

**MINUTES
OAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
MARCH 21, 2011**

The council of the city of Oakwood, Ohio, met in a work session on Monday, March 21, 2011 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 Steven Byington, Stanley Castleman, Rob Stephens and Anne Hilton; Staff in attendance were City Manager Norbert Klopsch and City Attorney Rob Jacques. Also in attendance was Jeremy Kelley, *DDN* reporter.

Mayor Duncan called the work session to order at 5 p.m. and led a discussion on the following agenda items.

- COUNCIL COMMITTEES
 - FINANCE, MR. CASTLEMAN
 - Ohio 2012/13 Biennium Budget. Mr. Klopsch commented on Governor Kasich's budget released last week. The greatest negative impact from the budget is a cut in Local Government Funds estimated to be \$35,000 in 2012 and \$53,000 in 2013. Regarding provisions in the budget that are intended to help local governments reduce costs, staff is finding it difficult to identify specific items and to quantify potential cost savings.
 - SB-5, Collective Bargaining. Mr. Klopsch reported that many expect the Ohio House to approve the collective bargaining bill and for the Governor to sign it in mid-April. Council discussed the potential for those opposed to SB-5 to obtain signatures to place a referendum repealing the law on the November 2011 ballot.
 - HB-3, Estate Tax. Council discussed the status of the estate tax bill. It has passed the House Ways and Means Committee but has not moved forward from there. Members of the South Montgomery County Liberty Group, a local chapter of the Dayton Tea Party, have asked to be included on the April 4 council meeting agenda. Mr. Klopsch stated that he has asked these Tea Party representatives for a meeting prior to April 4, but they have not yet agreed to do so. Mayor Duncan explained that he will read the testimony he delivered last month at the House Ways and Means Committee aloud at the April 4 council meeting.
 - Revenue Options. Mr. Stephens suggested that council discuss new revenue generating options at each meeting and be prepared to make decisions on possible new taxes before the city's financial situation becomes critical. Discussion ensued on options for modifying the city's tax code in an effort to generate additional revenue.
 - PUBLIC PROPERTIES, MR. CASTLEMAN
 - Dog Park. Mr. Klopsch reported that staff obtained three quotes for installation of fencing around Creager Field to accommodate a dog park. The low bid came from Bellbrook Fence and is approximately \$13,000 less than the

original estimate. Staff is now working on modifying the handicap accessibility ramp to find additional cost savings. Prior to the beginning of any work at the field, Mr. Klopsch will send a letter of notification to neighboring property owners and will distribute a press release.

- MISCELLANEOUS
 - MVRPC Spring Dinner - Wednesday, May 11. All five council members confirmed that they are able to attend this annual event.
 - Annual UD Breakfast. Vice Mayor Byington explained that he is unable to attend a UD breakfast event in early June, but the other four are available. Mr. Klopsch will confirm a date.
 - Committee Appointments. Mayor Duncan explained that he still needs to make some telephone calls regarding new appointments – this will take place in late April, after tax season.
 - Tree City USA Luncheon – Tuesday, April 12. Mr. Klopsch asked if any of council would like to attend the April 12 recognition banquet. Vice Mayor Byington volunteered to attend.
 - Military Appreciation Recognition Breakfast. The event is confirmed for Saturday, May 7. Staff will send out invitations in the near future. Mayor Duncan suggested that an invitation also be sent to Col. Amanda Gladney, Commander of the 88th Air Base Wing.
 - Irving Avenue Issues. Mr. Stephens asked that an update on the status of Irving Avenue issues be given at the next work session. Mr. Klopsch acknowledged.

There being no other work session business, at 6:07 p.m. Mayor Duncan called for a motion to go to executive session for conference with attorney. Motion by Mr. Byington; second by Mrs. Hilton. Upon a viva voce vote, motion passed.

Mayor Duncan concluded the executive session at 6:34 p.m. and adjourned the meeting.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

MEMORANDUM

TO: MEMBERS OF STAFF
FROM: NORBERT KLOPSCH
SUBJECT: COUNCIL MEETING WORK SESSION MINUTES
DATE: MARCH 22, 2011

Attached is a copy of the minutes from our most recent council work session. I send this to you for your information and follow through as appropriate. Please see me if you have any questions.

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