

SEPTEMBER 21, 2020 COUNCIL MEETING

City Council met in public session on September 21, 2020. Here are the highlights.

Mayor Duncan noted that City Council is present in the Great Room of the Oakwood Community Center while complying with face covering protocols and respecting social distancing guidelines. The meeting is being streamed live from the Oakwood city website and telecast live on Cable Access Channel 6.

Council meeting minutes were approved for the July 20 regular session and the August 24 work session.

STATUS REPORTS

- Auditor of State Award – Mayor Bill Duncan recognized the Oakwood Finance Department for receiving the Auditor of State Award.
- Recognition of Oakwood Patrol Officer Claude McCormick – Members of the Oakwood Public Safety Department recognized Officer McCormick, the only line-of-duty death in the Oakwood Public Safety Department's history. He died from head injuries sustained in a 1933 motorcycle accident at Far Hills and Harman.
- Recognition of Oakwood Public Safety Officer Overcoming COVID-19 – Chief Hill commented on Public Safety Officer Steve Norris contracting COVID-19 and subsequently being one of the first people in Ohio to donate plasma.
- Honoring the Life and Contributions of Dr. S. Darrell Apt, II, DVM – Oakwood City Council, City Staff, family and friends gathered together to recognize the life and service of Dr. Darrell Apt, and the many contributions he made to the Oakwood community. Dr. Apt passed away on March 19, 2020.

LEGISLATION

Oakwood City Council approved the following legislation:

- A Resolution to approve existing Property Tax Amounts and Rates, Vice Mayor Byington
- An Ordinance to amend 2020 appropriations to cover additional Coronavirus expenses, Vice Mayor Byington
- An Ordinance to authorize existing fund transfers to the Local Coronavirus Relief Fund, Vice Mayor Byington

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

- An Ordinance to address the placement of debris on public rights-of-way, Mr. Stephens
- An Ordinance to address tree and bush trimming on private property, Mr. Stephens

CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS

City Manager Norbert Klopsch reported on the following:

- He shared appreciation to citizens for continuing to respect the protocols in place during the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as appreciation to city staff for continuing to work and provide essential services through the pandemic.
- A decision will be made in early October on safety protocols for Halloween and trick or treating.
- The Oakwood Finance Department, Public Safety Department and Leisure Services Department were recognized for their good work.
- A few stories were shared in remembering Dr. Apt.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

- Councilmember Rob Stephens shared that the August 30 Ice Cream Social event had a good turnout; expressed how it was an honor to know Dr. Apt; and thanked the Oakwood Public Safety Department for the wonderful work they do on a daily basis.
- Vice Mayor Steve Byington commended the Oakwood Finance Department on another successful audit. He commented on how all the presentations this evening show just how special of a place Oakwood is.
- Mayor Bill Duncan read letters from two Oakwood citizens recognizing the Leisure Services Department. He had the honor of congratulating Richard Back on the occasion of his 100th birthday and issuing a proclamation declaring September 15, 2020 as Allen Richard Back day. He noted that he mailed in his completed absentee ballot registration.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.