated from the budget. The state also changed the manner in which it collects police pension payments, which contributed to the expense portion of the ledger being significantly less than budget. The bottom line is that Oakwood will end the year in the black versus in the red as originally budgeted.

Within the Water utility, Oakwood is ending the year using significantly less reserves than originally budgeted. The city has not raised water rates in over 20 years.

The Sanitary Sewer utility almost broke even and improved from a budgeted \$70,000 deficit to an estimated \$30,000 deficit.

The Stormwater utility was budgeted to break even, but will have about \$38,000 carried over to 2016.

Mr. Klopsch shared that in all, 2015 has been a good year with tight cost controls. He complimented all Department Heads for continually looking for ways to get the job done by spending less.

In the 2016 budget, there are no new taxes proposed. The only fee increase is the refuse fee for which legislation was passed earlier in the meeting. That fee will increase from \$25 per month to \$27 per month beginning January 2016. It is important to note that 20-25%, depending on the level of capital equipment needed in a given year, of the total refuse bill payed in Oakwood covers costs to pick up green waste. The last increase for income taxes was in 1984; property taxes was in 2013; water rates in 1994; sewer rates in 2009; stormwater and refuse rates in 2013. The budget does not propose any changes in city services, so there will not be any negative impacts to Oakwood citizens. The city is budgeting within the Non-Enterprise Funds to spend about \$70,000 less than last year, which is an indicator of continuing tight cost controls. Oakwood is beginning 2016 with an estimated \$7.8 million in the eight primary funds, which is more than six months of operating expenses. The 2016 budget contemplates spending \$225,000 of reserves if revenues and expenses come in exactly as budgeted. The city is conservative on both ends and the expectation is to finish 2016 at least breaking even and hopefully again into the black.

In response to the Estate Tax repeal and other State cuts, the city reduced spending for six consecutive years; cut the full-time workforce from 95 to 82; froze pay for two years; established a stormwater utility, and implemented a 100% fee based refuse service. Also, Oakwood citizens approved a 3.75 mill Property Tax issue. Moving forward, the income tax issue still needs to be addressed. Roughly 50% of the municipal tax that Oakwood residents pay goes to other communities.

In the 2016 budget, \$6.7 million is projected in income tax revenues. With House Bill 5, which changes the Ohio Municipal Income Tax Code, there will be an estimated loss of around \$250,000 annually. Again, a full 50% of the municipal tax paid by Oakwood residents is remitted to the taxing jurisdictions where Oakwood citizens work and Oakwood loses more revenue every time another community raises their tax rate. The city receives 9% of property taxes, which is a very small percentage of the total property taxes that Oakwood citizens pay.

Sugar Camp and Pointe Oakwood continue to remain important developments in Oakwood. Most notably, the property at Sugar Camp is nearly filled, mostly with medical groups. Each new home built and occupied at Pointe Oakwood is positive for the Oakwood community.

For the 2016 budget, there is about \$1,400,000 included for Capital Expenditures, which is adequate to continue to maintain equipment and complete important public infrastructure improvements.

The Water utility continues to function according to all EPA regulations. Gary Dursch does an outstanding job as the city's Water Plant Superintendent. The city has the 3rd lowest water rates out of 66 jurisdictions in the region. Because the city has not raised rates in over 20 years, Oakwood is in a deficit spending mode within the water fund, but there is still an adequate fund balance. Mr. Klopsch shared that he doesn't believe water rates need to be raised in 2016, but there should be discussion about possible adjustments in 2017. There is \$200,000 budgeted for capital expenses in the Water utility.

The Sewer utility projects 2016 expenses of \$30,000 more than revenues. The 2015 regional rate survey showed Oakwood as having the 33rd lowest sewer rate out of 63 jurisdictions. The majority of the sewer expenses are paid to Montgomery County and the city of Dayton for wastewater treatment. The sewer fund includes \$200,000 in capital expenses. There should not be a need to raise sanitary sewer rates for at least two more years.

The Stormwater utility is entering its fourth year. The \$6 per month rate is continuing. At this time there are no capital needs within this utility.

Mr. Klopsch displayed graphs for Gross Income Tax Receipts, Property Tax and Estate Tax.

The Residential Real Estate Tax breakdown consists of 68.4% to Oakwood Schools; 1.7% to Montgomery County; 0.3% to Developmental Disabilities; 1.8% to Metro Parks; 14.2% to Human Services; 3.2% to Sinclair; 8.9% to the city of Oakwood; and, 1.5% to Wright Library.

The Non-Enterprise Funds estimated balance as of 12/31/16 is \$9,552,699.

The Water Funds estimated balance as of 12/31/16 is \$906,694.

The Sewer Funds estimated balance as of 12/31/16 is \$971,137.

The Stormwater Funds estimated balance as of 12/31/16 is \$140,628.

Mrs. Hilton asked if we know how much of Oakwood municipal taxes went to other communities five years ago versus today.

Mr. Klopsch shared that about \$400,000 more a year is now going to other communities, which is a direct result of other communities raising their local income tax rates.

Mrs. Hilton asked if around five communities have raised their income tax rates.

Mr. Klopsch responded that it is more like 15-18 communities that have raised their rates. Each time a community raises their rate, more of the 2.5% total tax goes to that community. It is about \$400,000 more now than a few years ago.

Mayor Duncan thanked Mr. Klopsch and his staff for all of their good work in managing the city finances. He then thanked City Council for providing good leadership.

Vice Mayor Byington explained that Oakwood has a citizen budget committee that currently includes 33 members. That committee met four times this year and endorses this 2016 budget. Vice Mayor Byington invited Committee Chair Dave Dickerson and Vice Chair Bill Frapwell to make a few comments about the citizen budget committee's role in providing input on budget matters.

Dave Dickerson and Bill Frapwell addressed Council. Mr. Dickerson explained that the Budget Review Committee's role is to advise Staff and Council on city financial matters and to communicate the viewpoint of Oakwood residents on the extent of city services, and their willingness to pay the associated costs. The members of the committee should not only provide their own opinions, but the opinions of Oakwood residents within the city's seven precincts. The Committee is also active in monitoring how the city has responded to the elimination of the Ohio Estate Tax and other state funding cuts. The Committee is pleased to report on how well the city has responded. The city has cut spending in each of the past six years from 2009 to 2014. Also, the proposed 2016 budget exhibits continuation of tight control costs. Regarding the proposed 2016 Budget, the Budget Review Committee met four times during 2015. The Committee has reviewed the details in each budget fund accounts including Water, Sanitary Sewer and Stormwater Operations. The Committee continues to see tight controls in all of these areas. The budget includes the financial resources needed to continue first class city services and does not include any tax increases. The city has a long history of only raising fees when necessary. The only fee change in 2016 is the \$2 increase to the monthly refuse charge. The Committee believes this increase is needed to continue to provide unparalleled refuse services. The Committee is pleased to see that the 2016 Budget includes \$1.4 million for capital expenses about half of which is for roadways, which demonstrates a commitment from the City staff and Council to continue to maintain Oakwood infrastructure. The Budget Review Committee unanimously recommends to City Council that the 2016 Budget be approved. Mr. Dickerson thanked City Council for the opportunity to serve.

Mayor Duncan thanked Mr. Dickerson and Mr. Frapwell for their service on the Budget Review Committee as well as all other members on the committee.

Mr. Frapwell thanked City Manager Klopsch and city staff for always taking the time to explain the fiscal situation of the city. The Budget Review Committee oversight provides a good system and both sides (citizens and Staff/Council) certainly benefit from it.

Mayor Duncan agreed with Mr. Frapwell. He also shared that council asks committee members to help get the facts out into the community.

Thereupon, it was moved by Vice Mayor Byington and seconded by Mr. Stephens that the ordinance be passed as an emergency measure, with no second reading required.

Upon call of the roll on the question of the motion, the following vote was recorded:

MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN.....YEA
 MR. STEVEN BYINGTON.....YEA
 MR. ROBERT P. STEPHENS.....YEA
 MRS. ANNE HILTON.....YEA
 MR. CHRISTOPHER EPLEY.....YEA

There being five (5) yea votes and no (0) nay votes thereon, said ordinance was declared duly passed and it was so ordered.

AN ORDINANCE
 BY VICE MAYOR BYINGTON NO 4817
 TO REPEAL ORDINANCE NUMBER 4797 AND ESTABLISH AN AMENDED
 PERSONNEL SCHEDULE DATED DECEMBER 7, 2015, AND TO DECLARE AN
 EMERGENCY.

A copy of the ordinance, having been placed on the desks of each member of Council prior to introduction, was read by title.

Vice Mayor Byington explained that this is an ordinance to update the city's personnel schedule. This updated schedule authorizes an increase of 2% for non-bargaining unit city staff for 2016. It also adjusts life insurance benefits for non-bargaining unit city staff. These life insurance benefits were last adjusted 23 years ago.

Thereupon, it was moved by Vice Mayor Byington and seconded by Mr. Epley that the ordinance be passed as an emergency measure, with no second reading required.

Upon call of the roll on the question of the motion, the following vote was recorded:

MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN.....YEA
 MR. STEVEN BYINGTON.....YEA
 MR. ROBERT P. STEPHENS.....YEA
 MRS. ANNE HILTON.....YEA
 MR. CHRISTOPHER EPLEY.....YEA

There being five (5) yea votes and no (0) nay votes thereon, said ordinance was declared duly passed and it was so ordered.

AN ORDINANCE
 BY VICE MAYOR BYINGTON NO 4818
 TO SET THE MAXIMUM COMPENSATION OF THE
 OAKWOOD MUNICIPAL COURT CLERK, DEPUTY CLERK
 OF COURTS, AND BAILIFF, AND TO DECLARE AN
 EMERGENCY.

A copy of the ordinance, having been placed on the desks of each member of Council prior to introduction, was read by title.

Vice Mayor Byington explained that by law, the Oakwood Municipal Judge determines the actual salary for each court employee, but Council is responsible for setting the maximum amount to be paid for each job classification within the court. This ordinance will increase the maximum compensation for all court employee job classifications by 2% for 2016.

Thereupon, it was moved by Vice Mayor Byington and seconded by Mrs. Hilton that the ordinance be passed as an emergency measure, with no second reading required.

Upon call of the roll on the question of the motion, the following vote was recorded:

MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN.....YEA
 MR. STEVEN BYINGTON.....YEA
 MR. ROBERT P. STEPHENS.....YEA
 MRS. ANNE HILTON.....YEA
 MR. CHRISTOPHER EPLEY.....YEA

There being five (5) yea votes and no (0) nay votes thereon, said ordinance was declared duly passed and it was so ordered.

STAFF REPORT – NONE

CITY MANAGER’S COMMENTS – Mr. Klopsch reported on the following items:

The Old River Athletic Facility Project is moving along. MSA Sport was selected as the lead Consultant on the project. A series of three stakeholder meetings were held last week. There is a community open house set for 5-7 p.m. on Wednesday, December 16 at the Oakwood Community Center. Representative from MSA Sport, the Oakwood Schools and the City will be there to discuss the project and answer questions.

The annual leaf collection is nearly completed. The contractor will soon haul the leaves out and process them into mulch. Hats off to the public works department for their hard work in collecting the leaves.

The annual holiday senior luncheon was at the OCC last week. Carol Collins and her staff did a great job conducting the event. There was a good turnout and the event was appreciated by all.

The Shafor Park Tree Lighting ceremony is at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 13. Luminaria kits are on sale for \$4.50 per dozen and the price includes white bags, sand and 10-hour candles. The holiday decorating contest kicks off tomorrow and runs through next Monday, December 14.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mrs. Hilton congratulated the Sister City Association for their fine work. She reported that the annual Holiday at the Homestead sponsored by the Oakwood Historical Society is from 1-4 p.m. on Sunday, December 13.

Mr. Stephens thanked all city employees for their hard work throughout the year. He wished everyone a joyous and safe holiday season.

Vice Mayor Byington echoed Mr. Stephens comments about city staff. He also thanked Assistant City Manager Jay Weiskircher for all of his work and negotiations with the different employee groups. He also thanked Wright State for hosting the Raider Nation basketball event last Friday, and wished the Wright State basketball team all the best of luck. He wished everyone a happy and safe holiday season.

Mayor Duncan shared that he was proud to be part of the resolution standing in solidarity with the people of France. He pointed out that today is the 74th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. He then read Franklin Delano Roosevelt’s speech to Congress that was delivered December 8, 1941 in Washington, D.C.

“Mr. Vice President, Mr. Speaker, Members of the Senate, and of the House of Representatives:

Yesterday, December 7th, 1941 -- a date which will live in infamy -- the United States of America was suddenly and deliberately attacked by naval and air forces of the Empire of Japan.

The United States was at peace with that nation and, at the solicitation of Japan, was still in conversation with its government and its emperor looking toward the maintenance of peace in the Pacific.

Indeed, one hour after Japanese air squadrons had commenced bombing in the American island of Oahu, the Japanese ambassador to the United States and his colleague delivered to our Secretary of State a formal reply to a recent American message. And while this reply stated that it seemed useless to continue the existing diplomatic negotiations, it contained no threat or hint of war or of armed attack.

It will be recorded that the distance of Hawaii from Japan makes it obvious that the attack was deliberately planned many days or even weeks ago. During the intervening time, the Japanese government has deliberately sought to deceive the United States by false statements and expressions of hope for continued peace.

The attack yesterday on the Hawaiian islands has caused severe damage to American naval and military forces. I regret to tell you that very many American lives have been lost. In addition, American ships have been reported torpedoed on the high seas between San Francisco and Honolulu.

Yesterday, the Japanese government also launched an attack against Malaya.

Last night, Japanese forces attacked Hong Kong.

Last night, Japanese forces attacked Guam.

Last night, Japanese forces attacked the Philippine Islands.

Last night, the Japanese attacked Wake Island.

And this morning, the Japanese attacked Midway Island.

Japan has, therefore, undertaken a surprise offensive extending throughout the Pacific area. The facts of yesterday and today speak for themselves. The people of the United States have already formed their opinions and well understand the implications to the very life and safety of our nation.

As Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy, I have directed that all measures be taken for our defense. But always will our whole nation remember the character of the onslaught against us.

No matter how long it may take us to overcome this premeditated invasion, the American people in their righteous might will win through to absolute victory.

I believe that I interpret the will of the Congress and of the people when I assert that we will not only defend ourselves to the uttermost, but will make it very certain that this form of treachery shall never again endanger us.

Hostilities exist. There is no blinking at the fact that our people, our territory, and our interests are in grave danger.

With confidence in our armed forces, with the unbounding determination of our people, we will gain the inevitable triumph -- so help us God.

I ask that the Congress declare that since the unprovoked and dastardly attack by Japan on Sunday, December 7th, 1941, a state of war has existed between the United States and the Japanese empire."

Mayor Duncan recognized his father-in-law who passed away this summer at age 89, who served on a destroyer in the Japanese Sea. He also recognized his uncle, who at the age of 19, walked across Europe and liberated the Dachau Concentration Camp. These are currently trying times, but it is not what it could have been. Mayor Duncan wished everyone a Happy Hanukkah, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

The public meeting concluded at 8:45 p.m.



MAYOR

ATTEST:



CLERK OF COUNCIL