

Mrs. Turben explained that this is an ordinance to update Oakwood’s procedures for handling certain kinds of abandoned property. It was introduced with a first reading at the November 7, 2022 meeting.

Thereupon, it was moved by Mrs. Turben and seconded by Mr. Stephens that the ordinance be passed.

Upon call of the roll on the question of the motion, the following vote was recorded:

MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN.....	YEA
MR. STEVEN BYINGTON	YEA
MR. ROBERT P. STEPHENS.....	YEA
MRS. ANNE HILTON	YEA
MRS. LEIGH TURBEN	YEA

There being five (5) yea votes and no (0) nay votes thereon, said ordinance was declared duly passed and it was so ordered.

AN ORDINANCE
 BY MR. STEPHENS NO 4966
 AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE CURRENT REPLACEMENT PAGES
 TO THE OAKWOOD TRAFFIC AND GENERAL OFFENSES CODES.

A copy of the ordinance, having been placed on the desks of each member of Council prior to introduction, was read by title.

Mr. Stephens explained that each year, Council passes an annual house-keeping ordinance to align Oakwood’s local traffic and criminal ordinances with changes that have been made at the state level. This ordinance will adopt the 2022 replacement pages for the Traffic Code and the General Offenses Code.

Thereupon, it was moved by Mr. Stephens and seconded by Mrs. Hilton that the ordinance be passed.

Upon call of the roll on the question of the motion, the following vote was recorded:

MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN.....	YEA
MR. STEVEN BYINGTON	YEA
MR. ROBERT P. STEPHENS.....	YEA
MRS. ANNE HILTON	YEA
MRS. LEIGH TURBEN	YEA

There being five (5) yea votes and no (0) nay votes thereon, said ordinance was declared duly passed and it was so ordered.

AN ORDINANCE
 BY VICE MAYOR BYINGTON NO 4967
 AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT
 EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF
 OAKWOOD, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING
 DECEMBER 31, 2023.

A copy of the ordinance, having been placed on the desks of each member of Council prior to introduction, was read by title.

Vice Mayor Byington explained that this is Oakwood’s annual budget ordinance, which appropriates the City’s funding for 2023. This ordinance is required under Section 6.05 of the City Charter and, when adopted, provides formal authorization to the city manager to spend public dollars in providing city services.

Unexpected technical difficulties resulted in the temporary loss of audio from Vice Mayor Byington. City Manager Norbert Klopsch repeated the following figures regarding the budget:

Oakwood’s total city budget is divided into five primary parts with budgeted spending in each as follows:

General City Services:	\$17,179,288
Refuse Services:	\$1,507,535

Water Services:	\$1,796,750
Sanitary Sewer Services:	\$2,407,741
Stormwater Services:	\$1,607,525

The 2023 proposed budget reflects no increases in income tax, property tax, or any increases to refuse, water, sanitary sewer, or stormwater fees. The goal is to avoid property tax increases over the next few years, after renewing the 2.72 mill issue last year, and asking for a renewal of the 3.75 mill issue in November 2023. Year-end balances in all five fund categories are good. Rate increases will likely need to be discussed next year in a couple utilities.

Mr. Klopsch provided the following comments on this year’s events and City projects:

- The tennis courts at Orchardly Park were refurbished and two public pickleball courts were added in July of this year (one tennis court was converted into two pickleball courts.) The pickleball courts have been a great addition to the community.
- The improvements at Gardner Pool are underway. The work includes demolition and replacement of the concrete deck, installation of fencing around the zero depth wading pool (children’s pool), and installing new pool lifeguard stands and diving boards. Kudos to Leisure Services Director Carol Collins, Pool Manager Karen Earley and Engineer Chris Kuzma for overseeing the project. The work will be completed by next spring.
- The CenterPoint (formerly Vectren) gas line work along Far Hills Avenue continues. The work should be completed before the Christmas holiday.
- The 2004 Oakwood Comprehensive Plan and achievements towards the Goals and Objectives of the Plan are available on the city website.

He then reviewed the following goals and objectives for 2023:

- Kettering Health Network will likely announce plans for the 2600 Far Hills property.
- City staff will continue working with the Oakwood Investment Group to develop the two remaining commercial parcels including the Sugar Camp western lot and Randall Residence property.
- An engineering hydraulic model of the water production and distribution system is being built to analyze the water system infrastructure and develop long range plans for capital improvements.
- A camera will be purchased to explore and investigate the sanitary sewer system, and staff will develop plans for future infrastructure improvements.
- City staff is developing a multi-year plan for rebuilding Oakwood’s traffic signal system.
- There will be improvements made to Fairridge Park, Shafor Park and Orchardly Park over the next few years.

Vice Mayor Byington explained that Oakwood has a citizen budget committee that includes 32 members and is represented by residents from each of the eight voting precincts. That committee met four times this year and at its November 29th meeting, voted to endorse this 2023 budget. Budget Review Committee Vice Chair Bill Frapwell is here this evening to comment on the Budget Review Committee’s endorsement.

Budget Review Committee Vice Chair Bill Frapwell shared that Oakwood City Council and City Staff always take the time to explain the fiscal situation of the city with transparency. The committee members met four times this year either in-person or via Zoom and voted unanimously to recommend approval of the 2023 budget.

Mayor Duncan thanked the Budget Review Committee members for their service and input.

Mr. Frapwell noted that there are a lot of talented people serving on the Budget Review Committee.

Unexpected technical difficulties resulted in the loss of audio from Vice Mayor Byington for the remainder of the meeting. Mayor Duncan continued presenting the ordinance.

Thereupon, it was moved by Mayor Duncan and seconded by Mr. Stephens that the second reading be waived and that the ordinance be passed tonight.

Upon call of the roll on the question of the motion, the following vote was recorded:

MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN.....	YEA
MR. STEVEN BYINGTON	YEA
MR. ROBERT P. STEPHENS.....	YEA
MRS. ANNE S. HILTON.....	YEA
MRS. LEIGH TURBEN	YEA

Mayor Duncan acknowledged Vice Mayor Byington’s vote, via video, in favor of the ordinance.

There being five (5) yea votes and no (0) nay votes thereon, said ordinance was declared duly passed and it was so ordered.

AN ORDINANCE
BY MAYOR DUNCAN NO 4968
AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL ORDINANCE NUMBER 4948 AND
ESTABLISH AN AMENDED PERSONNEL SCHEDULE DATED
DECEMBER 5, 2022 AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

A copy of the ordinance, having been placed on the desks of each member of Council prior to introduction, was read by title.

Mayor Duncan explained that this is an ordinance to update the City’s personnel schedule. For all non-bargaining unit employees except Temporary Seasonal Employees, the updated schedule authorizes pay increases of 2.95% in 2023. These are responsible increases for the non-union employees that are consistent with the raises authorized by current collective bargaining agreements for union employees. Pay for Temporary Seasonal Employees has also been increased to ensure that these positions remain competitive in the job marketplace.

This ordinance is being introduced as an emergency measure to ensure that it takes effect as of the first pay period of 2023, which begins on December 19, 2022.

Thereupon, it was moved by Mayor Duncan and seconded by Mrs. Hilton that the ordinance be passed as an emergency measure.

Upon call of the roll on the question of the motion, the following vote was recorded:

- MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN..... YEA
- MR. STEVEN BYINGTON YEA
- MR. ROBERT P. STEPHENS..... YEA
- MRS. ANNE S. HILTON YEA
- MRS. LEIGH TURBEN YEA

Mayor Duncan acknowledged Vice Mayor Byington’s vote, via video, in favor of the ordinance.

There being five (5) yea votes and no (0) nay votes thereon, said ordinance was declared duly passed and it was so ordered.

AN ORDINANCE
BY MAYOR DUNCAN NO 4969
AN ORDINANCE TO SET THE MAXIMUM COMPENSATION OF
THE OAKWOOD MUNICIPAL COURT CLERK, DEPUTY CLERK OF
COURTS, AND BAILIFF, AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

A copy of the ordinance, having been placed on the desks of each member of Council prior to introduction, was read by title.

Mayor Duncan explained that by law, the Oakwood Municipal Judge determines the actual salary for each court employee, but City Council is responsible for setting the maximum amount to be paid for each job classification within the court. This ordinance will increase the maximum compensation for all court employee job classifications by 2.95%, consistent with increases for union and non-bargaining unit employees.

Thereupon, it was moved by Mayor Duncan and seconded by Mrs. Turben that the ordinance be passed as an emergency measure.

Upon call of the roll on the question of the motion, the following vote was recorded:

- MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN..... YEA
- MR. STEVEN BYINGTON YEA
- MR. ROBERT P. STEPHENS..... YEA
- MRS. ANNE S. HILTON YEA
- MRS. LEIGH TURBEN YEA

Mayor Duncan acknowledged Vice Mayor Byington’s vote, via video, in favor of the ordinance.

There being five (5) yea votes and no (0) nay votes thereon, said ordinance was declared duly passed and it was so ordered.

AN ORDINANCE
 BY MAYOR DUNCAN NO 4970
 AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH AN AMENDMENT TO THE ORGANIZATION AND STAFFING SCHEDULE FOR THE PURPOSE OF CREATING THE CLASSIFICATION OF ASSISTANT WATER PLANT SUPERINTENDENT; ELIMINATING THE WATER PLANT TECHNICIAN CLASSIFICATION; AMENDING THE NUMBER OF AUTHORIZED POSITIONS FOR THE WATER AND SEWER TECHNICIAN CLASSIFICATION FROM ONE TO TWO; AMENDING THE NUMBER OF AUTHORIZED POSITIONS FOR THE GENERAL SERVICE WORKER CLASSIFICATION FROM THIRTEEN TO FOURTEEN; CLARIFYING TITLES FOR OTHER CLASSIFICATIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

A copy of the ordinance, having been placed on the desks of each member of Council prior to introduction, was read by title.

Mayor Duncan explained that this is the ordinance to update the Organization and Staffing Schedule so it reflects the City’s current staffing needs.

Thereupon, it was moved by Mayor Duncan and seconded by Mr. Stephens that the ordinance be passed as an emergency measure.

Upon call of the roll on the question of the motion, the following vote was recorded:

- MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN..... YEA
- MR. STEVEN BYINGTON YEA
- MR. ROBERT P. STEPHENS..... YEA
- MRS. ANNE S. HILTON..... YEA
- MRS. LEIGH TURBEN YEA

Mayor Duncan acknowledged Vice Mayor Byington’s vote, via video, in favor of the ordinance.

There being five (5) yea votes and no (0) nay votes thereon, said ordinance was declared duly passed and it was so ordered.

AN ORDINANCE
 BY MRS. TURBEN NO 4971
 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF A LAND LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE ENTERPRISE ROOFING AND SHEET METAL CO., INC., AND IRVING COMMONS ASSOCIATION.

A copy of the ordinance, having been placed on the desks of each member of Council prior to introduction, was read by title.

Mrs. Turben explained that the city of Oakwood owns some land in the city of Dayton as part of its wellfield and water distribution system. Part of that land, which is approximately one-third of an acre located just off Irving Avenue, is adjacent to the Enterprise Roofing corporate headquarters and a condominium building known as Irving Commons. They have leased it from the city of Oakwood for many years as part of their shared parking area. (Oakwood has some below-grade infrastructure there but nothing above ground.) The lease has expired and this ordinance will authorize the City Manager to renew it on substantially similar terms as the previous lease.

Thereupon, it was moved by Mrs. Turben and seconded by Mrs. Hilton that the second reading be waived and that the ordinance be passed tonight.

Upon call of the roll on the question of the motion, the following vote was recorded:

- MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN..... YEA
- MR. STEVEN BYINGTON YEA
- MR. ROBERT P. STEPHENS..... YEA
- MRS. ANNE S. HILTON..... YEA
- MRS. LEIGH TURBEN YEA

Mayor Duncan acknowledged Vice Mayor Byington’s vote, via video, in favor of the ordinance.

There being five (5) yea votes and no (0) nay votes thereon, said ordinance was declared duly passed and it was so ordered.

STAFF REPORT

Mayor Duncan noted that there was no staff report this evening.

AN OAKWOOD MOMENT

Mrs. Hilton recognized the Oakwood Public Safety Department's Citizen Police Academy.

CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS

Mr. Klopsch thanked City Council for approving the 2023 budget. He then recognized the following Department Heads for their service and dedication to the city of Oakwood: Leisure Services Director Carol Collins; Finance Director Cindy Stafford; Public Safety Director Alan Hill; Law Director Rob Jacques; Personnel and Properties Director Jennifer Wilder; Engineering and Public Works Director Doug Spitler; and Staff Engineer Chris Kuzma.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mrs. Turben shared that the Oakwood Historical Society's fourth annual Holiday Home Tour was last weekend. The event would not be possible without the generous and gracious home owners who open their home for people to tour. She wished everyone a happy and safe holiday season.

Mrs. Hilton reminded everyone of the annual Holiday of Lights Ceremony held at Shafor Park at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 11.

Mr. Stephens thanked all city employees for their hard work throughout the year. He wished everyone a happy holiday season.

Mayor Duncan stated that with the help of City Council, city staff and the citizens, Oakwood remains well governed, well managed and financially strong. City Council has no hidden agendas and care about doing the right thing for the citizens of Oakwood. Mayor Duncan closed his comments by thanking City Manager Norbert Klopsch for leading city staff who continue to provide excellent city services.

The public meeting concluded at 8:09 p.m.



MAYOR

ATTEST:



CLERK OF COUNCIL