

## **APRIL 1, 2024 COUNCIL MEETING**

City Council met in public session on April 1, 2024. Here are the highlights.

Council meeting minutes were approved for the March 4, 2024 regular session and work session and the March 11, 2024 work session.

### **STATUS REPORTS**

- City Manager Norbert Klopsch announced his retirement in November 2024.
- Mayor Duncan read the following proclamations:
  - Proclamation recognizing April as “Parkinson’s Awareness Month.”
  - Proclamation recognizing April as “Fair Housing Month.”
  - Proclamation recognizing the week of April 22 as “Arbor Week.”
  - Proclamation recognizing April as “National Child Abuse Awareness Month.”

### **VISITORS**

- Tori Rhule and Amy Van Verth, Pinwheels for National Child Abuse Awareness – Tori Rhule and Amy Van Verth with CARE House shared information about the work of CARE House and the 2024 pinwheel project.
- Madeline Iseli, Oakwood Inclusion Coalition 2023 Annual Report – Madeline Iseli, chair of the Oakwood Inclusion Coalition (OIC), reported on the organization’s activities over the last year.

### **LEGISLATION**

Oakwood City Council approved the following legislation:

- An Ordinance to Proceed with the 2025 Street Lighting Program, Mr. Stephens
- An Ordinance to Proceed with the 2024 Sidewalk Repair Program, Mr. Stephens
- An Ordinance to Provide an Appropriation from the Fire Insurance Trust Fund, Vice Mayor Byington

Oakwood City Council conducted a first reading on the following legislation:

- An Ordinance to Levy Special Assessments for the 2025 Street Lighting, Mr. Stephens
- An Ordinance to Levy Special Assessments for the 2023 Sidewalk Repair Project, Mr. Stephens
- An Ordinance Adopting the 2025 Tax Budget, Vice Mayor Byington
- An Ordinance to Consider a Proposed Text Amendment to the Sign Regulations of the Zoning Code, Vice Mayor Byington
- An Ordinance to Amend Lot Split Consolidation Section of the Subdivision Code, Vice Mayor Byington

### **STAFF REPORT**

Public Works Update: Public Works Director Doug Spitler, P.E., updated Council on various Public Works projects and operations.

## CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Norbert Klopsch commented on the following:

Mr. Klopsch commended the Public Works Department and the Public Safety Department for all of the good work in providing so many essential public services to the Oakwood community.

The planning for this year's "That Day in May" event began a few months ago. Mr. Klopsch thanked Leisure Services Director Carol Collins and Public Safety Lieutenant Damian Baggett for their help in coordinating the event with representatives of the Oakwood Rotary Club.

Mr. Klopsch commented on how Oakwood comes alive each spring as the blossoms brighten the community. He thanked Leisure Services Director Carol Collins, Horticulturist Brian Caldwell, and other staff for all of their hard work with beautification efforts throughout the city.

## COUNCIL COMMENTS

- Councilmember Healy Jackson said that she has always been able to count on Mr. Klopsch and respects his high integrity. She shared that the "Wright at Home" event is scheduled for Sunday, April 28.
- Councilmember Leigh Turben agreed with the comments about Mr. Klopsch and wished him all the best in his upcoming retirement. She then shared some safety tips for the April 8 solar eclipse.
- Councilmember Rob Stephens congratulated Mr. Klopsch on his pending retirement.
- Vice Mayor Steve Byington also congratulated Mr. Klopsch. He then recognized his sister from San Antonio who was in the audience.
- Mayor Bill Duncan closed the meeting by asking people not to operate vehicles while wearing solar eclipse glasses. He added that he echoes the comments about Mr. Klopsch from city council, and that he has regularly attended Mayors and Managers meetings with Mr. Klopsch for 15 years and consistently seen how Mr. Klopsch is respected by the regional mayors and city managers.

The meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.