

CITY OF OAKWOOD

STATE OF OHIO

APRIL 7, 2008

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. STEVEN BYINGTON.....PRESENT
MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN.....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
Mr. Kevin Weaver, P.E., P.S., Public Works Director
Ms. Carol Collins, Leisure Services Director
Mr. Dan Ruble, Leisure Services Department

The press this evening was represented by the editor of the *Oakwood Register*, Mr. Lance Winkler and *Dayton Daily News* reporter Kelli Wynn.

The following visitors registered:

Joseph Koussa, Kettering
Shirley & Chuck Chase, 2222 Shafor Boulevard
Ann Syllaba (Grant & Holly), 1306 E. Schantz Avenue
Susan Gitzinger (Seth), 327 Patterson Road
Tom Galvin (Tommy & Jimmy), 17 Spirea Drive
Michael Armitage, 112 Dellwood Avenue
Jan Chambers, 243 Wiltshire Boulevard
Greg Brush, Montgomery County
Lynn Themsson, 1122 Sessions Drive
Dave Crusey, 230 E. Dixon Avenue

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 March 3, 2008 and the work session of March 24, 2008. Mr. Duncan reported he found the minutes correct. Therefore, it was moved by Mr. Duncan and seconded by Mr. Castleman 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

Sugar Camp Update. Mr. Byington referenced the Sugar Camp development that has been underway for a couple years, different ideas that have been reviewed, and noted last year council approved a Master Development Plan. He explained the developers will return with changes to their Plan at the planning commission meeting scheduled for this Wednesday, 4:30, at the Community Center. The four major changes include: 1) change two acres at the north entrance from business to residential; 2) relocate the mid-rise condos from the northeast to the northwest; 3) reduce the number of condo buildings from four to two but increase the height from four to seven stories; and 4) increase the residential density from 125 to 147 units. Mr. Byington explained these changes will be reviewed by the commission at an open meeting. He also indicated the city received bids for the Far Hills Avenue work the city will be doing in relation to the Sugar Camp project including the traffic light change at Far Hills and Schantz, the new light at Springhouse, and changes to lane width. He was pleased the bids came in cheaper than expected. Mr. Duncan asked about the commission review process. Mr. Byington explained council will have final approval; the commission will review and make a recommendation. Mayor Cook indicated the plans are available for review at the city building. Mr. Byington reiterated the commission meeting will be held at the Community Center.

Centennial Celebration. Mayor Cook explained they are now into the centennial year celebration. She indicated anyone interested in being a member of the Centennial Club (number of years lived in

Oakwood added to age must equal 100) should register, there are currently over 400 members. She also invited citizens to participate in the free tours at Hawthorn Hill during the July 11, 12, 13 weekend and registration is required in advance by calling city hall. Mayor Cook announced centennial flags (\$20) and banners (\$15) will be available for purchase in the near future at the city facilities. The Centennial Book is currently at the printers and will be delivered to each household before May 17. Mayor Cook indicated the celebration begins with That Day in May and closes in August. She noted at Centennial Park they began installing the pedestrian bridge – everything is starting to take place. Mayor Cook announced as the centennial film nears completion, they are in need of early photos of Harman School.

Finance Director Brad Beachdell. Mr. Duncan announced that Brad Beachdell served the city for approximately 20 years, retired the end of March, and asked for an update on the replacement process. Mr. Klopsch explained Mr. Beachdell had 30 years of public service, beginning with Dayton, came to Oakwood in 1988 as the Income Tax Administrator and then in 1999 was appointed Finance Director. He noted Mr. Beachdell served with distinction, more than a “bean counter” - quietly took care of the books, the city passed every audit without any findings, funds were well managed as were investments and he supervised his department. He will be missed and during the interim, Assistant Finance Director Alice Young has been appointed Acting Director. Mr. Klopsch indicated they advertised and received 41 applications which he and Mr. Weiskircher will review with the hope to have someone on board by the summer. Mr. Duncan asked if citizens will assist. Mr. Klopsch indicated he has asked three citizens to sit on a panel, however, as city manager the final decision is his. Mr. Duncan noted Mr. Beachdell will be missed. Mr. Klopsch concurred; he was a great man and wished him well during his retirement.

Tree City, USA. Mayor Cook announced the city has once again been awarded the Tree City USA designation, for the 26th consecutive year, and this year has the honor to host the meeting on April 24th. She indicated the city is most proud of this accomplishment.

Mayor Cook welcomed the visitors and recognized children who designed the Centennial Mural. Mr. Ruble, introduced the class and his mother, Mrs. Ruble, who taught the class Mrs. Ruble explained after researching Oakwood’s history, they developed a class for a 4 x 4 ceramic tile mural and 20 students, ages 8-12, enrolled. She was pleased and proud of how well the students came together as a team to develop the sketch of 100 years. She introduced her sister Jody who assisted and reiterated they were only the facilitators. The following students introduced themselves: Evie Armitage, Izzy Armitage, Casey Crawl, Ilaria Crum, Jackson Diodorado, Max Diodoardo, Holden Fowler, Seth Gitzinger, Tommy Galvin, Emma Gunnell, Charlie Haverland, Peter Haverland, Jimmy Hierath, Alexandra Millard, Ava Millard, Sean Park, Sarah Penix, Allison Ross, Garrett Spikes and Grant Syllaba.

Master Syllaba reviewed the mural sketches beginning with 1804 when Col. Robert Patterson purchased the farmland which would later become Oakwood; in 1908 Oakwood began a village with 67 homes; in 1912, Orville, Wilbur & Katherine Wright built their Hawthorn Hill home but prior to its completion, Wilbur died; in 1913, the floods caused people to move to higher ground in Oakwood; in the 1930s transportation was improved; in 1931, Oakwood became a city since they had 5,000 citizens; in the 1950’s, the joint police and fire department developed; in 1974, Smith Gardens became part of the city; Oakwood has been named a Tree City USA for many years; they are proud of the schools; and the Community Center is used for sports and recreation. Mayor Cook was very impressed with this beautiful memento which is even more special with this presentation, the city is very proud of the children. Mrs. Ruble indicated there is a PowerPoint presentation available on how the mural was made. Mayor Cook indicated this is a classic example of what groups are doing to celebrate the centennial.

Ms. Jean Farkas, Executive Director of the Wellness Connection, presented information to council about the agency and is thrilled they are part of the Sugar Camp campus. She explained they have a 15 year history with heart and cancer patients. Their focus is on wellness rather than the disease and they help with prevention, detection, health education, emotional support, etc. – not necessarily a cure but quality of life issues, and all services are free. She reviewed the wellness community program for cancer patients and families. Ms. Farkas explained they are working on a fundraising campaign for the program. She explained this healthy environment is not a medical setting and Sugar Camp provides a perfect location. She reviewed the building plans for when they relocate to Building A which includes a teaching kitchen, living room, etc., a relaxed, comfortable and safe environment. Mr. Byington asked about fundraising efforts. Ms. Farkas indicated they are still in the initial stages and she’d be pleased to have someone from Oakwood on the board. Discussion ensued in regard to an upcoming fundraiser event at Carillon Park on May 18. Mayor Cook welcomed them to Oakwood and thanked Ms. Farkas for sharing the information.

Mr. Gregory Brush, Montgomery County Clerk of Courts, jokingly noted he has no talented artwork to present. Mayor Cook acknowledged receipt of the tooth "brush". Mr. Brush served on the ED/GE Committee years ago and is pleased to see the Sugar Camp project moving along. He explained as Montgomery County Clerk of Courts, not only do they deal with court records, they also took over auto titles and passports, the latter of which has increased in need based on Homeland security and 9/11. He is trying to get the word out that they provide the passport service and explained it costs \$100, plus \$10 for a photo; they provide a one stop shop. Discussion ensued in regard to the passport application process, expedited service, etc. Mr. Brush indicated since car titles were down by 60,000 last year, they need to keep their doors open for various services. He reviewed their locations and indicated they will bring necessary paperwork to groups of 15 or more.

Mr. Duncan asked about current requirements for travel to Canada. Mr. Brush explained initially the federal government required passports beginning January, 2008 but were not prepared and as of now, still aren't. Mr. Duncan asked about minor children. Mr. Brush explained anyone under the age of 14 must have consent of both parents. Mr. McGinnis thanked him for the very informative presentation, he had no idea they offered all those services. He also commended them on their wonderful internet site to review records. Mr. Brush indicated that site started in 1997 and contains court proceedings and records. Due to identity protection needs, they are having to make sure proper redaction is in place and in the future, subscribers can request notification of activity on any case. Mayor Cook thanked Mr. Brush for his presentation.

Mr. Koussa extended prayers to the troops and expressed worry about the financial condition of the country. He indicated many are losing their homes, car sales have slowed down, banks are struggling; yet he still sees many driving foreign cars. He asked everyone to please buy American made to keep Americans at work and reviewed a sign he keeps in his car window to urge this.

Mr. Chase referenced the upcoming sidewalk legislation and explained he has lived in Oakwood most of his life, it is a very nice city, he has owned three homes and his doctor has told him to keep walking. His preference is to walk on city sidewalks but he has noticed several that aren't even, have slopes and some that hold a lot of water, particularly by Smith School. Mr. Chase suggested the sidewalk specs include these issues. Mayor Cook thanked him for his suggestion and indicated a couple years ago, a citizen expressed concern with corner lots and council amended the regulations to reflect that concern. Mr. Klopsch explained although the city benefits from all the trees, one negative is the tree roots which impact the sidewalk. Mrs. Chase indicated the walks on the south side of the high school field are also holding water. Mr. Klopsch indicated the city assesses the schools to correct those and added the city engineer is noting these concerns for review.

Mr. Anderson has resided in Oakwood for 15 years and the past five years has been a dog owner. He submitted information to council requesting a dog park, and suggested Creager Field, an area that isn't used, is maintained, and since dogs aren't permitted in parks, would be a great site. He had thought about Old River, but believes Creager Field would be better. Mr. Anderson indicated since there is already a partial fence, only two other sides would need to be fenced, a water line installed, benches installed and perhaps a nominal fee to use the site. He noted it abuts parking and the maintenance yard. He believes there are enough dog owners in town that would support this. Mayor Cook indicated council has been reviewing this issue. Mr. Byington concurred; he heard this concern during his election campaign. Mr. Anderson suggested they work with Iams, Pet Smart or a local vet or pet store to assist with any needed funds or bags. Discussion ensued in regard to this proposal and Mayor Cook extended thanks for presenting the information.

RESOLUTION

BY MR. BYINGTON NO 1671

DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF REPAIRING SIDEWALKS AND APPURTENANCES THERETO ON PATTERSON ROAD AND CERTAIN OTHER STREETS BETWEEN CERTAIN TERMINI IN THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, OHIO, PROVIDING THAT ABUTTING PROPERTY OWNERS REPAIR THE SAME, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

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. STEVEN BYINGTON.....YEA

MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN.....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.

STAFF REPORT

Engineering & Public Works. Mr. Weaver referenced a PowerPoint presentation which outlined the following. In regard to water production, the pump and motor were replaced on Well #7, the salt tanks at both plants have been cleaned, and all eight production wells are functioning. He referenced a chart of comparable quarterly water and sewer costs in the region. In regard to the water, Oakwood's rate is approximately \$60 with the area average close to \$90; and although Oakwood's sewer rate is higher, 70% of that is a pass through from Dayton and Montgomery County. In regard to water distribution, they are currently flushing hydrants in the city, and he noted the assistant public work director's vehicle will be replaced. Mr. Weaver reviewed refuse program information and explained a new smaller packer has been ordered as well as four scooters which unfortunately, continue to increase in cost. They are working on making sure property owners keep lids on trash cans per the ordinance and to assist the pickup. He reviewed the upcoming mulch program, recycled leaves from the fall, that will be available the next upcoming six Saturdays with free pickup or a fee for delivery.

Mr. Weaver referenced roadway systems and the new signal at Kramer and West Schantz, the entrance to Sugar Camp Circle. He also reviewed the Far Hills and Schantz Avenue project which will straighten the alignment. In regard to the 2008 curb and walk project, letters are to go out this week; and they are still working on the street selection for this year's asphalt pavement program. Mr. Weaver reviewed the Oakwood Avenue project, which included a \$150,000 OPWC Grant, and explained final restoration and paver sand will be the finishing touches. They are also undertaking sign post painting, the sidewalk relocation on Far Hills by Dixon and Patterson and a new chassis was ordered for the dump truck. In regard to the traffic signals, they have worked on the one at Patterson and Shafor and new signals will be installed at Kramer/Sugar Camp Circle and Schantz, Springhouse/new roadway and Far Hills, and controller changes. Mr. Weaver reviewed photos of the Dixon sidewalk project and the Schantz and Kramer signal.

Mr. Weaver reviewed a photo of the work which began earlier in the day on the Centennial Bridge project thanks to the wonderful support of the Oakwood Rotary Club; John Danis; George Kling, Moraine Materials; Brad Judge; Bill Lockwood and Al Leland. He showed a picture of the Orchardly Park restroom which public works staff will demolish in advance of the overall Orchardly Park project. In regard to storm sewers, the NPDES permit requires: street sweeping; dry weather screening; legislation for long term maintenance; legislation for controlling site runoff; education of public and staff; and cleaning of storm sewer structures. Mr. Weaver referenced sanitary sewers and indicated a few weeks ago there was a major rain fall event and they logged 31 flooded basement calls which primarily were a result of floor drain issues. He reviewed several diagrams of floor drains and sump pumps.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORTS

Nothing to report.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Duncan announced in one week and one day, Oakwood income tax returns are due.

Mayor Cook extended thanks to the Wills for operating the cable equipment.

Council adjourned. The public meeting concluded at 9:02 p.m.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CLERK OF COUNCIL