

## AUGUST 6, 2018 COUNCIL MEETING

City Council met in public session on August 6, 2018. Here are the highlights:

Council meeting minutes were approved for the July 16, 2018 regular session, work session and executive session.

### STATUS REPORTS

Tribute to Harry G. Ebeling: Judy Cook and Leigh Turben: Former Mayor Judy Cook and Oakwood Historical Society President Leigh Turben spoke about Mr. Ebeling's life and his passion for Oakwood history.

Proclamations – Mayor Duncan read a proclamation recognizing Saturday, August 11, 2018 as “Dorothy Lane Market Day”. Norman Mayne, DLM Owner; Jerry Post, DLM Oakwood Store Director; and Alex West, Oakwood DLM Front End Manager, spoke about the DLM 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event and received the proclamation.

Mayor Duncan then read proclamations designating September as “Prostate Cancer Awareness Month” and “National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month”. Dr. Sallie Wilson spoke about her involvement in the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, and the 2018 “Out of the Darkness Walk”.

Oakwood Pre-sale Property Inspection Program: Mayor Duncan shared that last month many Oakwood residents received two direct mail pieces from a group called Ohio REALTORS, which contained false information about the Oakwood pre-sale inspection program for residential properties. The Oakwood pre-sale program was established in 1968 and is especially important in a community like Oakwood, which despite its aging stock of homes, many of which are 75-100 years old, continues to be the premiere residential community in the Miami Valley. Oakwood property maintenance regulations are intended to provide for public health, safety and welfare. By ensuring the properties meet certain minimums each time they are transferred, the pre-sale inspection program helps to prevent homes from catching fire, collapsing or becoming unsightly or unsafe. City Council and City staff appreciates the numerous comments received from local realtors and citizens expressing support of this unique program to ensure that Oakwood homes continue to rise in value. For the past two and a half years, 75-80% of Oakwood homes sold above Montgomery County's appraised value.

VISITORS – NONE

### LEGISLATION

Oakwood City Council approved the following legislation:

- A Resolution to grant approval of an amendment to the approved master plan for the Sugar Camp and Pointe Oakwood development, affecting the southwest portion of said development, Mayor Duncan

### PUBLIC HEARING

- Public hearing to consider an application submitted by Synergy Building Systems, on behalf of Russell Wealth Management, for the construction of a 16,600 sf, 2-story office building on the 4.3 acre parcel located east of Sugar Camp Circle, west of the Pointe Oakwood residential development, and north of W. Schantz Avenue.

The hearing included a staff report and testimony from a representative of Synergy Building Systems, and from one Oakwood resident. By a vote of 4-0, with one member recusing himself, said request was approved. This decision was memorialized in Resolution No. 1847.

- An Ordinance to consider proposed Zoning Code amendments intended to update the variance standards.
- An Ordinance to establish procedures and standards for the operation of mobile food trucks.
- An Ordinance to amend existing Section 725.01, *Street Sales Prohibited Except in Business Districts*, of the Oakwood Business Regulation Code.
- A Resolution to authorize certification of delinquent charges for cutting noxious weeds.

### STAFF REPORT

Public Safety Presentation: Chief Alan Hill, Public Safety Director, referenced a PowerPoint presentation and updated Council on the following topics: Capital Equipment; Irving Avenue Traffic Enforcement; Criminal Cases of Note; Personnel Changes; RadarSign; Crime Mapping Update; and Citizens Police Academy.

### CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS

Mr. Klopsch shared that when he was headed toward home a few days ago, he was stopped by an AT&T contractor asking if he knew the homeowners to a neighbor house on Volusia. The contractor had just witnessed someone entering the homeowner's vehicle and he attempted to run after him. Mr. Klopsch immediately called Chief Hill to report the incident. Within two minutes, there were two Oakwood Public Safety Officers and a UD Officer at the scene. The contractor provided a description of the suspect, and the officers went to work. Fifteen minutes later, the thief was apprehended and charged. This is just another example of the benefits of our Public Safety Department's quick response times. Mr. Klopsch urged residents to always lock their vehicles.

Gardner Pool is open for one more month. Mr. Klopsch shared his appreciation to the patrons for their understanding of the nearby tennis court construction.

Mr. Klopsch thanked J.R. Jurgensen for the excellent job on the asphalt repaving program. They completed the entire project in less than one calendar week.

Other construction work is still underway throughout the City with AT&T contractors installing fiber optic communication lines, Vectren gas line work and the annual Sidewalk, Curb and Driveway Apron Project. This work will continue over the next few months. He encouraged citizens to keep an eye out for construction equipment.

In cooperation with the Oakwood City Schools, the "Suggested School Route Maps" for Harman School and Smith Elementary have been updated and are posted to the City's website. The maps are designed to suggest to students and parents the routes that are best used to travel to and from the two schools to minimize safety risk.

School starts a week from Tuesday. Construction activity around the schools is being wrapped up this week and should be done before next Tuesday.

### COUNCIL COMMENTS

- Councilmember Rob Stephens thanked Chief Hill and the Oakwood Public Safety Department for the wonderful work they do on a daily basis.
- Vice Mayor Steve Byington encouraged everyone to attend the Ice Cream Social on Sunday, August 12 from 3:30 – 7 p.m. at Shafor Park. He shared that to prepare for the event, he ordered a new heated ice cream scooper!
- Mayor Bill Duncan recognized Alex Heckman for his promotion to the new position of Vice President for Museum Operations at Dayton History. Mr. Heckman was also recently appointed to the Oakwood Property Maintenance Board. There is a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate recent improvements at Wright Library at 3 p.m. this Friday. The 19<sup>th</sup> annual Giving Strings Concert is on Saturday, August 11. The charity recipient of the Giving Strings Concert is Warm Hugs, an organization that sends blankets to Hispanic children in the Dayton area and in the Rio Grande Valley in Texas.

The meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.