

MARCH 4, 2019 COUNCIL MEETING

City Council met in public session on March 4, 2019. Here are the highlights.

Council meeting minutes were approved for the February 4, 2019 regular session and work session, and the February 25, 2019 work session and executive session.

STATUS REPORTS

- **Citizen Committee Appointments** – Mayor Duncan presented the following list of reappointments and new appointments to various citizen committees:

The reappointment of Kip Bohachek and Linda Weprin to the Board of Zoning Appeals; Michael Hayes (Precinct E) to the Budget Review Committee; Kathy Luckett (District A) to the Property Maintenance Board; Jill Kendall to the Personnel Appeals Board; and Ellen Fodge and Jan Scheid to the Tax/Water & Sewer/Assembly Appeals Board. The appointment of Connie Epley to the Beautification Committee; and Cait Botschner (Precinct D) and Megan Kavanaugh (Precinct F) to the Budget Review Committee.

- **Ohio Municipal League (OML) Update**: Mayor Duncan shared an OML update from last week regarding tax shortages to municipalities as a result of the Ohio Business Gateway and taxpayers filing estimated payments to multiple municipalities.

VISITORS – There were no visitors wishing to address Council, but Mayor Duncan recognized Oakwood Boy Scout Liam McCarty. Liam was in attendance as part of a merit badge requirement.

LEGISLATION

Oakwood City Council approved the following legislation:

- An Ordinance to clarify requirements for the removal of abandoned or topped poles in the public rights-of-way.
- A Resolution of Necessity for 2019 Sidewalk Repair Project.
- A Resolution of Necessity for 2020 Street Lighting.

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

- An Ordinance to amend existing Section 725.01, Street Sales Prohibited Except in Business Districts, of the Oakwood Business Regulation Code to create an exemption for the operation of licensed mobile food vehicles.
- An Ordinance to proceed with the 2019 Sidewalk Repair Project.
- An Ordinance to proceed with the 2020 Street Lighting Program.
- An Ordinance to levy special assessments for the 2018 Sidewalk Repair Project.

STAFF REPORT

- **Public Safety Presentation**: Chief Alan Hill, Public Safety Director, referenced a PowerPoint presentation and updated Council on the following topics: Crime Statistics; EMS Trends; Overtime Expenditures; Personnel Changes; Citizen Police Academy; and the Assisting and Contributing to Oakwood Resident Needs (ACORN) Program.

CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS

City Manager Norbert Klopsch provided an update on the following:

The 2019 Budget is now available on the City website. The budget book contains valuable information for residents, including a Capital Improvement Plan and the City Manager Budget Message providing a synopsis of the City's financial situation.

City staff is working on the 2018 Annual Report. The report will be delivered at the end of March, along with the next edition of the Community Center events brochure, to every property owner and business in Oakwood.

The parking lot at the Oakwood Community Center has been a great addition. The parking patterns along Patterson Road have improved resulting in fewer parked vehicles on the street.

City staff has started preparing for the opening of Gardner Pool over Memorial Day weekend.

The City website has information on the different methods in which the City communicates with residents. There are several communication methods such as the bi-monthly *Oakwood Scene* newsletter, the City website, press releases to the *Oakwood Register* and *Dayton Daily News*, Facebook, e-mail distribution, and a telephone notification system called CodeRED.

The City is implementing a new improved service to provide more convenient payment options. Over the next few weeks, the Finance Department will be rolling out a new web-based payment portal to offer online payment options. Information will be available on the City website, including a link to the portal where citizens can sign up for this new service.

Law Director Rob Jacques explained that the City will host two collection boxes to help scouts in the Miami Valley Council conduct a food drive known as “Scouting for Food.” The collection boxes will be available from Monday, March 4 to Friday, March 22, with one box placed in the lobby at City Hall and the other at the Oakwood Community Center.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

- Councilmember Rob Stephens reported that the annual New Resident Breakfast is at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 16 at the Oakwood Community Center. He encouraged all new residents to attend.
- Mayor Bill Duncan congratulated the Wright State University men’s and women’s basketball teams. Both teams won their conference championship, and will begin conference tournaments. If they win the first tournament games, they will go to the semi-final game on Monday, March 11 at Little Caesars Arena in Detroit, Michigan, followed by the championship game on Tuesday, March 12.

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.