

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

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| 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. 4841
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 ordinance 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 is a first reading of the ordinance, so Mr. Stephens made no motion.

AN ORDINANCE

BY VICE MAYOR BYINGTON NO. 4842
ADOPTING THE 2018 TAX BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF
OAKWOOD, OHIO, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING
JANUARY 2018.

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 to comply with Section 6.01 of the City Charter, this is the annual housekeeping ordinance to estimate the city's revenues for calendar year 2018.

This is a first reading of the ordinance, so Vice Mayor Byington made no motion.

STAFF REPORT

Finance Report: Finance Director Cindy Stafford, CPA referenced a PowerPoint presentation and updated Council on the following topics: 2016 year-end financials, 2017 financials through March 31, and the 2016 financial audit.

In regard to the 2016 year-end results, she referenced a chart for Enterprise Funds, excluding transfers, showing budgeted versus actual for receipts (budgeted: \$2,726,500 versus actual: \$2,745,948), which is 101% for the year; disbursements (budgeted: \$3,460,422 versus actual: \$3,203,950) which is 93% of budget. The Enterprise Funds include water, sanitary sewer and stormwater. She explained that a water rate increase was implemented at the first of the year to address operating costs and ongoing future capital needs. The increase will help close the gap between receipts and disbursements. The rates were last increased in 1994.

She then referenced a chart for Non-Enterprise Funds (General City Services), excluding transfers, showing budgeted versus actual for receipts (budgeted: \$12,742,993 versus actual: \$13,540,102) which is 106% of budget; and disbursements (budgeted: \$13,664,066 versus actual: \$12,710,885) which is 93% of budget. The year ended with \$797,000 more revenue than originally budgeted. The net income tax receipts were roughly \$446,700 higher than what was budgeted. Almost all of the increase was in withholding tax. The withholding tax consists of payroll taxes from employees in the city of Oakwood and courtesy withholdings for Oakwood residents working in other taxing jurisdictions. Also, when Oakwood residents pay for their yearly vehicle registrations, it is important that they are registered under the city of Oakwood. There is a tax (Montgomery County Permissive Tax) that comes back to the city and the money is then used for street maintenance. In 2016, \$351,300 was received. This accounted for several years of the tax. In regards to disbursements, Mrs. Stafford explained that Safety Department expenses were \$222,800 less than budget. The street department was \$206,000 less than budget and the service center was \$155,400 less than budget. Most of these savings came from lower fuel costs and less use of road salt.

She then referenced a chart for Non-Enterprise Funds, excluding transfers, showing budgeted versus actual for receipts through March 31, 2017 (budgeted: \$13,482,257 versus actual: \$3,848,111) which is 29% of budget; and disbursements (budgeted: \$14,365,979 versus actual: \$3,247,288) which is 23% of budget. The net income tax receipts show that February through April is less than it was at the same time last year. The tax losses are due to the impact of Substitute Ohio House Bill 5 and due to the impact of numerous surrounding cities increasing their income tax rates. Between Dayton and Centerville, the 2017 loss is expected to be \$360,000. The overall impact over the last several years from 20 surrounding communities raising their rates is already a reduction of \$450,000 annually.

Mayor Duncan noted that the 2017 budget anticipates deficit spending and \$550,000 less income tax than 2016. Through April, it is about \$380,000 less. Historically, the city collects about 46 – 48% of income tax receipts through the end of April. If the city is at \$380,000 below tax receipts now, the tax receipts could easily jump to \$700,000 less for the year. The city has had large losses in February – April and Mayor Duncan feels that we need to continue to keep our eye on this.

Mrs. Hilton asked if Ohio House Bill 5 specifically addressed local income tax.

Mrs. Stafford responded yes.

The 2016 financial audit is being performed by Plattenburg & Associates. The auditors have completed their field work in the city's administrative offices. There were no items noted by the auditors so the city anticipates an unqualified "clean" opinion, which is the best opinion. There has been no timeline given for completion of the audit, but it is expected within the next three weeks.

Mrs. Stafford recognized the 100+ years of cumulative service in the Finance Department. She recognized the following members of her staff. Alice Young, Assistant Finance Director – 39 years of service; Tracy Martin, Payroll Clerk – 30 years of service (19 as a dispatcher & 11 in finance); Theresa Rushlow, Utility Clerk – 17 years of service; Linda Merker, Tax Administrator – 14 years of service; Stacy Vreeland-Mathes, Part-time Tax Clerk – 13 years of service; and, Tracy Davidson, Tax Clerk – 1 year of service.

CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS

Mr. Klopsch began by recognizing Cindy Stafford and her staff for the excellent work they perform on a daily basis. Mr. Klopsch then reported on the following items.

The 2016 Oakwood Annual Report was delivered to all Oakwood properties at the end of March. It is also available on the city's website at www.oakwoodohio.gov.

In preparation for the Shroyer Road Project, Vectren completed gas infrastructure work along Shroyer Road, and the city replaced a sanitary sewer line between Hadley Avenue and Corona Avenue. The Shroyer Road Project is set to begin in late June and be completed in October. The city conducted two open house events in April. Additional information is available on the city's website.

A letter was mailed to all of the Oakwood residents living on Ridgeway Road alerting them of concrete street repair that will begin next week as well as the replacement of the street lights sometime in late summer or early fall.

The leaf mulch is available for two more weeks. Mulch can be picked up at the Public Works Center at no cost to Oakwood citizens on the next two Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. For those who want mulch delivered, the city offers 3 cubic yards for \$90 and 6 cubic yards for \$130.

The sidewalk repair on the northeast side of Oakwood is wrapping up. In late May/early June, the sidewalk repair will begin on the west side of Oakwood.

The Oakwood Citizen Budget Review Committee will meet on Monday, May 15 at 5:30 p.m. State Senator Peggy Lehner and State Representative Jim Butler will also be attending this meeting.

Last week, city employees gathered to celebrate anniversary milestones for Assistant City Manager Jay Weiskircher (35 years) and Payroll Clerk Tracy Martin (30 years).

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Stephens reminded everyone of "That Day in May" on Saturday, May 20. He said there is a full slate of activities which includes: the pancake breakfast, 5K and 10K runs, annual parade down Shafor Blvd., and afternoon games and rides, which will be in the area between the stadium and the Jr. High School on Schantz Ave. Tickets are available at the Oakwood Community Center.

Vice Mayor Byington congratulated the Oakwood High School Academic Decathlon Team for winning the National Title for the sixth straight year. He suggested that the team be invited to a future Council meeting to recognize this incredible accomplishment.

Mayor Duncan shared that it appears that the centralized income tax collection proposal has been removed from Governor Kasich's budget; however another reduction in municipal revenues driven by lobbyist for the distribution industry remains in the budget bill. Unfortunately, nothing will be definite until the budget is voted on in June. Mayor Duncan shared that he is looking forward to the Budget Review Committee meeting with State Senator Peggy Lehner and State Representative Jim Butler. Mayor Duncan encouraged citizens to attend "That Day in May".

The public meeting concluded at 8:06 p.m.



MAYOR

ATTEST:



CLERK OF COUNCIL