

## **JULY 15, 2013 COUNCIL MEETING**

City Council met in public session on July 15, 2013. Here are the highlights.

Minutes of the June 10, 2013 regular and work sessions and June 24, 2013 work session were approved.

### **VISITORS**

- Mayor Duncan shared that exchange students from Le Vésinet, France were visiting Oakwood, however, they were at Kings Island and unable to attend the meeting.
- Aart den Hoed, 410 Ridgewood Avenue, shared that over the past seven years he has had an issue in the neighborhood and is requesting that council put together an impartial committee to address it.
- State Representative Jim Butler shared an economic update for the state of Ohio since January 2011 when he was appointed.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

Mayor Duncan opened a Public Hearing to address an appeal of the Oakwood Planning Commission's decision against allowing Saxbys Coffee shop to open at 6:00 a.m. rather than 7 a.m. as stipulated in the zoning code. The hearing included testimony from the owner of the development, Mr. Tommy Routsong, and from several Oakwood residents.

### **LEGISLATION**

Oakwood Council approved the following legislation:

- Resolution denying Saxbys Appeal for 6 a.m. opening of a coffee shop.
- Ordinance to repeal Chapter 145, Contracts and Purchases, and to adopt new Chapter 145, Purchases and Contracts.

Council conducted a first reading of an Ordinance to repeal Chapter 733, Peddlers and Solicitors, and to adopt new Chapter 733, Peddlers and Solicitors.

### **STAFF REPORT**

**Finance Report:** Mrs. Cindy Stafford, Finance Director, provided an update to council on the short-term debt payoff, mid-year financial update, 2014 budget, 2012 audit and utility billing – automatic payment and E-billing.

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

- Councilmember Rob Stephens shared that he thinks the new Oakwood Farmers Market is fabulous. He said that it started three weeks ago and while the second week was rough with the rain, there has been a steady flow of people. He added that the ladies who put the Farmers Market together have done a great job creating a gathering place for residents. He encouraged everyone to go and he thanked the citizens for all of their support of the event.
- Vice Mayor Steve Byington agreed that the Oakwood Farmers market has been fantastic. He also mentioned Hawthorn Hill and the recent transfer of ownership to Dayton History. Vice Mayor Byington thanked State Representative Jim Butler for the update on the budget and asked that he tell the representatives in Columbus to raise issues in open meetings versus people just reading about them after the fact. He congratulated him on the 1.49 billion dollar rainy day fund and added that cities and local schools could use some rainy day assistance.
- Mayor Duncan shared that during his recent vacation he watched a special on the Battle of Gettysburg. He added that this was probably the three most important days in the history of our country. He said that he then read the Gettysburg Address and it is so powerful for its simplicity and noted the fact that we may not remember who was there, but we will all remember what we did there.

The meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.