

JANUARY 6, 2020 COUNCIL MEETING

City Council met in public session on January 6, 2020. Here are the highlights.

ORGANIZATION MEETING

- City Attorney Rob Jacques administered the Oath of Office to Bill Duncan, Steve Byington and Chris Epley who were elected for another 4-year term on city council.
- City Council re-elected Bill Duncan as mayor and Steve Byington as vice mayor.

Council meeting minutes were approved for the December 9, 2019 regular session and work session.

STATUS REPORT

- Oath of Office, Doug Spitler, Director of Engineering and Public Works: Mayor Bill Duncan administered the Oath of Office and City Manager Norbert Klopsch introduced Doug Spitler as the new Director of Engineering and Public Works.
- Council Committee Assignments – City Council approved their 2020 committee assignments.
- Citizen Committee Appointments – City Council appointed the following Oakwood residents to citizen committees:

The reappointments of Healy Jackson to the Planning Commission; Dan Deitz to the Board of Zoning Appeals; David Dickerson (Precinct B), William Meyer (Precinct C), Steve Brooks (Precinct D), and John Gray and Beth Ritzert to (Precinct G) to the Budget Review Committee.

- Public Safety Department Awards, Chief Alan Hill – Chief Hill recognized Lieutenant Chuck Balaj and Public Safety Officer Jeff Yount, Jr., for receiving awards from the Tactical Crime Suppression Unit (TCSU).
- Recognition of Lieutenant Jeff Yount, Sr.: Chief Hill recognized Lieutenant Jeff Yount, Sr., for 30 years of service, and his pending retirement on January 27, 2020.
- December 11 Event at Oakwood Junior High: Chief Hill reported on a significant incident that occurred on December 11 at the Oakwood Junior High that had a positive outcome.
- Greater Dayton Mayors & Managers Association: Vice Mayor Steve Byington commended Mayor Duncan for his two year term as president and for representing Oakwood in an exemplary fashion.

VISITORS

- 2019 Holiday Decorating Award Winners – Mayor Bill Duncan and Beautification Committee members Nancy Drozd and Jane Lieberth recognized winners of the 2019 December holiday home decorating contest.
- Little Free Library Eagle Scout Project, William Boylin – Oakwood Boy Scout William Boylin provided an overview of his completed Eagle Scout project.
- Dog Park Eagle Scout Project, Charles Jacques – Oakwood Boy Scout Charles Jacques provided an overview of his completed Eagle Scout project.

LEGISLATION

Oakwood City Council approved the following legislation:

- An Ordinance to increase the stormwater fee.
- An Ordinance to amend Chapter 163 of the Administrative Code.
- An Ordinance to amend Firearms Provisions of the Traffic and General Offenses Codes.

CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS: City Manager Norbert Klopsch reported the following:

The leaf collection season has officially ended. Property owners should no longer place leaves in the street gutters. The Public Works Department and the Code Enforcement Officer will begin placing door hanger notices at properties where people have put leaves or other debris in the street.

The City's salt storage bin is fully stocked and the Public Works Department is ready to address snow and ice events when needed. Mr. Klopsch urged citizens to read the snow plowing and roadway salting policy in the December/January *Oakwood Scene* newsletter.

As a reminder, vehicles should be removed off of the street when heavy snowfall is predicted. It is safer and easier to remove snow when the street is not lined with vehicles.

While the holiday weeks are usually a time for employees to relax a bit, the City's fiscal year coincides with the calendar year, so city staff has been busy closing out 2019 finances. Mr. Klopsch recognized Finance Director Cindy Stafford, the Finance Department and Department Heads for their hard work over the past few weeks.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

- Councilmember Rob Stephens congratulated Mayor Bill Duncan, Vice Mayor Steve Byington and Councilmember Chris Epley on their re-election. He shared that he enjoys working with them and looks forward to another great year in 2020.

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.