

MAY 4, 2020 COUNCIL MEETING

City Council met in public session on May 4, 2020. Here are the highlights.

Mayor Duncan reported that City Council is present at City Hall while respecting social distancing guidelines. The meeting is limited to essential attendees only including the five members of City Council, the City Manager, and the City Law Director who is also acting as the Clerk of Council.

Council meeting minutes were approved for the April 6 regular session.

STATUS REPORTS

- Oakwood Historical Society COVID-19 Experiences: Mayor Duncan encouraged residents and businesses to participate in the Oakwood Historical Society's effort to capture the history of COVID-19 experiences

LEGISLATION

Oakwood City Council approved the following legislation:

- An Ordinance to levy special assessments for 2021 Street Lighting.
- An Ordinance adopting the 2021 tax budget.

CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS

City Manager Norbert Klopsch shared that Oakwood city staff is continuing to provide essential government public services such as water, sanitary sewer, refuse collection and disposal, roadway and public property maintenance, and public safety services. Mr. Klopsch thanked city staff for stepping up amid the COVID-19 pandemic and finding ways to continue to provide quality services to Oakwood residents. He commented on a story in the *Dayton Daily News* about Oakwood Public Safety Officer (PSO) Steve Norris being one of the first two people to donate plasma after testing positive for COVID-19 back in March. PSO Norris remains the only city employee to have tested positive for COVID-19. A press release was distributed last Friday announcing that city facilities will remain closed through Friday, May 29. This includes the City Building/Public Safety Building, the Oakwood Community Center and the Public Works Center. Employees remain available via phone or e-mail. Unfortunately, the Oakwood Community Center has had to modify many programs and events during this time. Events and programs are currently being planned for June and July. The opening of Gardner Pool remains a significant challenge. Assuming that the coronavirus continues to taper off, city staff hopes to open Gardner Pool in some way this summer. Mr. Klopsch closed his comments by thanking Oakwood residents and businesses for dealing with COVID-19 in the best way possible.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

- Councilmember Anne Hilton commended city staff for continuing to provide quality city services regardless of the workforce adjustments related to COVID-19. She recognized the ongoing efforts of Oakwood residents practicing social distancing. She closed her comments by suggesting that people participate in Locks of Love by donating their hair to kids with cancer.
- Councilmember Rob Stephens sympathized with students who are missing important events in their life due to COVID-19. He commended the Oakwood School District for finding alternate ways to celebrate the Oakwood High School Seniors. The Oakwood School District, with the help of the Oakwood PTO, displayed yard signs along Shafor Boulevard for all Oakwood graduating seniors to celebrate their graduation.
- Mayor Bill Duncan encouraged people to visit Graeters Ice Cream. He then read a nice e-mail from Harman School Principal Sarah Patterson commending Oakwood DARE Officer Sarah Whitaker. He ended his comments on a sad note, announcing the passing of beloved Oakwood resident Richard "Skip" Ordeman on April 24.

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.