

**MINUTES
OAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
AUGUST 16, 2021**

The Council of the city of Oakwood, Ohio, met in a work session on Monday, August 16, 2021 in the second-floor training room at the city building, 30 Park Avenue. The Mayor of the City, William Duncan, presided.

Council members in attendance were Mayor William Duncan, Vice Mayor Steve Byington, Councilmember Rob Stephens, Councilmember Anne Hilton and Councilmember Leigh Turben. Staff in attendance were City Manager Norbert Klopsch and City Attorney Rob Jacques. Also attending the first agenda item of the meeting were Public Safety Director Alan Hill and Detective Kasey Ballinger.

Mayor Duncan called the meeting to order at 5 p.m. He began by commenting on the recent passing of his father, Mr. Ronald Duncan, at the age of 90. Thereafter, Mayor Duncan asked Mr. Klopsch to comment on the recent burglary in Oakwood and Kettering. Mr. Klopsch asked Public Safety Director Alan Hill and Detective Kasey Ballinger to describe the incident. Chief Hill provided an introduction to the incident and then asked Detective Ballinger to provide details of the events of Saturday, August 7, 2021 where two young adults ages 19 and 18 burglarized Oakwood and Kettering homes. The burglars were armed, and in the Kettering event temporarily held juvenile hostages. Through a series of events, the gentlemen were quickly identified as residents of Lewisburg, Ohio and in less than 24 hours were arrested. Mr. Klopsch and Mayor Duncan commended the Safety Department for their excellent work on this case.

At 5:30 p.m., Council moved to executive session for property matters and personnel matters. Chief Hill and Detective Ballinger departed the meeting.

At 6:00 p.m., Council concluded the executive session and moved back to work session.

Mayor Duncan continued the work session by discussing the following items:


- COUNCIL COMMITTEES
 - Planning & Zoning, Vice Mayor Byington
 - Zoning Certificate Extensions: Mr. Jacques explained that Mr. John Gray, the property owner of 1911 Ridgeway Road, is interested in constructing a workshop structure, also known as a “bottega”, on his property. Mr. Gray was previously approved to build the structure in 1998 and then again in 2006, but the project was never completed. The Zoning Code has changed since the project was originally approved. There is no height variance available under the current code. However, if Council is inclined to authorize the project, Section 1009.1(G) of the Zoning Code allows Council to approve an extension of the original zoning certificate, effectively grandfathering the approvals from 1998 and 2006 via a resolution. Staff will present legislation for Council’s consideration at the September 20 public meeting.
 - Public Properties, Mrs. Turben
 - Gardner Pool: Mr. Klopsch commented on the capital improvement planned for the 2022 budget. It will include the complete replacement of the concrete pool deck and portions of the brick wall, along with replacement of the diving boards and lifeguard stands. The project will likely also include upgrades to the pool filtration system.
 - Dog Park Parking Lot: Mr. Klopsch reviewed conceptual drawings for an improved parking lot at the dog park. This project will be submitted with the 2022 capital budget request, and will include security cameras.

- Public Utilities/Waterworks/Sewer, Mrs. Turben
 - GIS System: Mr. Klopsch explained that the 2022 operating budget will include money for professional services relating to the development of a comprehensive citywide GIS System. The system will include all public infrastructure and will be an important tool for maintaining that infrastructure.
 - Private Fire Hydrants: Mr. Klopsch noted that follow-up letters were sent to the owners of private fire hydrants reminding them of the August 31 deadline to address substandard private fire hydrants, and to begin conducting annual hydrant inspections and flow testing. To date, none of the owners have complied with the City's order.
 - Water System Engineering Model: Mr. Klopsch noted that the 2022 operating budget will include money for professional services to build a computer model of the city water system. This model will include all of the water system infrastructure and will be a valuable tool in developing plans for water system capital improvements over the next 10-20 years.
 - Utilities in Private Streets: Not discussed.
 - Springhouse Water Plant: Mr. Klopsch mentioned that a 12" water valve recently failed in the Springhouse Water Plant. The valve was originally installed when the plant was constructed in 1993 and was at the end of its useful life. The City is seeking a contractor to replace the valve. The one bid received to date was for approximately \$43,000. The City is working to obtain a second quote and will then proceed with the repair. Given this large and unanticipated expense, the Water Fund may need a supplemental appropriation later this year.
 - Ridgewood Water Main Break: Mr. Klopsch reported that there was a water main break last week on Ridgewood Avenue, just up the hill from E. Schantz. As the water flowed down the hill through the gravel base below the pavement, it heaved a section of our newly resurfaced roadway. There was no way to prevent this from occurring. City staff met with Jurgensen last week and is awaiting a proposal to repair the asphalt pavement.
- Safety & Traffic, Mr. Stephens
 - Girl Scout Gold Award: Mr. Stephens shared that he met with Oakwood High School Senior Azalea Biteau last month to discuss her proposed Girl Scouts project. The project aims to address safety issues along E. Schantz Avenue around Oakwood Jr./Sr. High. Mr. Klopsch noted that Chief Hill will assign Lieutenant Chuck Balaj to work with Ms. Biteau on her project.
- Streets & Alleys, Mr. Stephens
 - Yard Debris in Streets: Mr. Klopsch commented on the letter that staff recently sent to W. Peach Orchard and Coolidge property owners reminding them of city rules regarding the placement of yard debris for pick-up. This letter was sent in response to the large number of violations on these two streets.
- REGIONAL AGENCIES
 - Oakwood Inclusion Coalition, Mr. Klopsch
 - Undesign the Red Line: Mr. Klopsch reported that a guided tour of the educational exhibit was provided to members of the OIC Leadership Team on Saturday, August 14 at the Dayton Metro Library. Mrs. Turben joined Mr. Klopsch on the tour. The exhibit will be held at eight other locations in the Dayton area over the next nine months.

- MISCELLANEOUS

- Drive-Through Ice Cream Social: Mr. Klopsch noted that the event is scheduled for 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, August 22.
- State Champions Recognition at September 20 Council Meeting: Mr. Klopsch mentioned that the Oakwood High School State Champions are planning to attend the September 20 council meeting.
- Challenge Coins: Mr. Klopsch shared pricing quotes for the challenge coins that City Council may be interested in distributing as a symbol of appreciation and recognition.
- 2020 Census: Mr. Klopsch reported that the 2020 Census data was released last week. It reports that Oakwood's population grew by 4.02%. Oakwood gained 370 residents... rising from 9202 to 9,572.

At 6:53 p.m., Mayor Duncan adjourned the work session.



Mayor

ATTEST:



Clerk of Council