

CITY OF OAKWOOD
STATE OF OHIO
JANUARY 7, 2019

The Council of the city of Oakwood, State of Ohio, met in a work session at 6:30 p.m. in the conference room of the city of Oakwood, 30 Park Avenue, Oakwood, 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, Mr. William Duncan, presided, and the Clerk of Council, Ms. Lori Stacel, recorded. Mayor Duncan 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:

MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN.....	PRESENT
MR. STEVEN BYINGTON	PRESENT
MR. ROBERT P. STEPHENS.....	PRESENT
MRS. ANNE S. HILTON.....	PRESENT
MR. CHRISTOPHER B. EPLEY.....	PRESENT

Officers of the city present were the following:

Mr. Norbert S. Klopsch, City Manager
Mr. Robert F. Jacques, City Attorney
Ms. Carol Collins, Leisure Services Director
Mrs. Cindy Stafford, Finance Director
Chief Alan Hill, Public Safety Director
Mrs. Jennifer Wilder, Personnel and Properties Director
Mrs. Alice Young, Assistant Finance Director
Ms. Lori Stacel, Clerk of Council

The following visitors registered:

Nancy & Harry Welsh, 423 Wiltshire Blvd., Oakwood, OH 45419
Jen & Pat Prikkell, 930 Harman Avenue, Oakwood, OH 45419
Jeff Pocisk, 215 Oak Knoll Drive, Oakwood, OH 45419
Ryan Stitsinger, 1020 Runnymede Road, Oakwood, OH 45419
Don Reynolds, 1541 Runnymede Road, Oakwood, OH 45419
John & India Clarke, 112 Beverly Place, Oakwood, OH 45419
Marilyn & John Reed, 525 Ridgewood Avenue, Oakwood, OH 45409
Dave Duwel, 1492 Ridgeway Road, Oakwood, OH 45419
Amy Gantt, 515 Shafor Blvd., Oakwood, OH 45419
Julie & Jon Lamb, 437 Volusia Avenue, Oakwood, OH 45409
Don Eiler, 907 Oakwood Avenue, Oakwood, OH 45419
Brian & Maria Beecher, 25 Grandon Road, Oakwood, OH 45419
Brian Barr, *Oakwood Register*

Mrs. Hilton advised Council she had read the meeting minutes of the December 10, 2018 regular session and work session. Mrs. Hilton reported she found the minutes correct and complete. Therefore, it was moved by Mrs. Hilton and seconded by Mr. Byington 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

PSO Swear-In – Mayor Duncan recognized new Public Safety Officers Chris Slone and Ryan Wells, and their families. He then administered the Oath of Office. Chief Hill welcomed and introduced PSO Slone and PSO Wells. He shared that both officers are valuable assets to the Public Safety Department.

Recognition of Dr. Richard Garrison, MD – Mayor Duncan shared that Dr. Garrison served as the Oakwood Safety Department Medical Director from 1983 until 2009. This was a volunteer position. Throughout his 26 years as Medical Director, Dr. Garrison graciously volunteered his time to ensure that Oakwood maintained an excellent and highly regarded emergency medical program. He provided oversight of the EMS services delivered by the Oakwood Public Safety Department, and guided the department in steadily improving the quality of the medic response and pre-hospital care. Dr. Garrison worked with Safety Department staff on developing and implementing a Quality Assessment and Quality Improvement Program with the goal of continuous improvement in meeting the emergency medical needs of the Oakwood community. Dr. Garrison was appointed as Oakwood's Health Commissioner on January 1, 2008. As Health Commissioner, he provided administrative and professional leadership and counsel to the City's Health Department. Dr. Garrison worked with the Oakwood Board of Health, city staff, and officials from the Oakwood City Schools in addressing health issues around the community. He

also interfaced with officials from Public Health – Dayton & Montgomery County, and from the Ohio Department of Health. Dr. Garrison served the city of Oakwood with distinction for 35 years. His passion for service and keen understanding of the needs of the Oakwood community was recognized in all of his work and made him an invaluable asset to the city of Oakwood.

Mr. Klopsch shared that much like City Council, the Health Commissioner’s pay is very nominal. Dr. Garrison was committed to public service. He was available 24/7 to address issues that arose. City staff greatly appreciated Dr. Garrison’s availability and his service to the community.

Chief Hill shared that as Medical Director, Dr. Garrison provided oversight of the EMS services delivered by the Oakwood Public Safety Department. He guided the department in steadily improving the quality of the medic response and pre-hospital care, serving at a time when paramedic programs experienced significant enhancements. Dr. Garrison was instrumental in developing and implementing the Quality Assessment and Quality Improvement program. Chief Hill closed his statements by saying that the Public Safety Department will continue to work on the foundation built by Dr. Garrison.

Dr. Garrison shared that the Oakwood Safety Department is truly first-class. He thanked City Council and City staff for the opportunity to serve the Oakwood community.

Health Commissioner Position – Mr. Klopsch read an excerpt from the February 4, 1931 Board of Health meeting minutes that explained the beginning of the Oakwood Health District. The 1930 Census showed that the population exceeded 5,000, which made Oakwood a city and no longer a village. He shared that similar to the long tenure of City Managers, there have only been five Health Commissioners appointed since 1931. He then introduced Dr. Stephen Enseleit, MD as the fifth Oakwood Health Commissioner. Mr. Klopsch shared that Dr. Enseleit was appointed to the position of Health Commissioner, effective January 1, 2019. Oakwood operates its own local health district, and the Oakwood Board of Health is established by City Charter. The Health Commissioner is appointed by the City Manager and reports to the Board of Health. Dr. Enseleit is an emergency medicine physician for Emergency Medicine Specialists, serving in patient care throughout the Kettering Health Network, and in a leadership role within the emergency department at Kettering Medical Center. He earned a BS in Chemical Engineering from Case Western Reserve University, and an MD from the University of Cincinnati. Dr. Enseleit is licensed by the American Board of Emergency Medicine.

Dr. Enseleit thanked City Council for the opportunity. He shared that he has three kids, with the youngest attending Harman Elementary, so he plans to have a long tenure as well.

Mayor Duncan welcomed Dr. Enseleit and shared his appreciation for Dr. Garrison’s service on behalf of the citizens of Oakwood.

Council Committee Assignments – Mayor Duncan explained that there are several committees of Council that consist of two members that meet as needed to discuss various topics. Mayor Duncan indicated that Council decided to leave the committee assignments the same as last year. It was moved by Mayor Duncan and seconded by Mr. Stephens that the assignments be confirmed. The committee assignments are as follows:

2019 COUNCIL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS	
William Duncan, Mayor	Steve Byington, Vice Mayor
Court Liaison	Anne Hilton, Chair
	Christopher Epley
Finance	Steve Byington, Chair
	William Duncan
Law and Minutes	Anne Hilton, Chair
	Steve Byington
Planning and Zoning	Steve Byington, Chair
	Christopher Epley
Public Properties	Christopher Epley, Chair
	Rob Stephens
Public Utilities/Waterworks/Sewer	Christopher Epley, Chair
	Rob Stephens
Safety and Traffic	Rob Stephens, Chair
	Anne Hilton
Streets and Alleys	Rob Stephens, Chair
	Anne Hilton
Community Relations/Promotion & Appointments	William Duncan, Chair
	Steve Byington

Regional Agencies - Council Representation

Miami Valley Communications Council	Rob Stephens
	Christopher Epley, Alternate
Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission and Transportation Committee	Steve Byington
EMA Regional Advisory Council	William Duncan, Alternate
	William Duncan
	Norbert Klopsch, Alternate
First Suburbs Consortium	Steve Byington
	Norbert Klopsch
	William Duncan, Alternate
South Suburban Coalition	Alan Hill
	William Duncan, Alternate

Boards, Commissions and Citizen Ad Hoc Committees

Planning Commission	Steve Byington
Beautification Committee	Rob Stephens
Sister City	Anne Hilton
Historical Society	Anne Hilton

Note: The Mayor also serves as ex-officio member of each Council committee.

2019 Committee Appointments – Mayor Duncan explained that there are several vacancies on the citizen committees. City Council and City staff are in the process of identifying citizen volunteers for future appointment.

VISITORS

Jesse Haines Award, Montgomery County Auditor Karl Keith – Montgomery County Auditor Karl Keith shared that he presented the Jesse Haines Award to Assistant Finance Director Alice Young at the Auditor's Annual Update meeting last December. The award was established to acknowledge local government finance professionals who have served with distinction and integrity. The award is named in honor of Jesse Haines, who served as Montgomery County Auditor for nearly 28 years. Aside from being the longest-serving auditor in Montgomery County history, Jesse Haines is also in the National Baseball Hall of Fame. He congratulated Mrs. Young for her outstanding service to the city of Oakwood.

Finance Director Cindy Stafford read the comments on the Jesse Haines Award nomination form that she submitted to Auditor Keith:

"Alice began her career with the city of Oakwood on January 9, 1978 and after 40+ years will retire on September 30, 2019. Alice has worked with three city managers and four finance directors over her career. She has worked tirelessly for the residents and businesses of Oakwood and for her fellow employees. She is the backbone of the finance department and filling her shoes will be a monumental task. Alice's knowledge of municipal finance allowed her to serve as acting finance director on many occasions throughout her career. When asked why she never wanted to be the finance director, her response was always the same: I am a worker bee and I like to be behind the scenes. She made sure that the finance department continued to provide the residents of Oakwood the same level of service despite being short-handed by putting in many long hours during the week and on weekends. Her efforts made sure that as each new Finance Director joined the finance team the transition was seamless.

She has seen the finance department evolve from reams of old paper ledgers and an old NCR cash register to sophisticated computers and computer programs... a "bring it on" attitude for whatever the latest technology so the department could work more efficiently. She has processed and trained employees in payroll, accounts payable, utility billing and all the debits and credits in between. Her favorite quote: "watch the pennies and the dollars will follow" has proven invaluable as she carefully oversees the expenses of the City.

One of Alice's greatest assets to me is her problem solving skills. I volunteered our finance team to assist our accounting software vender in both alpha and beta testing on the development of their new accounting package. Without hesitation, Alice herself, or with another finance team member, mapped out process after process from beginning to end to ensure the integrity of the new accounting system. The following is a comment received from our vendor:

"Alice has been an alpha and beta tester for Software Solutions for years. Early on, she realized the importance of improving technology to better serve citizens. She has been instrumental in guiding and facilitating improvements in our software product for local governments. Her willingness to go above and beyond her normal duties is inspiring. She is the ideal public servant who puts community first. We are so very proud of Alice and are grateful to have her as part of our extended team. Thank you Alice."

Alice is the first one in the office and often the last one to leave... and selflessly spends many weekend hours at work. She is a perfectionist in every sense of the word, attentive to every detail. Alice even serves as the final proof-reader for important written work, most often directly for the city manager.

Additionally, Alice willingly accepts any new challenge or work assignment thrown her way. When former Mayor Judy Cook wanted to start a joint Oakwood/Kettering annual MLK breakfast celebration event, and finance expertise was needed to account for dollars coming in and going out, Alice happily accepted the additional assignment. She worked side by side with Mayor Cook to create a wonderful event, and saw to it that all financial matters were handled expertly.

Alice believes no additional task is beyond her normal job description from the City shred-it events, to gathering the towels from the safety department work out room, to maintaining the employee kitchen and lunch room refrigerator.

For Alice, if it is for the residents and businesses of Oakwood or for her fellow employees, she is ALWAYS there to help.

Alice does not like being in the spotlight but careers like hers are few and far between. Alice's retirement letter stated that "I was greeted with smiles and best wishes for my success when I arrived on January 9, 1978, my first day of employment, and would like to depart in the same manner."

I beg to disagree with her. Alice's loyalty to the city of Oakwood and work ethic should be recognized and held as an example of what service in the public sector means."

Mrs. Stafford thanked Mrs. Young for her service.

Mrs. Young shared that she is grateful to serve the Oakwood community. She knows that the Finance Department will continue their high level of service after she retires.

City Council thanked Mrs. Young for her service.

2018 Holiday Decorating Award Winners – Mayor Duncan was joined by Jane Lieberth of the Beautification Committee to present certificates to the 2018 holiday decorating contest winners. Awards are presented based upon use of natural materials, lighting and curb appeal. Although several were not in attendance, all of the following winners were recognized:

DAYTIME WINNERS

Area 1 – John and Marilyn Reed, 525 Ridgewood Avenue
 Area 2 – Bart and Linda Weprin, 600 Garden Road
 Area 3 – Elizabeth and Matthew Kussman, 226 Telford Avenue
 Area 4 – John and Vail McGuire, 360 East Drive
 Area 5 – Nancy Kussman, 2408 Hillview Avenue
 Area 6 – Paige LLC (Pat Prikel), 930 Harman Avenue
 Business – Blue Turtle Toys – Cathy Tapogna, 2314 Far Hills Avenue

NIGHTTIME WINNERS

Area 1 – Johnathan and Julia Lamb, 437 Volusia Avenue
 Area 2 – Ian and Karlee Ferrier, 29 Wisteria Drive
 Area 3 – Lawrence and Nancy Welch, 423 Wiltshire Boulevard
 Area 4 – Jacob and Sarah Chocholous, 416 East Drive
 Area 5 – Brian and Maria Beecher, 25 Grandon Road
 Area 6 – David and Judith Duwell, 1492 Ridgeway Road
 Business – Lula Bell Whimsical Art and Stationery – Amy Gantt, 23 Park Avenue

Mayor Duncan thanked Jane Lieberth for her service and efforts on the Beautification Committee.

John Clarke, 112 Beverly Place, addressed Council with concerns regarding the proposed dog leash law. He shared that he firmly believes in keeping his dog, and all dogs, under control. His dog is well-trained, and is walked with an electronic collar should it be needed. He was interested to know what this new law will solve. His experience is that residents have close control of their dogs, even when not leashed, and he has not run into any problems. He then asked how many people on City Council own dogs; four of the five Council members raised their hands.

Mayor Duncan shared that Public Safety Director Alan Hill will be providing further information during the legislation portion of the meeting that will address his inquiries.

Don Eiler, 907 Oakwood Avenue, shared that he walks his dog six times a day without a leash, because he is well-trained and under control. Walking a dog with a lead is not the same as walking without one. He said that he was offended by the proposed ordinance because it suggests that people are not training their dogs. He feels that the Oakwood community is not as enjoyable as it used to be. Electronic collars are similar to invisible fences, so he believes the electronic collars should be allowed. Instead of penalizing everyone, the City should focus on dealing directly with the dogs that are not under control. He explained that the real issue is control. There are three methods to obtain control: using a leash, using an electronic collar and dog training. It is his opinion that these three methods should be included in a workable ordinance.

Ryan Stitsinger, 1020 Runnymede Road, asked to see the list of vehicles on the proposed low-speed vehicle ordinance.

Mr. Jacques shared that the list is included on the draft inspection form. He confirmed that the items of interest to Mr. Stitsinger, based on their previous conversation, have been updated on the inspection form. Mr. Jacques offered to email the updated form to Mr. Stitsinger.

LEGISLATION

AN ORDINANCE
BY MR. EPLEY NO. 4871
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND "APPENDIX A" OF THE
STREETS AND PUBLIC SERVICES CODE OF THE CITY OF
OAKWOOD, OHIO.

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

Mr. Epley explained that this is the second reading of an ordinance to update Appendix A, which is the public services rate sheet. The ordinance will increase city refuse collection rates by \$3 per month per residential unit. When the Ohio Estate Tax was eliminated in 2013, the city of Oakwood lost about 20% of its average annual revenue. This forced several changes in Oakwood, including the decision to end the practice of subsidizing the refuse collection program with General Fund tax dollars. In other words, the program was restructured so that 100% of the cost is now paid by user fees. In addition to the weekly backdoor household trash and recyclables collection and disposal for about 3,200 residential properties, the refuse fees pay for the other services provided through the comprehensive refuse program including: special pickups for disposal of large household items; fall leaf pickup and conversion of leaves to yard mulch and made available to Oakwood citizens each spring; the refuse dumpster program for efficient disposal of remodeling debris from do-it-yourself projects, or other household and yard items; containers to self-dump yard debris and recyclables at a 24-7 drop-off location in the Creager Field parking lot; and monthly self-dumping options at the public works yard for residents to dispose of large household items and other debris. The refuse fees also pay for the year-around collection and disposal of yard debris throughout Oakwood. Given the enormous number of trees and other plant material in Oakwood, this is a very large task, with significant labor and capital equipment costs. The City last raised refuse rates three years ago. This \$3 per month rate increase is necessary to address capital equipment needs over the next few years. The Oakwood citizen Budget Review Committee supports this rate increase.

Thereupon, it was moved by Mr. Epley and seconded by Mrs. Hilton that the ordinance be passed.

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

MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN.....	YEA
MR. STEVEN BYINGTON	YEA
MR. ROBERT P. STEPHENS.....	YEA
MRS. ANNE HILTON	YEA
MR. CHRISTOPHER EPLEY.....	YEA

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

AN ORDINANCE

BY MR. STEPHENS

NO. 4875

TO AMEND EXISTING SECTION 505.01, PETS AT LARGE, OF THE OAKWOOD GENERAL OFFENSES CODE TO REQUIRE DOGS TO BE LEASHED WHEN OFF THE OWNER'S PREMISES, TO CLARIFY THE EXCEPTION FOR SERVICE ANIMALS, TO EXEMPT THE DOG PARK AT CREAGER FIELD, AND TO AMEND THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.

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

Mr. Stephens explained that this is the second reading of an ordinance to require dogs to be kept on leashes when off the owner's property. The ordinance was introduced with a first reading at the December meeting. Mr. Stephens invited Public Safety Director Alan Hill to make a short presentation as to the need for these changes.

Chief Hill referenced a PowerPoint presentation, and reviewed the current ordinance for "Pets at Large". He explained that the proposed ordinance will change the name to "Dogs at Large" and will specifically address dogs with the goal to reduce the number of dog calls and dog bites. The "leash law" is designed to mitigate the unpredictability of dogs and to protect both citizens and other animals from unexpected and unwanted encounters. There are around 1,000 dogs in Oakwood, in an area of just 2.2 square miles. Citizens should be able to move about the public sidewalks and rights-of-way freely and without concern or fear from unleashed dogs. Since January 1, 2014, the Public Safety Department has responded to 127 dog related calls for service of which 39 of these incidents have been for the report of a dog bite. The proposed legislation does include a service dog exception. The penalty for having a dog unleashed is a minor misdemeanor. Minimum fines (plus court costs) have been established and will be imposed for anyone found in violation of this ordinance. In closing, Chief Hill shared that this ordinance is designed with public safety as the primary concern and the issuance of a verbal warning, along with educating the citizen, is the preferred course of action for anyone found to be in violation for the first time. Repeat violations and offenders will be addressed accordingly.

Mrs. Hilton asked if there was a specific reason why the title will be changed from "pets" to "dogs".

Chief Hill explained that the Public Safety Department occasionally receives complaints regarding pets other than dogs, but 99% of the complaints are for dogs.

Mr. Stephens asked if the Public Safety Officers will take into consideration whether dogs get out by accident.

Chief Hill shared that Public Safety Officers understand that this can happen, and there will be soft enforcement in these situations.

Mayor Duncan asked Chief Hill what is considered a leash.

Chief Hill answered that electronic leashes are not covered in this proposed ordinance; only physical leashes are being recognized. The ordinance not only states that a leash is required, but the owner must have reasonable control over the dog as well.

Mayor Duncan asked if other communities have leash laws.

Chief Hill confirmed that they do. He shared that the surrounding cities of Dayton and Kettering both have leash laws.

Mr. Stephens reiterated that this ordinance will require dogs to be "securely leashed and under reasonable control," and also includes language to clarify the service animal exception and to create an exemption for the Dog Park at Creager Field.

Thereupon, it was moved by Mr. Stephens and seconded by Mr. Byington that the ordinance be passed.

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

MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN.....	YEA
MR. STEVEN BYINGTON.....	YEA
MR. ROBERT P. STEPHENS.....	YEA
MRS. ANNE HILTON.....	YEA
MR. CHRISTOPHER EPLEY.....	YEA

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

AN ORDINANCE
BY MR. STEPHENS NO. 4876
TO ADOPT NEW SECTION 375.09, LOW-SPEED VEHICLES,
UNDER-SPEED VEHICLES, UTILITY VEHICLES, AND MINI-
TRUCKS, OF THE OAKWOOD TRAFFIC CODE.

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

Mr. Stephens explained that this is the second reading of an ordinance to allow golf carts and similar unconventional vehicles to be operated on Oakwood streets. The ordinance was introduced with a first reading at Council's December meeting. Council is aware that some Oakwood residents have golf carts and similar unconventional vehicles that they would like to use on public streets, and the purpose of this ordinance is to authorize that use.

Before a motion and vote, Mr. Stephens invited Law Director Rob Jacques to make a short presentation as to the state of the law concerning these vehicles.

Mr. Jacques referenced a PowerPoint presentation, and reviewed the proposed ordinance. He started his presentation by explaining the legal definitions of various vehicles. A motor vehicle is defined as any vehicle that is propelled or drawn by power other than muscular power or overhead electric trolley wires. This definition specifically exempts utility vehicles, motorized bicycles, and certain construction and farm equipment. Now that Senate Bill 144 has passed, the exemption also includes under-speed vehicles and mini-trucks. He then defined each type of motor vehicle and shared examples of the vehicles in these categories. Mr. Jacques reviewed a summary of the laws. Motorcycles are for street-use only, must have a motorcycle operator endorsement on license, and all motor vehicle laws are applicable. Bicycles are for street or sidewalk use, may not be operated recklessly, and all motor vehicle laws apply for street use. Motorized bicycles are for street use only, operators must be 14+ with moped license or 16+ with valid driver's license, a helmet is required for operators less than 18 years old, and all motor vehicle laws are applicable. Electronic personal assistive mobility devices are for street (not greater than 50 miles per hour) or sidewalk use, are permitted under state law unless prohibited or regulated by local authority, operators can be 14 or 15 years old with a 18+ year old present, a helmet is required for less than 18 years old, and generally, motor vehicle laws do not apply. Toy or play vehicles are prohibited on streets except when crossing in a crosswalk, and cannot be attached to any vehicle on a street. The new provisions under Senate Bill 114 include under-speed, utility, mini-trucks and low-speed vehicles. Under-speed, utility, and mini-trucks are prohibited under state law unless permitted by local authority. State law will allow use on streets 35 mph or less, although the speed cap can be further regulated by local authority, but Council has not authorized this yet and they are not currently permitted in Oakwood. Low-speed vehicles are permitted under state law regardless of local legislation, and State law will allow use on streets 35 mph or less, but this can be further regulated by local authority. The proposed ordinance for low-speed vehicles, under-speed vehicles, utility vehicles and mini-trucks will require: a Safety Department vehicle inspection; the vehicle to be properly titled/registered; the operator to have a driver's license; insurance on the vehicle, the vehicle to be equipped as required by state law; additional federal equipment requirements for low-speed vehicles only; that operation is only permitted on streets 25 mph or less; all traffic and parking laws apply; and city refuse scooter being an exception to this law. Mr. Jacques then reviewed the equipment requirements for low-speed vehicles and under-speed vehicles. Low-speed vehicles must meet federal low-speed vehicles standards, which require headlights, brake lights, turn signals, tail lights, reflectors, parking brakes, rearview mirrors, windshields, seat belts, rear license plate light, and a vehicle identification number. Under-speed vehicles (if permitted by local authority) must have: adequate brakes and braking system; properly working brake lights, head lights, tail lights, and turn signals; a properly working steering mechanism, a windshield; a rearview mirror; and appropriate tires that are free of major bumps, bulges, breaks. Mr. Jacques closed his comments by stating that this ordinance is being proposed because the State law has changed and the City must comply with it.

Mr. Stephens said that he understands that golf carts will not be allowed on Far Hills Avenue or Shroyer Road, but it is his understanding that they can cross these roads.

Mr. Jacques confirmed that golf carts will be allowed to cross these streets, but they will not be allowed to travel along them.

Mrs. Hilton asked how the different types of vehicles will be identified in Oakwood. Mr. Jacques shared that the vehicle type will be determined when the Public Safety Department completes the inspection.

Thereupon, it was moved by Mr. Stephens and seconded by Mrs. Hilton that the ordinance be passed.

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

- MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN.....YEA
- MR. STEVEN BYINGTONYEA
- MR. ROBERT P. STEPHENS.....YEA
- MRS. ANNE HILTONYEA
- MR. CHRISTOPHER EPLEY.....YEA

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

A RESOLUTION
BY MAYOR DUNCAN NO 1852
TO REPEAL RESOLUTION NO. 951, RESTORING THE OAKWOOD
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE TO ITS ORIGINAL DESIGNATION
AS THE OAKWOOD BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE.

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

Mayor Duncan explained that this is a resolution to rename the Oakwood Environmental Committee, which was first formed on October 16, 1967. At that time, the committee was called the “Oakwood Beautification Committee,” and its focus was the enhancement of city ambience and outdoor beautification. In 1972, the committee was renamed the “Oakwood Environmental Committee.” This was not to reflect a change of the committee’s mission or focus, but was seen as a name that more broadly captured the idea of outdoor beauty. In the years since 1972, usage of the word “environment” has evolved, and it now suggests an emphasis on sustainability and the natural world. Sustainability is desirable, without a doubt, but it is not the primary focus of this particular committee. For that reason, the resolution being introduced will restore the committee’s original name of the Oakwood Beautification Committee. Much of the Oakwood Beautification Committee’s work is “behind the scenes,” but they are a dedicated group of city volunteers who are involved in many of our annual programs, including: the Johnny Appleseed street tree program; Scarecrow Row; the Holiday of Lights; holiday decorating awards; City beautification awards; boulevard plantings; horticultural seminars through the Oakwood Community Center; educational projects through the Oakwood Schools; the Smith Gardens annual perennial sale; the city’s Tree City USA designation; and many others over the years. It is Council’s desire that the Oakwood Beautification Committee will continue its 41+ year tradition of enhancing city ambience through landscaping and outdoor beautification.

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

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

- MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN.....YEA
- MR. STEVEN BYINGTONYEA
- MR. ROBERT P. STEPHENS.....YEA
- MRS. ANNE HILTONYEA
- MR. CHRISTOPHER EPLEY.....YEA

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

CITY MANAGER’S COMMENTS

Mr. Klopsch reported that the leaf collection season officially ended on Friday, December 21. Unfortunately, due to the ice storm requiring additional yard debris collection, the leaf pick-up schedule was delayed. The Public Works Department will continue to collect existing leaves from the gutter over the next two weeks. Property owners should no longer place leaves in the street gutters. Beginning Monday, January 21, the Code Enforcement Officer will begin placing door hanger notices at properties where people have put leaves or other debris in the street.

The 2019 Oakwood Community Calendar is available on the city’s website. The cover photo is of Smith Gardens, which is appropriate since Smith Gardens is celebrating its 45th anniversary.

Mr. Klopsch shared a personal incident that occurred a few days ago regarding a car break-in. He explained that his wife observed someone in their vehicle, and the thief ran off with his wallet when confronted. Mr. Klopsch immediately called Oakwood Public Safety Department to report the incident. Due to a good description provided by his wife, Public Safety Officers were able to immediately identify a possible suspect. The suspect was found within 15 minutes of the theft, and handed over the wallet. Mr. Klopsch urged everyone to always lock their vehicle doors. He then gave kudos to the Public Safety Department.

Chief Hill shared that property crimes are not isolated incidents. The Public Safety Department identifies crime patterns related to community thefts and burglaries. Chief Hill shared that after a few arrests were made this past fall, the incidents stopped. Unfortunately, Oakwood is a targeted community and thieves can create a significant amount of havoc in a short amount of time. Chief Hill urged citizens to be safe, and if citizens see something, he urged them to report their experience.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Stephens congratulated and welcomed the new Public Safety Officers. He thanked Dr. Garrison for his many years of service. He then thanked city staff for all of their hard work in 2018.

Vice Mayor Byington echoed Mr. Stephens' comments. He commented that he recognized one of the previous Board of Health members as a veterinarian. Vice Mayor Byington asked if it is standard to have a veterinarian on the board.

Mr. Klopsch responded that it is not required, but there have been veterinarians in the past, and there is currently a veterinarian on the board. There are currently a variety of medical professionals on the board, including a D.O., D.D.S., M.D., and a nurse.

As a follow up to the question from Mr. Clarke, Vice Mayor Byington asked how many City Council members have dogs. Four of the five members of Council raised their hands.

Mayor Duncan welcomed Dr. Enseleit to the Board of Health. Mayor Duncan shared that he will be providing information about the new federal tax law and answering citizen questions at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 10 at the Wright Memorial Public Library.

The public meeting concluded at 9:08 p.m.



MAYOR

ATTEST:



CLERK OF COUNCIL