

CITY OF OAKWOOD
STATE OF OHIO
MARCH 12, 2018

The Council of the city of Oakwood, State of Ohio, met in a work session and executive session at 6:00 p.m. in the conference room of the city of 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 BYINGTONPRESENT
- 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
- Mr. Ethan Kroger, Code Enforcement Officer
- Ms. Lori Stacel, Clerk of Council

The following visitors registered:

- Katie Hapgood, 305 Northview Road, Oakwood, OH 45419
- Sharlyn Radcliffe, 2 Ivanhoe Avenue, Oakwood, OH 45419
- Elmer Paloney, 169 E. Thruston Boulevard, Oakwood, OH 45419
- Judith Guenther-Adams, 16 Ivanhoe Avenue, Oakwood, OH 45419
- Karen Haviland, 145 Collingwood Avenue, Oakwood, OH 45419
- Marina Wille, 820 Oakwood Avenue, Oakwood, OH 45419
- John Haviland, 145 Collingwood Avenue, Oakwood, OH 45419
- Brian Allen, 105 Collingwood Avenue, Oakwood, OH 45419
- Allison Kordik, 52 Corona Avenue, Oakwood, OH 45419
- Jill Aldineh, 28 W. Thruston Boulevard, Oakwood, OH 45419
- Debbie Morgan, 965 E. Schantz Avenue, Oakwood, OH 45419
- Stefanie Campbell, 271 Schenck Avenue, Oakwood, OH 45409
- Jerry Connally, 50 Ivanhoe Avenue, Oakwood, OH 45419
- Healy Jackson, 118 Lonsdale Avenue, Oakwood, OH 45419
- George LeBoeuf, 7 W. Thruston Boulevard, Oakwood, OH 45419
- Margaret Neikirk, 41 Corona Avenue, Oakwood, OH 45419
- Allie Jefferis, 648 Woods Road, Oakwood, OH 45419
- Mayumi Hall, 1800 Southwood Lane, Oakwood, OH 45419
- Brian Barr, *Oakwood Register*

Mrs. Hilton advised Council she had read the meeting minutes of the February 5, 2018 and February 26, 2018 regular session, work session and executive 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.

Mr. Hilton reported that at the January 2, 2018 Council meeting, there were a number of appointments to city boards and commissions that were summarized in the meeting minutes that were approved at the February 5 meeting. There were a couple of errors identified in the summary after the fact, and Council needs to adopt a motion to correct them since the minutes have already been approved. Council also has a couple of new committee appointments, so to clarify the record as to all city boards and commissions, Mrs. Hilton put forward two motions. Mrs. Hilton moved that the minutes for Council's January 2, 2018, meeting be corrected by the Clerk of Council to reflect the following: Arik Sherk was not reappointed to the Tax/Water & Sewer/Assembly Appeals Board; Sarah Waechter was appointed to the Budget Review Committee; Nancy Drozd was appointed to the Environmental Committee; and Chuck Ellis was appointed to the Property Maintenance Board. Mrs. Hilton then made a motion to appoint the following new members of city boards and commissions: Diane Scott – Board of Health; Susie Elliot – Budget Review Committee; Jill Kollars – Budget Review Committee; Rob Connelly –

Budget Review Committee; Katy Dalrymple – Environmental Committee; Gregg Smith – Environmental Committee; Arik Sherk – Tax/Water & Sewer/Assembly Appeals Board; Tim Judge – Property Maintenance Board; and Alex Heckman – Property Maintenance Board. Mr. Epley seconded the two motions. Upon a viva voce vote on the question of the two motions, same passed unanimously and it was so ordered.

STATUS REPORTS

2018 State of the City Address. Mayor Duncan gave the following address:

“Members of City Council, honored guests, City staff and citizens of Oakwood:

As I begin my 16th year as a member of City Council and my 9th year as your Mayor, it is my honor to proclaim that Oakwood continues to be the premier residential community in the Dayton region.

We have this distinction because of our beautiful neighborhoods, our excellent public schools and library, unmatched city services, including public safety, public works, recreation and leisure, and most of all because of our citizens.

Community Servants: I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the efforts of our outstanding city staff. Alex Bebris, our Public Safety Director departed after 11 years of outstanding public service to our community. We promoted Alan Hill as our new Public Safety Director and promoted Kevin Pruszynski to Captain and Mike Tanner to Lieutenant. These internal promotions are a testament to the quality and talent of our public safety department.

We will issue our 2017 Annual Report to every household in the near future. This report provides an abundance of information about our city and the services we provide to our citizens. Accordingly, I will not repeat tonight the good news found in the report. Please read this interesting report at your leisure.

In past messages to our citizens, you have heard me extoll the benefits of our Public Safety Department. Our first officer on scene response time for any emergency is under two minutes, by far the fastest in the region.

This is merely an interesting fact until you experience it directly. During our November 2017 City Council meeting, a citizen experienced a life threatening emergency. Our public safety officers immediately responded, quickly provided emergency assistance, transported the citizen to the hospital, and he survived emergency heart surgery. This was a life-saving event and we commend the crew on staff that evening.

Jay Weiskircher, our assistant city manager, retired after 35 years of exemplary service to our community. Jay was involved with every major project in our community and had a hand in hiring every current city employee, save two.

Mike Wenclewicz, our assistant public works director, retired after 36 years of outstanding service to Oakwood.

Cindy Stafford received another Auditor of State Award for Excellence in Financial Reporting. She and her staff continue our tradition of transparency in all financial respects.

Our Public Works Department continues to provide comprehensive refuse services, curb collection of yard waste, fall leaf collection and spring mulch delivery. We routinely receive letters of appreciation from residents having positive experiences with our public works personnel.

A special mention also belongs to Carol Collins, our leisure services director, who has served our city for 43 years.

The excellent services provided by our public safety, leisure services and public works departments would not occur if not for the leadership of City Manager Norbert Klopsch. He is recognized throughout the region as an outstanding city manager.

Business District: Our unique business district saw many positive developments in 2017. Ashley’s Pastry Shop, Flyboys Deli and the Oakwood Farmers Market all received Best of Dayton Awards. The Christina Gentry ReMax Ultimate office opened at 2331 Far Hills. Blue Turtle Toys has a new owner and remains in Oakwood. Graeter’s ice cream shop is staying in Oakwood, but on a month to month lease. Please buy Graeter’s ice cream. The Oakwood Candy

Shoppe opened in July. The Toasty Barker vintage shop opened in August and we welcomed the Goodwill store in December.

In addition, Kettering Health Network purchased the 2600 Far Hills building from an out of state owner and plans to make a significant investment in our community in the next year or two. We will also recognize a gem of Oakwood as Dorothy Lane Market celebrates its 70th anniversary this year.

Special Celebrations: In 2017 we dedicated Lane Stadium. Over the last several years, the City of Oakwood, Oakwood City Schools and the Oakwood Athletic Boosters worked in collaboration to create a \$4 million dollar asset to benefit hundreds of Oakwood student athletes and others in our community. We also dedicated Veteran's Corner at Lane Stadium. Council member Rob Stephens, along with financial support from the Oakwood Rotary Foundation, should be commended for their efforts honoring Oakwood veterans, past and present.

You are aware of our excellent parks, gardens and green space. We dedicated a new eco-friendly pocket park at Oakwood Avenue and Schenck Avenue. Cook Park is aptly and deservedly named after our former Mayor and community servant, Judy Cook.

Sugar Camp and Shroyer Road: After a successful mediation between the developers, the Pointe Oakwood neighbors and the city, "Element Oakwood" began sitework along the lower portion of Old River Trail. We expect this 84 unit condominium project to be completed in 2019.

We also approved an additional office building for Russell Wealth Management at Sugar Camp. We expect this building will be completed late this year.

The Shroyer roadway redesign was completed in 2017. This successful project has already reduced accidents and vehicle speeds and has improved the ambiance of the Shroyer Road corridor.

Neighborhoods: We have outstanding diversity in housing choices. Although most of our housing stock is over 70 years old, our homes and properties are better maintained than any other city around and our home values prove it. In 2017, 72% of Oakwood home sales were higher the County appraised value.

Well Governed, Well Managed and Financially Strong: When I joined City Council in 2003, it was my belief that Oakwood was well governed, well managed and financially strong. I still hold that belief and will continue this tradition.

I would like to thank the citizens of Oakwood for allowing me to represent them as a member of Oakwood City Council for the past 15 years. I would also like to thank Oakwood City Council for allowing me to serve our city as Mayor for the last eight years. I also serve as President of the Greater Dayton Mayors & Managers Association. I am proud to serve with Vice Mayor Steve Byington who begins his 11th year on City Council and represents our City on the First Suburbs Consortium of Dayton and MVRPC. I am also proud to serve with recently re-elected Rob Stephens and Anne Hilton each of whom begin their ninth year on City Council and Chris Epley who begins his fifth year on City Council.

This Council, like those that preceded it, operates in a collegial style and everyone believes in doing the right thing for the citizens of Oakwood. We listen to one another, no one has hidden agendas, and we believe in community service.

With the help of City Council, city staff and the citizens of Oakwood, we will continue to be well governed, well managed and financially strong.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve you."

Introduction of Jennifer Wilder

City Manager Norbert Klopsch introduced Jennifer Wilder, who started in Oakwood on February 12, 2018, as the new Director of Personnel and Properties. Mrs. Wilder has 18 years of experience in local government and comes to Oakwood from the city of Centerville. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Miami University and a Master of Business Administration from Wright State. Mrs. Wilder is Oakwood's human resources director and oversees all matters relating to public and private properties in Oakwood including residential property, commercial property, property maintenance, property improvements (zoning), property development (planning) and property beautification.

Mrs. Wilder addressed City Council and said that she is excited to be in Oakwood. She said that while it is impossible to fill Mr. Weiskircher's shoes, he certainly set an example for her to follow. Mrs. Wilder shared that she is looking forward to working with Oakwood City Council and all of city staff moving forward.

City Council welcomed Mrs. Wilder to Oakwood.

Proclamations – Mayor Duncan read a proclamation designating April as “Fair Housing Month.” He then read a proclamation congratulating the Wright State University men's basketball team on an outstanding season including its victory in the Horizon League Tournament and proclaimed Thursday, March 15, 2018 as Wright State University men's basketball day in the City of Oakwood.

VISITORS

Karen Haviland, 145 Collingwood Avenue, shared concerns regarding the proposed parking lot for the Shafor Park Tennis Courts. She does not feel that City Council has been listening to the concerns raised by Oakwood residents. Oakwood is a pedestrian-friendly city and this parking lot will negatively impact the City and the property values. The Shafor Park Tennis Courts are a unique treasure to Oakwood. The current design is great because it is safe for people to walk directly through, there is a water fountain and it does not invite distractions behind the courts when people are playing tennis. The proposed parking lot would be right behind the tennis courts, which would create a dangerous environment when balls fly out of the courts and bounce on the parking lot into the street. The proposed parking lot would be inviting unwanted behaviors and create a less safe environment or a “hot spot”. The proposed parking lot would put residents, including children, at risk every day. Mrs. Haviland shared that there are many people who were unable to attend the meeting, so she is speaking on their behalf as well. In regards to Shroyer Road, the trees and boulevard look nice, but she feels ashamed of the change because home/street access was cut off to quite a few residents due to the design. The crosswalks dead end directly in front of homes and people are using the boulevards to get across the street.

Jill Aldineh, 28 W. Thruston Boulevard, asked how much the proposed parking lot will cost and asked if there would be a levy to pay for the project.

Mayor Duncan responded that the City budgeted \$700,000 for the tennis court and parking lot project and confirmed that there would not be a levy.

Elmer Paloncy, 169 E. Thruston Boulevard, shared that he does not feel additional parking is needed because the city of Oakwood is a walking/jogging community. Driving cars releases toxin particulates and affects global warming. He suggested keeping up with tennis court maintenance and not building the parking lot.

Judith Guenther-Adams, 16 Ivanhoe Avenue, shared that she attended the active conversations from the beginning related to the Shafor Park Tennis Courts at the OCC. People were adamantly opposed to the proposed parking lot, and then the second meeting was held around the holidays when people were unable to attend. She agrees with the updates to the tennis courts, but not with the parking lot. She asked City Council to reconsider their decision.

Debbie Morgan, 965 E. Schantz Avenue, shared that she lives directly across the street from where the proposed parking lot will be located. She enjoys watching people play tennis and watching families gather together. Rarely has she seen the existing side parking area on Collingwood full, so she is not sure why a new parking lot would be needed. She shared concerns about the proposed parking lot being a breeding ground drawing in behavior that Oakwood residents do not want. The proposed parking lot will also set a precedent for other locations wanting parking lots in the City. She feels that Oakwood residents are not being listened to. She suggested that the proposed parking lot be eliminated, that the tennis courts be shifted to the west, and a splash pad be added next to Shafor Park.

Jill Aldineh, 28 W. Thruston Boulevard, asked what would happen if this proposed parking lot negatively affected the property values around the area by 40%. People will have challenges selling their homes because no one will want to buy a home next to a parking lot. She commented that she believes the Shroyer Road updates are great.

Debbie Morgan, 965 E. Schantz Avenue, commented on the proclamation that Mayor Duncan read designating April as “Fair Housing Month.” She said residents are paying taxes and it is mind boggling that all of the people who want this proposed parking lot have not come to the meeting to show their support.

Brian Allen, 105 Collingwood Avenue, inquired about the design for the tennis courts because they do not seem to meet regulations. The spacing is a fraction of what is there currently.

Mr. Klopsch responded that the City hired MSA Architects, a firm recognized as one of the finest athletic facility designers in the state of Ohio.

Mayor Duncan asked how many parking spaces will be in the proposed parking lot.

Mr. Klopsch responded that the original plans had 38 or 39 spaces, but the plans were reduced to 25 spaces.

Mayor Duncan clarified that there were discussions about a 4-court and 5-court plan. Oakwood Schools were okay with a 4-court, but preferred the 5-court plan.

John Haviland, 145 Collingwood Avenue, shared that he has never seen a parking lot built in the city of Oakwood. He asked for clarification on what the purpose of this parking lot is because no one has articulated the need. He said that the City's population and use of the OCC has not changed so he needs justification.

Marina Wille, 820 Oakwood Avenue, said that the focus should be on making the tennis courts regulation size and doing things right. The focus should not be on making a parking lot.

Karen Haviland, 145 Collingwood Avenue, shared that she has many years of experience with tennis and she knows tennis courts. She has offered her services multiple times to help in making the Shafor Park Tennis Courts first-class.

Mayumi Hall, 1800 Southwood Lane, shared that she attended the initial meetings at the OCC when people expressed concerns about the proposed parking lot. She asked if there is a reason why the parking lot is required with this project.

Mayor Duncan confirmed that the parking lot is not a requirement of the project.

George LeBoeuf, 7 W. Thruston Boulevard, shared that he is overwhelmed that City Council believes that the proposed parking lot makes sense.

Jerry Connally, 50 Ivanhoe Avenue, asked what the arrangement is at Old River tennis courts with the University of Dayton.

Mr. Jacques explained that the Old River tennis courts are owned by the University of Dayton. The city previously had a 5 year lease agreement that expired in May 2017. The University of Dayton agreed to a 1-year extension that will expire in May 2018.

Sharlyn Radcliffe, 2 Ivanhoe Avenue, shared that property values are critical to her and her husband as they are empty nesters. She shared concerns about the safety of the proposed parking lot.

Judith Guenther-Adams, 16 Ivanhoe Avenue, asked City Council why they feel the parking lot is needed.

Mayor Duncan shared that City Council reviewed all of the plans, and took all of the recommendations and feedback under advisement. He said that he sees the passion being relayed from residents and Council will continue to look into this.

LEGISLATION

A RESOLUTION

BY MR. STEPHENS

NO 1843

DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF REPAIRING SIDEWALKS AND APPURTENANCES THERETO ON EAST DRIVE AND CERTAIN OTHER STREETS BETWEEN CERTAIN TERMINI IN THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, OHIO, PROVIDING THAT ABUTTING PROPERTY OWNERS REPAIR THE SAME.

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 this is an annual resolution that is the first step of the 2018 Sidewalk, Curb and Driveway Apron Project. This year's program will cover all city streets within the area bounded by Far Hills Avenue to the west (but not including Far Hills Avenue);

the Oakwood-Kettering boundary line to the east; East Drive to the south; and Aberdeen Avenue to the north.

Oakwood is required by law to pass three (3) pieces of legislation in order to carry out this program and assess the sidewalk costs. The first piece is this resolution, which declares the necessity of sidewalk repairs in these parts of the city. Mr. Stephens shared that he will also be introducing as a first reading tonight the second piece, the "Ordinance to Proceed" for the project, but Council will not vote on that ordinance until the April meeting. After the project concludes, there will be a third piece of legislation, an ordinance to levy assessments for certain sidewalk costs.

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
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.

AN ORDINANCE

BY MR. STEPHENS NO 4855

DETERMINING TO PROCEED WITH THE REPAIRING OF
SIDEWALKS AND APPURTENANCES THERETO ON EAST DRIVE
AND CERTAIN OTHER STREETS BETWEEN CERTAIN TERMINI,
IN THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, OHIO, PROVIDING THAT
ABUTTING PROPERTY OWNERS REPAIR THE SAME.

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 an annual ordinance that is the second step of the 2018 Sidewalk, Curb and Driveway Apron Project. Again, this year's program will cover all city streets within the area bounded by Far Hills Avenue to the west (but not including Far Hills Avenue); the Oakwood-Kettering boundary line to the east; East Drive to the south; and Aberdeen Avenue to the north.

This was a first reading of the ordinance, so Mr. Stephens made no motion.

A RESOLUTION

BY MR. STEPHENS NO 1844

DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF IMPROVING CERTAIN
STREETS BETWEEN CERTAIN TERMINI IN THE CITY OF
OAKWOOD, OHIO, BY LIGHTING THE SAME WITH
ELECTRICITY.

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 this is another annual resolution that is the first step of the 2019 street lighting program. Like the sidewalk resolution, Oakwood is required by law to pass three (3) pieces of legislation to provide street lighting each year. The first is this resolution, declaring the necessity of street lighting throughout the city. Mr. Stephens shared that he will also be introducing as a first reading tonight the second piece, the "Ordinance to Proceed" for the project, but there will not be a vote on that ordinance until the April meeting. The third piece of legislation, an ordinance to levy assessments for certain street light costs, will be introduced as a first reading at the April meeting.

Thereupon, it was moved by Mr. Stephens 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 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 resolution was declared duly passed and it was so ordered.

AN ORDINANCE

BY MR. STEPHENS NO 4856

DETERMINING TO PROCEED WITH THE IMPROVEMENT OF CERTAIN STREETS BETWEEN CERTAIN TERMINI IN THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, OHIO, BY LIGHTING THE SAME WITH ELECTRICITY.

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 an annual ordinance that is the second step of the 2019 street lighting program. It is the ordinance that authorizes the City to proceed with the project.

This was a first reading of the ordinance, so Mr. Stephens made no motion.

AN ORDINANCE

BY MR. STEPHENS NO 4857

TO LEVY SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OR RECONSTRUCTION OF SIDEWALKS AND APPURTENANCES THERETO IN 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. Stephens explained that this is the final piece of last year's Sidewalk, Curb and Apron Project, and assesses the costs that have not already been paid directly by affected homeowners.

This was a first reading of the ordinance, so Mr. Stephens made no motion.

STAFF REPORT

Public Safety Department Presentation: Chief Alan Hill, Public Safety Director, referenced a PowerPoint presentation and updated Council on the following topics: Crime Statistics; EMS Trends; Overtime Expenditures; RadarSign; and Crime Mapping.

Chief Hill began his presentation by reporting on some incidents that have occurred in the City recently. He shared that the trench rescue last week involved mutual aid from the Region 3 Rescue Strike Team. The rescue took less than three hours and resulted in a safe and successful operation. Chief Hill recognized Lieutenant Yount and his crew, with a special recognition to Public Safety Officers McElroy and Ortel, who provided direct patient care. Independent investigations will be conducted from this point.

Two arrests have been made in connection with a robbery that occurred this past Saturday in the 300 block of Schantz Avenue. The suspects were apprehended while attempting to use stolen credits cards at a Kroger grocery store. The facts of the investigation were presented to the Montgomery County Prosecutor's Office and the suspects were charged with several felony counts.

Chief Hill reported that burglaries and thefts have dropped significantly from 2017 to year-to-date 2018. This reduction is due to aggressive patrolling by Oakwood Public Safety Officers. There was a 32% reduction in reported larceny offenses in 2017. Oakwood's mutual aid medic run requests to other jurisdictions have significantly increased over the past five years. There were zero mutual aid medic responses to Oakwood from other jurisdictions in 2017. Moving forward in 2018, traffic enforcement will remain a cornerstone of the Safety Department's policing philosophy.

The Oakwood Public Safety Department diligently monitors overtime hours. Over the past six years, the annual average of overtime hours is 3,850. Prior to that from 2006 – 2011, the average overtime hours were 5,194. When comparing these timeframes, this time equates to a 26% decrease in overtime hours and a yearly savings of approximately \$56,000.

The RadarSign, which is used to identify true areas of traffic concerns, continues to be an effective analysis tool for the Public Safety Department. Since the sign was received in October 2017, the sign has been placed in 12 different locations throughout the City and provides valuable data for allocating department resources.

There have been several traffic studies done on Kramer Road due to a concern raised by a resident. The second analysis of Kramer Road showed that the average speeds have not exceeded 20.9 miles per hour. The Oakwood Public Safety Department will continue to monitor the speeds, especially in the spring/summer.

Eight member cities of the Tactical Crime Suppression Unit (TCSU) and Miami Township entered into an agreement with LexisNexis to subscribe to their Accurint Virtual Crime Center. The selection of this software is a result of a multi-year study and evaluation of three different crime mapping products. Oakwood's annual fee for this software is \$5,516. It is anticipated that each agency will have their system up and running by early summer. There are many benefits to using the LexisNexis crime mapping software. It allows developing of immediate "hot spot" mapping so the Public Safety Department is able to view current crime trends in Oakwood and neighboring jurisdictions. It is used as both an investigative and resource allocation tool. The software will allow the Public Safety Department to be more prepared to focus on target areas and change patrol tactics as crime trends change. Each sworn officer will have access to the mapping software and will be able to access it from their MDT's. The software will give the Public Safety Department access to LexisNexis Accurint for Law Enforcement Investigative Database. The software is a significant technology upgrade designed to make police departments more efficient in the way they respond to crimes.

Chief Hill shared that in November 2015, the Oakwood Public Safety Department received a tip of possible drug trafficking activity occurring at a residence in the city of Oakwood. The initial information indicated the activity was occurring at a residence on Acorn Drive and that the suspect drove a red truck. Over the next six months, Detective Steve Norris, with assistance from the Tactical Crime Suppression Unit (TCSU) Investigative Unit, methodically built a criminal drug trafficking case.

In May 2016, Detective Norris executed a search warrant at the residence on Acorn Drive, which resulted in the seizure of large quantities of marijuana, hashish, LSD, numerous firearms, thousands of rounds of ammunition, and in excess of \$300,000 in U.S. currency. Additionally, later the same day, a second search warrant was executed at a residence in Greene County, Ohio where approximately 150 pounds of packaged/processed marijuana was recovered. Detective Norris' hard work and dedication on this case ultimately lead to an 18-count felony criminal indictment, and a 20-count felony criminal indictment. On February 23, 2018, the resident pleaded guilty to trafficking in marijuana, money laundering, and conspiracy to engage in a pattern of corrupt activity. He was sentenced to four years in prison.

Chief Hill shared that it was his pleasure to award Detective Norris a Letter of Recognition for his professionalism and hard work. He added that there is no doubt the city of Oakwood is a safer place because of Detective Norris and thanked him for a job well done.

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

The annual Asphalt Resurfacing Project recently went to bid and J.R. Jurgensen will be the contractor on the project. The City will spend about \$200,000 on this project. The project will include the areas of Hadley Avenue and Hadley Road, Wiltshire Boulevard, Acorn Drive from Patterson Road to Dellwood Avenue, and Deep Hollow Road.

The Sidewalk, Curb and Driveway Apron Project is currently advertised for bid. The project will include the area bounded by Far Hills Avenue, Aberdeen Avenue, Shroyer Road and East Drive. Notices will be delivered at the end of March or beginning of April to the residents who are responsible for repairing the damaged sidewalks.

Shroyer Road traffic was analyzed comparing speed and volume counts from February 2016, before the Shroyer Road updates, to February 2018. The average speed has dropped between 4 and 10 mph and the 85th percentile speed dropped between 6 and 11 mph.

The leaf mulch program, where the leaves collected in Oakwood last fall are processed and turned into mulch, will take place on five Saturdays from April 14 to May 12. Residents may call the Public Works Center at 937-298-0777 to place an order. Mulch picked up at the public works yard is available at no cost to Oakwood citizens. For those who want mulch delivered, the city offers 3 cubic yards for \$90 and 6 cubic yards for \$130.

The 2017 Annual Report will be delivered to every Oakwood resident the week of March 26.

Mrs. Hilton asked if the speed limit changed on Shroyer Road.

Mr. Klopsch confirmed that the speed limit has not changed.

Mr. Stephens shared that he receives a lot of compliments on the Shroyer Road updates.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Stephens congratulated Detective Norris. He added that it is a blessing to know that crime in this City was addressed. Mr. Stephens thanked Chief Hill for his well-done presentation.

Vice Mayor Byington shared that City Council and city staff received a lot of citizen input regarding the Shroyer Road Project. There were varying opinions on the project and many different viewpoints were shared. City Council and staff always strive to make the best possible decision for the community, after considering all of the factors and input. City Council, as representatives of the city of Oakwood, plans to make the best decisions on the tennis court project. Mr. Byington congratulated the Oakwood High School Academic Decathlon Team for winning the State Title for the eighth straight year. He congratulated Wright State University and Texas Tech, and added Go Raiders!

Mayor Duncan commented on the incident that occurred when the Oakwood Public Works employee was injured in a collapsed trench. He shared that a request was sent out for mutual aid, and the following jurisdictions responded: Beavercreek Fire Department; Brookville Fire Department; Butler Township Fire Department; Dayton Fire Department; Englewood Fire Department; Greenville Fire Department; Huber Heights Fire Department; Kettering Fire Department; Moraine Fire Department; Pleasant Township Fire Department; Sidney Fire Department; Sugarcreek Township Fire Department; Union Fire Department; Washington Township Fire Department; Wright-Patterson Air Force Base; Vandalia Fire Department; and Region 3 Rescue Strike Team.

Mayor Duncan shared that City Manager Klopsch and Chief Hill sent thank you letters to each jurisdiction, but he wanted to publically acknowledge them as well. He appreciates the efforts of everyone that came to the Oakwood employee's aid. He reported that, thankfully, the employee is okay and will be released back to work soon.

The public meeting concluded at 9:29 p.m.



MAYOR

ATTEST:



CLERK OF COUNCIL