

CITY OF OAKWOOD
STATE OF OHIO
JULY 17, 2017

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.....	ABSENT

Officers of the city present were the following:

Mr. Norbert S. Klopsch, City Manager
Mr. Robert F. Jacques, City Attorney
Mr. Jay A. Weiskircher, Assistant City Manager
Mr. Alex Bebris, Director of Public Safety
Ms. Lori Stacel, Clerk of Council

The following visitors registered:

Andrew Lethander, 107 Aberdeen Avenue
Kyle Lethander, 107 Aberdeen Avenue
Tyler & Stefanie Campbell, 271 Schenck Avenue
Sharon Edwards, 344 Spirea Drive
Brian Barr, *Oakwood Register*
Sheriff Phil Plummer
Chief Deputy Rob Streck
PSO Kasey Ballinger and Family
Various Members of Oakwood Safety Department

It was moved by Mrs. Hilton and seconded by Mr. Stephens that the absence of Mr. Epley be excused. Upon a viva voce vote on the question of the motion, same passed unanimously and it was so ordered.

Mrs. Hilton advised Council she had read the meeting minutes of the June 5, 2017 regular session and work session, and the June 19, 2017 work session. Mrs. Hilton reported she found the minutes correct and complete. Therefore, it was moved by Mrs. Hilton and seconded by Mr. Stephens 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 Officer Kasey Ballinger and her family. He then administered the Oath of Office. Chief Bebris welcomed PSO Ballinger and shared that she is the first Oakwood hire from the Ohio State Highway Patrol.

2018/19 State of Ohio Budget – Mayor Duncan read the following statement into the record:

“The Governor and the Ohio General Assembly passed their biennial budget last month. As predicted, they continue their assault on local governments across our great State of Ohio. The biennial Ohio budget was challenging because of lower than expected revenue. The Ohio Small Business Deduction is the primary reason for the revenue shortfall. A “qualified small business” pays zero state income tax on the first \$250,000 of income and only 3% on any income over \$250,000.

Let me personalize this for you. My CPA firm has five equal partners. If we elected to be a qualified small business and if we each had \$250,000 of income, each of us would pay zero state income tax. Because we are not a qualified small business, this same income is subject to a 5% Ohio income tax.

The General Assembly and the Governor chose to leave this loophole unchanged. When my small business clients ask me why they do not owe any Ohio income tax, I tell them the state

believes you will hire more employees with your Ohio tax savings. They smile at me and put the money in their pockets. One Ohio legislator said he supported the small business deduction because one of his constituents created two jobs with this tax break.

Over the objections of the Ohio House, the Ohio Senate and the administration inserted language in the budget to allow state collection of municipal net profit business tax filings. This unconstitutional provision creates two different sets of laws for the same class of taxpayers and further erodes local control and access to municipal revenue.

The administration and the Ohio Senate inserted this provision in the budget despite thoughtful testimony in the Ohio House that indicated the Ohio Business Gateway (OBG) in Columbus was woefully unprepared to deal with this change in the law.

Ohio cities recently prevailed in the courts with another unconstitutional attack on local zoning ordinances passed in the lame duck session of the General Assembly last fall. We will soon determine if a legal challenge to this new attack on the "Home Rule" provisions of the Ohio constitution will prevail in the courts. If so, I encourage all municipalities to join us in our efforts to overturn this unconstitutional law.

The budget also removes the "throwback" rule for municipalities. Without getting into the weeds, this provision reduces municipal income taxes for certain warehouse/distribution businesses by about 33%. In testimony to the General Assembly, numerous cities across Ohio indicated this provision would create six figure revenue losses culminated by a \$1.5 million dollar estimated loss for the City of Akron. While this provision does not significantly affect Oakwood, other cities will inevitably raise their local income tax rates. If we continue to offer a 100% credit for taxes paid to other jurisdictions, this provision will also have a negative effect on Oakwood's tax base.

In 2012, the General Assembly broke its 75 year covenant with local governments by taking for itself sales tax revenue previously reserved for cities, villages, townships, counties and school districts. Although the total dollar amount is insignificant to their \$65 billion annual budget (it was about \$50 billion annually with no significant population increase when I became your Mayor eight years ago), the General Assembly and the Governor took about \$60 million dollars from the Local Government Fund and gave it to townships and for a State controlled opioid addiction program.

Local governments are on the front line of our opioid addiction problem. It defies belief the State would reduce local funding for this issue. Nor was one word said in Columbus about additional funding for enforcement of our existing laws.

We are honored tonight to have Sheriff Phil Plummer address City Council on the opioid addiction issue and other matters.

Let me be clear, however, the Local Government Fund, as we knew it, is dead!

In 1968, two thirds of our State budget was for public safety and infrastructure. According to the Wall Street Journal, Ohio now spends 43% of its budget on Medicaid and only 14% for K-12 education. The average all other states spend on Medicaid is 28%.

It was Governor Kasich who expanded Medicaid under Obamacare in 2013. At the time, the General Assembly predicted costs would exceed his estimates and, of course, they did. The General Assembly's current budget provides some common sense cost controls which the Governor vetoed. If the General Assembly does not override his veto, our next Governor will have to decide on whether we want the State to provide for education to our children and provide assistance to poor children and the disabled or to provide free health care for able-bodied adults above the poverty level. Either way, local government support from the State of Ohio will not be in the mix.

I do have positive news to report, which I will provide at the end of our meeting. Thank you for your consideration."

VISITORS

Phil Plummer, Montgomery County Sheriff – Mayor Duncan introduced Sheriff Plummer and shared that he joined the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office in 1988 when he began his career as a corrections officer. Sheriff Plummer is a native of Montgomery County. He graduated from Chaminade-Julienne High School and earned an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Toledo and a Bachelor of Science in Management from the University of Phoenix. In 2003, he graduated from the FBI National Academy.

Sheriff Plummer reported that there is an opioid epidemic that is bringing a lot of negative national attention to Montgomery County. The only positive thing with the national attention is that the Federal Government is beginning to listen, and Montgomery County may start to get resources to help fight this epidemic. In 2016, 59,000 American lives nationally were lost to this epidemic.

Chief Deputy Rob Streck referenced a PowerPoint presentation and reported on the following opioid issues and other matters relating to policing in Montgomery County:

There are many key contributing factors to the heroin problem in Ohio. The Sinaloa Cartel and the La Familia Michoacana Cartel are the two main Mexican drug cartels that control the drug trade in Montgomery County. The cartels generate an estimated \$64 billion annually from the sale of drugs. Montgomery County's I-70 and I-75 are the crossroads of America, so Dayton has become a source city for the drug trade.

Today, fentanyl is the leading opioid of abuse in many areas of Ohio. Its availability and use are also outpacing heroin in many places in the U.S. Heroin is 100 times stronger than morphine and fentanyl is 100 times more powerful than heroin. The U.S. DEA (Drug Enforcement Agency) issued a carfentanil warning in September 2016 to the general public cautioning that carfentanil, a synthetic opioid, is 10,000 times more potent than morphine and 100 times more potent than fentanyl, and could be lethal at the 2-milligram range. There have been 27 different strands of fentanyl identified in Montgomery County alone.

In 2016, there were 1,705 calls for service relating to overdoses. From January 1, 2017 – July 2, 2017, there have been 2,414 calls for service relating to overdoses. The city of Dayton projects to hit 4,000 EMS runs in 2017, which impacts surrounding cities assisting with mutual aid. In 2015, there were 259 accidental overdose deaths, 349 accidental overdose deaths in 2016 and year-to-date in 2017, there have been 404 accidental overdose deaths.

To help combat the problem, there have been multiple task forces and programs organized.

The R.A.N.G.E Task Force's primary focus is to disrupt drug trafficking organizations and other criminal enterprises operating in and around the Miami Valley. The task force works diligently to fight the heroin epidemic, along with the other drug problems facing Montgomery and Clark counties. Their main goal is to put people in jail.

The Miami Valley Bulk Smuggling Task Force consists of officers from the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, R.A.N.G.E Task Force, Miami Township Police Department, Butler Township Police Department, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation, Department of Homeland Security, Drug Enforcement Agency, and the Montgomery County Prosecutor's Office. The task force was developed to investigate upper-level drug organizations in Montgomery County and surrounding areas.

The Bulk Smuggling Task Force is responsible for tracking the money. The Montgomery County Sheriff's Office developed directed patrols to combat high crime areas and citizen complaints using "hot spot" and intelligence-based coordination. Deputies focus on street level hot spots that are usually controlled by gangs.

Naloxone/Narcan use is controversial, but it is the first step in combatting deaths from overdose. Approximately 600 Narcan kits have been utilized by law enforcement year-to-date.

The mission of the Montgomery County Drug-Free Coalition is to promote a drug-free community by mobilizing diverse partnerships; developing, implementing and supporting environmental strategies; and increasing public awareness of the harmful effects of heroin, opiates, and illegal prescription drugs.

The Front Door Project allows Deputies the option to take individuals who request assistance to treatment centers. The Cornerstone Project can then provide instant medical assessments and the individuals can be referred to outpatient treatment or an inpatient facility. This project has expanded to MCSO, Dayton, Huber Heights and Riverside.

The G.R.O.W. (Getting Recovery Options Working) Project is an interdisciplinary outreach team that consists of a representative from law enforcement, a medically assisted treatment provider, peer-and-family support service provider and a local community based organization that has established trusted relationships within the community. The goal is to educate and connect individuals with opiate addiction and their family and friends to a medically assisted treatment service provider or other available community resource.

Law Enforcement Blitzes are done to apprehend drug dealers, provide front door access to individuals who need assistance with addiction, and to provide information on the dangers of opiates to the community. It allows the surrounding communities to have access to multiple resources and personnel.

The Heroin Eradication Apprehension Team (HEAT) prosecutes heroin and fentanyl suppliers who contribute to both fatal and non-fatal overdoses in Montgomery County. The HEAT initiative believes holding suppliers accountable for contributing to one's death may be the game changer needed to help reduce inbound fentanyl/heroin supplies.

The Prescription Drug Drop Box Program is designed to significantly reduce the prescription drugs in homes that are either not needed or expired. These unused drugs have become the target of theft and misuse, often by people who have access to the residence.

Mr. Stephens asked if judges are supportive of law enforcement actions, and if penalties for dealers are strong enough.

Sheriff Plummer responded that most judges are tired of seeing the same addicts, so they are on board. Many judges are offering medically assisted treatment. He said that he would like to see the line drawn in the sand and a little more pressure placed on the dealers.

Mayor Duncan asked who is paying for the Narcan.

Sheriff Plummer said that State ADAMHS has a grant that supplies Narcan.

Mrs. Hilton asked what happens once an addict goes through the Front Door for treatment.

Sheriff Plummer shared that it is mostly for outpatient treatment. The individual is given a medication that blocks the opiate for 30 days with the hopes that they will continue with their treatment. There are only 11 inpatient treatment beds available.

Vice Mayor Byington asked what kind of traffic accidents have been seen as a result of opioid abuse.

Sheriff Plummer said that there have been quite a few vehicular fatalities. There are also a number of overdoses occurring in gas station bathrooms or restaurants because people cannot wait to get home to use.

Mr. Stephens asked if he was correct in thinking that heroin is a base drug, and fentanyl is a stronger version, but it is still heroin.

Sheriff Plummer responded that fentanyl is a synthetic drug. He added that 50% of these drugs are being delivered through the US Postal System.

Mayor Duncan asked if the United States Postal Service has technology to detect these drugs.

Sheriff Plummer said no. He said that the Drug Enforcement Agency is starting to work postal services.

Mr. Stephens asked if the Federal Government could place more resources in the post offices to help reduce these drugs coming into Montgomery County.

Sheriff Plummer said that he spoke to the DEA, Homeland Security, and FBI and they plan on sending some additional agents into Montgomery County since we are considered "Ground Zero".

Mayor Duncan thanked Sheriff Plummer and Chief Deputy Streck for the presentation.

Ms. Sharon Edwards, 344 Spirea Drive, asked if the city would provide a prescription drug drop off location. She shared that her mother recently passed away and she had to go to Kettering to dispose of the remaining prescription drugs. Ms. Edwards also said that sidewalks are needed in the 300 block of Spirea between Delaine and Hathaway because there is a safety concern due to an increase in traffic at higher speeds.

Mr. Klopsch explained that once a year the city offers a prescription drug drop off event at the public works center, but the city is working on establishing a 24-7 prescription drug drop off location as well. In regards to the sidewalk recommendation, Mr. Klopsch explained that there are two factors that come to mind. One is the cost associated with building the sidewalks. The

other is using the property to create the sidewalks. While the property is the city right-of-way, it can get complicated dealing with people's yard.

Mayor Duncan explained that the costs for the sidewalk would be assessed to the individual's property taxes and the individuals impacted would need to agree to this proposed sidewalk.

LEGISLATION

AN ORDINANCE
BY VICE MAYOR BYINGTON NO. 4843
TO AMEND SECTION I, 2017 ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION
ORDINANCE NO. 4832, TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPROPRIATION
OF:

1. AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$40,000.00 TO BE EXPENDED FROM THE COURT COMPUTERIZATION FUND FOR THE PURPOSE OF REPLACING AND UPGRADING THE CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR THE OAKWOOD MUNICIPAL COURT; AND
2. AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$50,000.00 TO BE EXPENDED FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPROVING REAL PROPERTY AT THE CORNER OF OAKWOOD AND SCHENCK AVENUES FOR USE AS A PUBLIC POCKET PARK;

FOR THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE
FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017.

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

Vice Mayor Byington explained that this is a supplemental appropriation ordinance that is necessary to address two capital projects. Major grants were received to offset most of these additional expenses. The first is a complete replacement and upgrade of the Oakwood Municipal Court's Case Management System ("CMS"), and the second is for improvements to a pocket park at the corner of Oakwood and Schenck Avenues.

When Council adopted the 2017 budget last December, an appropriation of \$100,000 was included for the Court's CMS project. This is an extensive project that includes the installation of new computer hardware and software, IT integration and compatibility services, and training. However, in order to include all of the functionality that the Ohio Supreme Court requires, and to integrate the system with the city's existing computer server, the estimated cost of the project is now \$140,000.

Judge Peggy Quinn applied for a grant from the Ohio Supreme Court, which was approved in the amount of \$116,977. She is now asking Council to increase the original appropriation by \$40,000 in order to accept the Supreme Court grant and complete the entire project. Given the significant grant, this major project can now be completed with 84% of the funding coming from the state and only 16% from the Oakwood Court funds.

The other project involves city-owned land at the corner of Oakwood and Schenck Avenues. About a year ago, Oakwood resident Mary Montgomery approached the city on behalf of herself and a group of her neighbors to discuss the possibility of developing that parcel into a small pocket park with some playground equipment. These residents had the idea to raise a significant portion of the money privately. Through discussions that ensued, city staff determined that the pocket park project might be eligible for grant funding through the Montgomery County Solid Waste District and an application was filed. It qualified for the grant because major components of the improvements can be built using recycled materials.

City Council was recently informed that the grant was approved in the amount of \$39,004. This is a grant that requires local matching funds in the amount of \$18,767. The city will pay the \$18,767 with the understanding that Mary Montgomery will spearhead an effort to raise \$10,000 from private donations to reimburse the city. All told, this pocket park project requires an additional appropriation of \$50,000.

Council is very appreciative of Mary’s efforts, as well as her neighbors, who are willing to dedicate their time, effort, and resources to improving the Oakwood community.

In order to pursue both of these projects in 2017, as required by the terms of the two grants, Council must adopt an amendment to the appropriation ordinance passed last December. This ordinance will appropriate an additional \$40,000 from our Court Computerization Fund and additional \$50,000 from our Capital Improvement Fund.

Thereupon, it was moved by Vice Mayor Byington and seconded by Mr. Stephens that the second reading be waived and that the ordinance be passed this evening.

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 HILTONYEA

There being four (4) 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 1837
TO ACCEPT A DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY FROM
OAKWOOD INVESTMENT GROUP.

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 that relates to the Pointe Oakwood Settlement Agreement that was approved by Council on March 20, 2017, and adopted by the Montgomery County Common Pleas Court on March 21, 2017.

Pursuant to the settlement agreement, Oakwood Investment Group (OIG) and Hills Developers, Inc., have abandoned their plans to build condominiums at the intersection of Far Hills and West Schantz Avenues, and OIG re-platted that area to create 4 single family residential lots and a public greenspace.

OIG is now donating the corner greenspace parcel to the city, to be held in perpetuity as public greenspace. Our City Attorney has received the deed from OIG’s legal counsel. This resolution will formally accept the donation and authorize the City Attorney to record the deed.

Thereupon, it was moved by Mayor Duncan and seconded by Mrs. Hilton 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 BYINGTON.....YEA
MR. ROBERT P. STEPHENS.....YEA
MRS. ANNE HILTONYEA

There being four (4) yea votes and no (0) nay votes thereon, said resolution was declared duly passed and it was so ordered.

A RESOLUTION
BY MR. STEPHENS NO 1838
A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT THE
DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO CERTIFY CERTAIN
DELINQUENT CHARGES FOR CUTTING NOXIOUS WEEDS
TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR FOR COLLECTION.

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

Mr. Stephens explained that each year, the city incurs costs for mowing overgrown yards when owners do not take care of their property. The city bills property owners for those costs and most of them pay. For those who do not pay, this is our annual resolution to certify the costs to

the County Auditor so they can be added to the tax bill for each property. The resolution includes 6 properties totaling a little over \$1,700.

Thereupon, it was moved by Mr. Stephens and seconded by Mrs. Hilton 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 BYINGTON	YEA
MR. ROBERT P. STEPHENS.....	YEA
MRS. ANNE HILTON	YEA

There being four (4) yea votes and no (0) nay votes thereon, said resolution was declared duly passed and it was so ordered.

STAFF REPORT

Assistant City Manager Presentation: Mr. Jay Weiskircher, Assistant City Manager, referenced a PowerPoint presentation and updated Council on Development Projects, Property Maintenance, the Schenck Pocket Park Project and improvements to the Far Hills Business District timber wall.

Mr. Weiskircher reported that there was a Sugar Camp settlement agreement in March that contemplated construction of an office building, no more than three stories high, on the five acre tract at the top of the hill. Russell Total Wealth Management, currently located in Fairborn, announced plans to construct a 15,000 – 20,000 square foot building that will serve as their corporate offices. The building will also have space for other tenants, along with a wellness center. This planned development requires an amendment to the Master Plan to designate this area as a commercial use. After an Oakwood Planning Commission hearing, Oakwood Planning Commission would need to make a recommendation for the Master Plan amendment, and then Oakwood City Council has final authority to approve or deny the development. As part of the March, 2017 Settlement Agreement, Hills withdrew the application for ‘The Pointe’ condominium complex and that space has been re-platted into 4 single family lots and a small public park area on the corner of W. Schantz and Far Hills Avenues. ‘The Trails’ condominium development plan located along Old River Trail was approved for 84 condominiums/rental units in two buildings with an outdoor pool and fitness center. Construction of ‘The Trails’ is slated to begin this September/October with the two buildings being built concurrently. The project is scheduled for completion in winter/spring 2019. The project is valued at \$7 million with Hills serving as the construction manager. Later this week, Goodwill will sign a lease to locate a store at the former Petco site at 2322 Far Hills Avenue. Exterior improvements to the site are already underway in the form of a new asphalt parking lot. Exterior building facade improvements will take place over the next several months, and the interior of the building will also be completely renovated. Goodwill plans to open the new store in early October.

In addition to ongoing property maintenance efforts, city staff conducts an annual spring city-wide automobile drive-by tour to identify violations of the Oakwood Property Maintenance Code. Property owners are then sent a letter advising them of the violation(s) and establishing a date to complete the repair(s). There were 180 notices sent in early June.

Last year, neighbors contacted the city requesting that consideration be given to converting the green space at the northeast corner of Schenck and Oakwood Avenue into a more active park to benefit the children in the immediate neighborhood who do not currently have a park within easy walking distance. The city applied for and received a grant to apply towards improvements to the park. Conditions of the grant require that equipment and amenities must be primarily manufactured of recycled products. The city also had to match 30% of the grant funding. City Council requested that the neighborhood raise at least \$10,000 towards the park improvements. Detailed plans are currently being developed and a neighborhood informational meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 26 at the city building. The city hopes to begin the park improvements in late summer/early fall.

City crews started repairing the Far Hills Business District timber wall originally built in the early 1970’s. The repair work includes replacing rotted wood, sanding, caulking and applying a fresh coat of paint. Work is being done on a block by block basis and should be completed by late August.

CITY MANAGER’S COMMENTS – Mr. Klopsch provided an update on the following items:

Mr. Klopsch recalled that over 15 years ago the city conducted preliminary planning on replacement options for the timber wall and the prices were astronomical at \$2 – \$3 million

dollars. Over the years, city staff has repaired the wall, and the city plans to continue this ongoing maintenance to help preserve it.

The water and sewer department is engaged in some underground water line work on W. Peach Orchard and Hilltop Avenue where they run into Far Hills Avenue. There will be construction for another week in that area. Water & Sewer Foreman Chris Harold has informed impacted business owners. Chris Harold is a new public works foreman and will be introduced at the August 21 council meeting.

Major construction work is underway on Shroyer Road and will continue for the next three months. The 25 mph work zone is now in place and the Oakwood section of Shroyer Road will operate with one lane in each direction for most of the construction period, with the exception of a short-term total road closure later in the project. This will be discussed in more detail at the next council meeting. The Oakwood Public Safety Department is regularly conducting speed enforcement. A speed board is on loan from the city of Centerville Police Department, at no cost, and is being used at various locations for a few weeks to alert drivers of speed violations. Currently the work being done involves catch basin repairs, major pavement joint repair, curb and sidewalk work, and wheelchair ramps at the intersections. At the far south end of Shroyer, work will soon begin on the construction of the 16 center medians. Mr. Klopsch will provide another update at the August council meeting.

The 2017 Sidewalk, Curb and Driveway Apron Project has gone well and should be done in the next few weeks.

The city started a new program for educating Oakwood citizens on keeping green waste/debris out of the street. Roughly 30 door hanger notices were distributed pertaining to the placement of inappropriate debris in the street, and all but two responded within the 72 hour period. These two properties will be charged a special pick-up, and if they have already received their two free pick-ups, they will be charged \$100 for this service.

The Public Works Department, with oversight from Horticulturist Brian Caldwell, is continuing tree trimming in Hatcher's Plat. The work is being done to ensure safety along sidewalks and streets. City staff is placing notices to residents being impacted.

Mayor Duncan asked if police patrol has also been increased on Delaine Avenue and Hathaway Road.

Mr. Klopsch answered yes.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Stephens welcomed PSO Ballinger. He reminded everyone that school starts on August 15, and wished luck to the students, administrators and staff. He thanked Mr. Weiskircher for the thorough presentation. He also thanked Sheriff Phil Plummer and Chief Deputy Rob Streck for attending the meeting.

Mayor Duncan asked people to continue enjoying ice cream at Graeters. Blue Turtle Toys is under new ownership and will remain in Oakwood, so he encouraged residents to visit the store. Toasty Barker Boutique plans to move to the Park Avenue Antique location. Mayor Duncan mentioned that his daughter is the owner. The Goodwill store has plans to upgrade the surrounding area and parking lot. Property revaluations will be mailed to all property owners soon. Over 80% of Oakwood homes sold over the past couple years sold above appraised value, so people recognize the value of living in Oakwood.

The public meeting concluded at 8:56 p.m.



MAYOR

ATTEST:



CLERK OF COUNCIL