

CITY OF OAKWOOD

STATE OF OHIO

DECEMBER 17, 2007

The Council of the city of Oakwood, State of Ohio, met in a work session at 6:00 p.m. in the conference room of the city of Oakwood, 30 Park Avenue, Dayton, 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, Mrs. Judy Cook, presided, and the Clerk of Council, Ms. Cathy Blum, recorded. Mayor Cook 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:

MRS. JUDY COOK.....PRESENT
MR. CARLO C. McGINNIS.....PRESENT
MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN.....PRESENT
MR. ROGER C. BLUMENSHEID.....PRESENT
MR. STANLEY CASTLEMAN.....PRESENT

Officers of the city present were the following:

Mr. Norbert S. Klopsch, City Manager
Ms. Dalma C. Grandjean, City Attorney
Mr. Jay A. Weiskircher, Assistant City Manager
Ms. Carol Collins, Leisure Services Director
Mr. Brad Beachdell, Finance Director
Chief Alex Bebris, Public Safety Director
Mr. Kevin Weaver, Public Works & Engineering Director

The press this evening was represented by the editor of the *Oakwood Register*, Mr. Lance Winkler; and Mr. Emmanuel Cavallaro, *DDN*.

The following visitors registered:

Joseph Koussa, 1537 Beaver Creek Lane
Franz Hoge, 939 Laurelwood Road
Patricia Schroeder, 230 Rubicon
Bill Kendell, 318 Dellwood
Greg Turner, 40 Shafor Circle
Public Safety Department Members

Mr. Duncan, Chair of the Council Committee on Minutes, advised council he had read the minutes of the regular and work sessions of council held November 5, 2007, the work session of November 26, 2007 and the work session of December 3, 2007. Mr. Duncan reported he found a typographical error on page 7, near the bottom it should be Michael Robinette &; and Mr. McGinnis' comments were not included in regard to how council works out differences during work sessions. It was moved by Mr. Duncan and seconded by Mr. Castleman that the minutes of the sessions of council be approved as corrected 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.

Mayor Cook recognized three new Public Safety Officers and family. Chief Bebris introduced Tiffany Conley, Bruce Upchurch, and Alan Hill. Mayor Cook administered the Oath of Office. Chief Bebris welcomed them and noted during the past selection process, it was difficult to choose between many excellent candidates; however, a lot of good things were said about each officer then and now. He is proud of the officers and welcomed them. Mayor Cook noted the department is now at full capacity.

Mayor Cook recognized Bill Kendell, Planning Commission Chair, who is retiring from the Commission.

RESOLUTION

BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

NO 1664

TO EXPRESS THE APPRECIATION OF THE CITY OF OAKWOOD FOR THE SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP OF WILLIAM KENDELL AS A MEMBER AND CHAIRMAN OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

A copy of the resolution, having been placed on the desks of each member of council prior to introduction, was read in its entirety.

Mr. McGinnis referenced all the large and small applications Mr. Kendell has been through and his two areas of skill: 1) analysis and grasp of the community; and 2) team building between the commission members and staff. Mr. McGinnis indicated Mr. Kendell has served the city well and

extended thanks for his help on the long range plan which will be used for generations. Mr. Duncan echoed those comments and was pleased how Mr. Kendell dealt with controversial issues which have worked out for the city. Mr. Blumensheid extended thanks for all the homework done prior to showing up at the meetings. Mr. Castleman was pleased how well Mr. Kendell worked on the Versant application. Mr. Klopsch was privileged to sign the resolution and extended his thanks to Mr. Kendell who brought a calming influence, sat through tough issues and never appeared frazzled. Mr. Klopsch noted there is no salary with the position and believes there is no other citizen volunteer position that requires more time than the Planning Commission. He extended thanks personally and on behalf of the community.

Thereupon, it was moved by Mr. Duncan and seconded by Mr. Blumensheid that the resolution be passed. Upon a viva voce vote on the question of the motion, same passed unanimously and it was so ordered.

Mr. Kendell indicated he has enjoyed the 22 years on the commission, but actually he has served the city for approximately 30, beginning with the 75-year city centennial celebration, Smith Gardens and Personnel Appeals Board. He has enjoyed it all, made new friends and extended thanks. Mayor Cook explained the resolution will be framed and delivered to Mr. Kendell.

STATUS REPORT

Proclamations. Mayor Cook read a proclamation honoring retiring West Carrollton Mayor Maxine Gilman. She plans to deliver the Proclamation in person at an upcoming reception. Mayor Cook also read a proclamation honoring retiring West Carrollton City Manager Tracy Williams.

Council Policy re: City Employee Appointments to Council Committees. Mayor Cook indicated this policy clarifies that no city employee shall be appointed to a council committee.

Therefore, it was moved by Mayor Cook and seconded by Mr. Castleman that the aforementioned policy be adopted. Upon a viva voce vote on the question of the motion, same passed unanimously and it was so ordered.

Committee Appointments. Mayor Cook announced there are positions open on the Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals. She urged citizens to secure an application from the website or at city hall. She noted applications are due January 7 so council may proceed with appointments.

Mayor Cook recognized the visitors. Mr. Franz Hoge, Chair of the Human Services Council, extended thanks for all that was done in response to his request for help on the recent levy. He indicated many Oakwood citizens contributed financially, worked on the campaign and 66% voted in favor. He referenced the levy theme “service that works” and presented a video of a homeless shelter that housed 61, approximately 40 of which are now working and what has transpired. Mayor Cook reported the Human Services Levy Council met earlier in the day and she learned that Mr. Hoge’s term is ending, a difficult position to fill. Mr. Castleman referenced a recent report that 25-28% of the homeless are Veterans. Mayor Cook is pleased with all the new programs via this levy. Mr. Duncan believes the video just shown is available on the *DDN* website. As a member of the Goodwill Board, he indicated they were instrumental in placing that individual shown in the video and noted how appreciative those folks are.

Mr. Koussa extended prayers to the troops. He expressed concern with all the political campaign ads and hopes to hear only what the candidates will do, not the negative. He urged everyone to vote and would like to see a yea or nay for each candidate ballot. Mr. Koussa wished Mr. Blumensheid good luck and indicated he will be missed, a good man. He concluded with wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

There being no other visitors with business, the following legislation was introduced.

ORDINANCE

BY MR. BLUMENSHEID

NO 4639

TO APPROVE CURRENT REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE OAKWOOD TRAFFIC AND GENERAL OFFENSES CODES.

A copy of the ordinance, having been placed on the desks of each member of council prior to introduction, was read by title. Mr. Blumensheid explained these are the annual updates from Drane and have been concurred in by public safety and legal staff. He added these amendments bring the code in compliance with state law.

Thereupon, it was moved by Mr. Blumensheid and seconded by Mr. Castleman that the ordinance be passed as an emergency measure.

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

MRS. JUDY COOK.....YEA
MR. CARLO C. McGINNIS.....YEA
MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN.....YEA
MR. ROGER C. BLUMENSHEID.....YEA
MR. STANLEY CASTLEMAN.....YEA

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

ORDINANCE

BY MR. DUNCAN

NO 4640

TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2008.

A copy of the ordinance, having been placed on the desks of each member of council prior to introduction, was read by title. Mr. Duncan explained the budget is \$20.2 M with \$4.2 M representing repayment of debt and \$16 M in net expenditures due in part to the city's purchase of the Old River Fields, increased public green space, Sugar Camp infrastructure and Business District parking. Mr. Duncan indicated the budget reflects no increases in income tax, property tax, water or sewer rates. He commended the outstanding work by the city manager and staff and is pleased the city has the benefit of estate taxes.

Thereupon, it was moved by Mr. Duncan and seconded by Mr. Blumensheid that the ordinance be passed in accordance with Charter Provision 3.02 and Section 111.19 of the Oakwood Administrative Code, now and without readings on two separate days.

Mr. Klopsch referenced a PowerPoint on the 2008 Budget and all the work that went into the document. He commended Finance Director Brad Beachdell and announced Mr. Beachdell's intent to retire in March, 2008 after 30 years of service. He has enjoyed working with Mr. Beachdell and appreciates all his skills and interest in finance, an outstanding Finance Director. He also recognized all department heads who have contributed to the document. Mr. Klopsch reviewed the history of the primary revenue sources, including income tax which has been solid this year, property tax which has been as expected and the surprising estate tax of close to \$10 M by year end. He reiterated the city has not raised fees for city services.

In regard to income tax, he referenced a chart which shows gradual growth since 1997 with a dip in 2004-2005 which they later recovered and expect additional growth in 2008. Mr. Klopsch indicated the Sugar Camp development will have a positive impact on the revenue stream; and referenced a chart on the estate tax which averages on an annual basis to \$2.8 M. He referenced the non-enterprise funds and pointed out revenue exceeds the budgeted expenditures and they have only spent what was appropriated. In the water fund, they exceeded the projected revenue; and in the sewer fund, they have not yet reached the budgeted amount. He noted although the sewer rates were raised a couple times over the past three years, there are no plans to increase in 2008.

Mr. Klopsch reviewed the estate tax chart comparing what has been budgeted, reserves used to help balance the budget, etc. Those funds have been used to help with the Sugar Camp infrastructure; Centennial Houk Stream Park; purchase of four-unit building at 19 Wonderly to assist with Business District parking; asphalt pavement improvements; sidewalk, curb and apron project; Oakwood Avenue project; and Public Safety Dispatch equipment. Mr. McGinnis asked for a breakdown on the Sugar Camp infrastructure. Mr. Klopsch indicated the city has been working for years on the challenging use of the Sugar Camp property and knew the city would partner in the development, as is done in other communities. He indicated \$2.75 M has been appropriated for the public roadways and utilities in the rights-of-way.

Mr. Klopsch reviewed the goals and objectives in the 2008 Budget which include: Labor contract with the Public Works Department; Sugar Camp Development; Orchard Drive/green space; new Audit team; update financial software; building access "Knox Box"; upgrade dispatch center; outside police training partnerships; Athletic/Recreation Master Plan; Orchardly Park Playground; Water system maintenance; and 2008 Centennial Celebration. Mr. McGinnis asked about input in the Recreation Master Plan. Mr. Klopsch explained plans to put together a committee and hold public forums, similar to what was done with the Comprehensive Plan. The next chart depicted a list of capital improvements, in particular Orchardly Park; various equipment purchases which are

primarily replacement except for the goose control system at Old River. He indicated nothing is anticipated for facility expenses.

Mr. Klopsch referenced the budget message which outlines that non-enterprise cash balances are up and how the Sugar Camp development will increase the city's total real estate value. He pointed out the city is fortunate to have the cash to pay infrastructure expenses rather than borrow money. He also anticipates that citizens will realize a reduction in property taxes since there will be a larger tax base. He reviewed the anticipated major expenses and fund balances. He referenced financial summaries of various funds and public facilities chart that outlines the short-term debt, etc.

Mr. Duncan referenced the \$2.75 M for Sugar Camp infrastructure and recalled that as a condition of the purchase of Old River Fields, they were required to put a road in off Far Hills and wondered how much of that is for the road. Mr. Klopsch responded approximately \$1 M which includes the intersection at Springhouse and added that roadway will also access the residential portion of the development. Mr. Castleman believes even if the estate tax receipts weren't substantial; the city would still be able to participate in that infrastructure. Mr. Klopsch concurred based on income tax, etc. He noted, however, that the real estate tax primarily supports the schools.

Mr. McGinnis asked about the ED/GE money, construction contracts, etc. as they relate to Sugar Camp. Mr. Klopsch referenced the two developers and explained of the \$2.75 M; approximately \$700,000 will go toward the commercial site for the new road at Kramer and Schantz as well as the traffic signal and water/sewer utilities. He indicated \$2.1 M will go toward the residential portion, \$1 M for the access road to Old River and the rest for work along Far Hills and public utilities. He noted all internal roads in the residential area are paid for by the developer. Mr. McGinnis asked if both are bonded. Mr. Klopsch concurred and noted Ms. Grandjean has been working on the contracts, letter of credit, etc. Mr. McGinnis is pleased with the progress he has seen on this exciting project. Mr. Klopsch noted the Budget Review Committee met four times this year and on December 4, 20 members voted unanimously to recommend the 2008 Budget to council.

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

MRS. JUDY COOK.....YEA
MR. CARLO C. MCGINNIS.....YEA
MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN.....YEA
MR. ROGER C. BLUMENSHEID.....YEA
MR. STANLEY CASTLEMAN.....YEA

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

ORDINANCE

BY MR. DUNCAN

NO 4641

TO AMEND SECTION I, 2007 ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 4619 AND SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCES NO. 4626, 4631, 4632, 4633, TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF: 1) AN AMOUNT OF \$78,000 TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE SMITH MEMORIAL GARDENS FUND TO REPLENISH THE FUND BALANCE; AND 2) AN AMOUNT OF \$1,500,000 TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT FUND IN ANTICIPATION OF FUTURE EQUIPMENT PURCHASES; AND 3) AN AMOUNT OF \$910,000 TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND IN AN ANTICIPATION OF FUTURE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS.

A copy of the ordinance, having been placed on the desks of each member of council prior to introduction, was read by title. Mr. Duncan explained this relates to 2007 fund transfers, money from the General Fund to other funds.

Thereupon, it was moved by Mr. Duncan and seconded by Mr. Castleman that the ordinance be passed in accordance with Charter Provision 3.02 and Section 111.19 of the Oakwood Administrative Code, now and without readings on two separate days.

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

MRS. JUDY COOK.....YEA
MR. CARLO C. MCGINNIS.....YEA
MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN.....YEA
MR. ROGER C. BLUMENSHEID.....YEA
MR. STANLEY CASTLEMAN.....YEA

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

ORDINANCE

BY MR. DUNCAN

NO 4642

TO REPEAL ORDINANCE NUMBER 4625 AND ESTABLISH AN AMENDED PERSONNEL SCHEDULE DATED DECEMBER 17, 2007 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO INCREASE THE TOP RATES OF COMPENSATION FOR OFFICE, MANAGEMENT, PART-TIME AND SEASONAL EMPLOYEES, ENHANCING THE LIFE INSURANCE BENEFIT FOR EMPLOYEES IN THE ASSISTANT PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR, ASSISTANT FINANCE DIRECTOR, WATER PLANT SUPERINTENDENT, RECREATION SUPERINTENDENT, ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN AND INSPECTOR CLASSIFICATIONS, AND ESTABLISHING A CLOTHING ALLOWANCE PAYMENT FOR THE CAPTAIN CLASSIFICATION, 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. Mr. Duncan explained this establishes the wage rates for non-bargaining employees, an increase of 3.25% which is slightly less than the rate of inflation.

Thereupon, it was moved by Mr. Duncan and seconded by Mr. Castleman that the ordinance be passed as an emergency measure.

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

- MRS. JUDY COOK.....YEA
- MR. CARLO C. McGINNIS.....YEA
- MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN.....YEA
- MR. ROGER C. BLUMENSHEID.....YEA
- MR. STANLEY CASTLEMAN.....YEA

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

ORDINANCE

BY MR. DUNCAN

NO 4643

TO DETERMINE THE MAXIMUM COMPENSATION OF THE CITY OF OAKWOOD MUNICIPAL COURT CLERK, ACTING MUNICIPAL COURT CLERK, DEPUTY CLERK, BOOKKEEPER/DEPUTY CLERK 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. Mr. Duncan indicated this establishes the court salary increase also at 3.25%.

Thereupon, it was moved by Mr. Duncan and seconded by Mr. Castleman that the ordinance be passed as an emergency measure.

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

- MRS. JUDY COOK.....YEA
- MR. CARLO C. McGINNIS.....YEA
- MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN.....YEA
- MR. ROGER C. BLUMENSHEID.....YEA
- MR. STANLEY CASTLEMAN.....YEA

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

ORDINANCE

BY MR. BLUMENSHEID

NO 4644

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF OAKWOOD TO ADD CHAPTER 967 TO PART NINE, STREETS AND PUBLIC SERVICES CODE, TITLE NINE, RIGHTS OF WAY ADMINISTRATION ADDING PROVISIONS FOR COMPETITIVE VIDEO SERVICE AUTHORIZATIONS, ESTABLISHING FEES, DEFINING CERTAIN TERMS, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE TO PROVIDE CERTAIN NOTICE TO THE VIDEO SERVICE PROVIDERS OFFERING VIDEO SERVICE IN THE CITY PURSUANT TO A STATE AUTHORIZATION.

A copy of the ordinance, having been placed on the desks of each member of council prior to introduction, was read by title. Mr. Blumensheid explained this defines terms and information relating to incumbent cable provider; MVCC; the Public, Education and Government (PEG) channels; video service; fees; providers; identifies credit back to the consumer if service is interrupted; etc.

Thereupon, it was moved by Mr. Blumensheid and seconded by Mr. Duncan that the ordinance be passed in accordance with Charter Provision 3.02 and Section 111.19 of the Oakwood Administrative Code, now and without readings on two separate days.

Mayor Cook explained this legislation is a result of Ohio Senate Bill 117. Mr. Blumensheid added this also relates to the agreement through MVCC for the Council of Governments and franchise agreements. He noted SB 117 introduced new providers, gave up rights to the right-of-way, identifies gross revenues, etc.

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

MRS. JUDY COOK.....YEA
MR. CARLO C. McGINNIS.....YEA
MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN.....YEA
MR. ROGER C. BLUMENSHEID.....YEA
MR. STANLEY CASTLEMAN.....YEA

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

RESOLUTION

BY MR. DUNCAN

NO 1663

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SOUTH SUBURBAN TEEN ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG PREVENTION TASK FORCE.

A copy of the resolution, having been placed on the desks of each member of council prior to introduction, was read in its entirety. Mr. Duncan reminded council of last month's presentation on the aforementioned subject. He indicated support was recently adopted by the Oakwood School Board and others. He noted the city has budgeted \$3,000 as seed money for this program.

Thereupon, it was moved by Mr. Duncan and seconded by Mr. Blumensheid that the resolution be passed.

Mr. McGinnis is pleased with this Resolution and the search for best practices on kids' use of drugs and alcohol but asked for less emphasis on enforcement by the law and court and more emphasis on education and prevention through treatment and counseling for kids and parents. Mr. Duncan will relay that to the group. Mayor Cook looks forward to ongoing progress reports.

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

MRS. JUDY COOK.....YEA
MR. CARLO C. McGINNIS.....YEA
MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN.....YEA
MR. ROGER C. BLUMENSHEID.....YEA
MR. STANLEY CASTLEMAN.....YEA

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

RESOLUTION

BY MR. DUNCAN

NO 1665

AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO NEGOTIATE FINAL PAYMENT VIA INFORMAL COMPETITIVE PROCEDURES FOR THE OAKWOOD AVENUE SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

A copy of the resolution, having been placed on the desks of each member of council prior to introduction, was read by title. Mr. Blumensheid explained this authorizes final payment for the Oakwood Avenue safety project. He noted there are few artery roadways in Oakwood used regularly and in order to remain pedestrian friendly in this residential area (since the road was too wide and confusing which resulted in higher speeds) the project was necessary and has made the road safer. Mr. Blumensheid indicated city ordinances permit a 25% increase of final payment over original contract; however, in this instance there was a 40% increase, hence the resolution.

Thereupon, it was moved by Mr. Blumensheid and seconded by Mr. McGinnis that the resolution be passed.

Mayor Cook indicated this safety project has made it evident there is one lane each way as well as enhanced ambiance for the neighborhood. She noted the only complaints she has heard are from those who want it to remain as a thoroughfare for fast travel. She looks forward to the finished project with landscape plantings.

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

MRS. JUDY COOK.....YEA
MR. CARLO C. McGINNIS.....YEA
MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN.....YEA
MR. ROGER C. BLUMENSHEID.....YEA
MR. STANLEY CASTLEMAN.....YEA

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

RESOLUTION

BY MAYOR COOK

NO 1666

TO EXPRESS THE APPRECIATION OF THE CITY OF OAKWOOD FOR THE SERVICE OF ROGER BLUMENSHEID AS A MEMBER OF THIS CITY COUNCIL.

A copy of the resolution, having been placed on the desks of each member of council prior to introduction, was read in its entirety.

Thereupon, it was moved by Mr. Castleman and seconded by Mr. Duncan that the resolution be passed. Upon a viva voce vote on the question of the motion, same passed unanimously and it was so ordered.

Mr. McGinnis indicated his experience with Mr. Blumensheid has been that he is a man of action and leads with action. He recalled a past neighbor telling him “the whole world steps aside for the man who knows where he is going” which is true of Roger and extended thanks for his efforts.

Mr. Duncan has learned through community service that you should leave the organization better off than when you started and believes Mr. Blumensheid has done so. He has learned a lot from Mr. Blumensheid who is an outstanding servant to Oakwood. He recognized all the work he did with MVCC which entailed many meetings and extended congratulations.

Mr. Castleman wished Mr. Blumensheid the best and noted it’s been an honor to serve with him.

Mayor Cook referenced Mr. Blumensheid’s ongoing interest with citizens, he would always leave a meeting and go to the citizens and ask what they thought and bring the information back to council. He has taught them how to listen and appreciate opinions. Mayor Cook indicated she will miss his humor, a great relief to many situations and echoed Mr. McGinnis. She added Mr. Blumensheid was always one to render a decision, rather than continuing to talk over issues.

Mr. Blumensheid indicated it’s been a pleasure to serve as a council member. His family moved to Oakwood 27 years ago and all three of his children have graduated from Oakwood High School – it’s been a pleasure to live in the community and serve Oakwood in this capacity. He has enjoyed every minute and would like to continue serving in other capacities. He indicated his positive experience working with staff, a group of professionals. Mr. Blumensheid added his work on council has given him a lot including work with the NLC, MVCC, etc. He indicated it’s been his pleasure and he will miss it.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Castleman indicated there was a recent snowfall and he was pleased with the spectacular snow removal in Oakwood. He commended the department on a marvelous job.

Mr. Blumensheid indicated there are also leaves still on the ground which are frozen to the curb. He extended Happy Holidays and a fantastic 2008 to all.

Mr. Duncan reminded Mayor Cook of her nomination a couple years ago as one of the Dayton Daily News Top Ten Women. He recognized two Oakwood citizens who received the honor this year: Mary Boosalis, MVH; and Sharon Rab, retired teacher. He noted Mrs. Rab was one of his teachers when he was growing up.

Mr. Duncan extended congratulations to Mr. Castleman on his re-election and to Steve Byington who will be getting acclimated as a new council member. He noted the only sad part is he will no longer be the youngest on council.

Mayor Cook wished everyone a happy holiday and indicated that next meeting will be January 7th the first meeting of Oakwood’s Centennial Celebration year.

Council adjourned. The public meeting concluded at 9:25 p.m.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CLERK OF COUNCIL