

NOVEMBER 1, 2021 COUNCIL MEETING

City Council met in public session on November 1, 2021. Here are the highlights.

Council meeting minutes were approved for the October 4, 2021 regular session, work session and executive session, and October 25, 2021 executive session.

STATUS REPORTS

- Public Safety Officer Jesse Schaffer Funeral Procession – Mayor Bill Duncan presented a video of Oakwood Public Safety Officer Jesse Schaffer’s funeral procession along Park Avenue.
- Major General Charles D. Metcalf – Mayor Bill Duncan shared that General Charles D. Metcalf passed away last week. General Metcalf retired from the United States Air Force in the early 1990’s, and served as a member of city council from January 1, 1996 to December 31, 1999. He extended condolences to General Metcalf’s family and friends.

VISITORS

- Scarecrow Row Contest Winners – Mayor Bill Duncan recognized winners of the 2021 Scarecrow Row contest.

LEGISLATION

Oakwood City Council approved the following legislation:

- An Ordinance to provide an appropriation for a public works storage building.

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

- An Ordinance to approve updates to the Traffic and General Offenses Codes.

STAFF REPORT

- Leisure Services Department Presentation: Leisure Services Director Carol Collins provided an update on parks and recreation programs and events.

AN OAKWOOD MOMENT

- Councilmember Anne Hilton recognized American flags displayed throughout Oakwood.

CITY MANAGER’S COMMENTS

- City Manager Norb Klopsch reported on the following:
 - The 2022 Budget will be presented for approval at the December 13 council meeting. This will be the fourth year in a row that a balanced budget will be presented.
 - Leaf collection season is in full swing. Property owners are encouraged to view the bi-weekly yard debris collection map and to place leaves into the roadway gutter a day or two before their scheduled pick-up day. The leaf collection schedule is available on the City website and in the *Oakwood Scene* newsletter.
 - The relocation of the recycling facility to the entrance of the Public Works Center is on schedule and will open in late November or early December. The new facility is an improved area for citizens to drop-off of green waste, cardboard, and co-mingled recyclables.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

- Councilmember Leigh Turben reminded everyone that tomorrow is Election Day. The polls are open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. She encouraged everyone to vote.
- Councilmember Rob Stephens noted that City Council was elected to represent the citizens of Oakwood. He encouraged citizen participation and open communication.
- Vice Mayor Steve Byington recited a quote by Abraham Lincoln and encouraged everyone to vote.
- Mayor Bill Duncan noted that Oakwood residents will be presented with candidate selections for the Oakwood School Board and Oakwood City Council, as well as a 2.72 mill property tax levy renewal and the Human Services levy renewal. He encouraged everyone to vote in favor of the two levies.

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.