

President of Council William L. Hills swore in Richard Harris as City Auditor, Ron Stake Council At Large, and Antoinette Newman Council At Large.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
December 19, 2005

Members of Community Development Committee present: Brett Baxter, Antoinette Newman, Preston Stearns, Doug Joseph.
Other members of Council present: Mel Clemens, Ron Stake, Council President William L. Hills.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Baxter: Number 2, Approval of the minutes of the December 5, 2005 Community Development Committee meeting. I ask if there are any changes or updates, members of the committee or Council? (No response). Hearing none, I ask that they stand as published.

I'd also like to ask of the approval of the agenda. Are there any changes to the agenda? (No response). Hearing and seeing none, I'll move on to item 4.

Item 4 is an ORDINANCE ADOPTING SUMMIT ROAD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN #1 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING A TAX INCREMENT FINANCE DISTRICT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. This was read for the first time on 12-12-05. And John, I believe you're here.

Mr. Brandt: Yes, sir.

Mr. Baxter: Do you have anything else you'd like to add to this?

Mr. Brandt: No, sir.

Mr. Baxter: Nothing at all?

Mr. Brandt: No changes, no hits, no runs.

Mr. Baxter: I would like to ask a couple of questions if I could, John.

Mr. Brandt: Yes, sir.

Mr. Baxter: The first question I have, and it's just by numbers. I look at the fact that we have a couple of pieces of ordinances total tonight we're going to talk about. And item number 4 and 5 are both development plans of which 6, 7, and 8 are in essence the provision for constructing certain public improvements. What I want to know is, why do I have two Economic Development Plans? And three, of the TIF's being requested?

Mr. Brandt: The plans are required when there's a housing component. And there's two housing components. And then there's one component that is just commercial and it doesn't require a plan.

Mr. Baxter: Okay. So we actually have three, but one does not require that we create a road Economic Development Plan.

Mr. Brandt: Correct.

Mr. Baxter: Like we did with the Summit Road or Taylor Road.

Mr. Brandt: Correct. And the plans have to be passed at the time of passage prior to, and have to be signed as far as the engineers certification prior to the passage of the ordinances that follow.

Mr. Baxter: Very good.

Mr. Brandt: That's just part of the procedure.

Mr. Baxter: Okay. And we also realize, the reason that we're looking at this as an emergency is based upon the fact that there are tax laws that are changing. Correct? And we'd like to try to take advantage?

Mr. Brandt: Well, there's laws with respect to Tax Increment Financing that change effective the first of the year.

Mr. Baxter: Okay. Very good. And we need to pass the Economic Development Plan prior to passing the TIF's then?

Mr. Brandt: That's correct.

Mr. Baxter: In that order?

Mr. Brandt: Correct.

Mr. Baxter: Very good. Okay. I'll go ahead and I'll open this up to the committee. Are there any members of the committee that have questions? (No response). And we'll start off here talking about the Development Plan #1. And I don't know if it's alright here to talk about these in total since they are the same. Are there any differences John between the two plans?

Mr. Brandt: Just basically, geography.

Mr. Baxter: Just the geography. Are there any questions of Council? Bill. Mr. Hills.

Mr. Hills: Mr. Baxter, I do believe, as we get ready to send these forward, because there is a need, I think as we've discussed, the passage before the end of the year. You're right on number 4 and 5, the two development plans, when they come to Council, they will need to be amended to the

redraft date of 12-15 which was the couple of new sheets that were sent out. So just notice as you discuss this and get ready to send it forward, you may want to be sure that as it comes to Council later this evening that those two items are amended.

Mr. Baxter: Okay. I have so made note. Thank you, President Hills for that. Do you have any other comments, sir?

Mr. Hills: No.

Mr. Baxter: Any other comments from Council? Mrs. Newman, please.

Mrs. Newman: Mr. Baxter, I just have a question for Mr. Brandt. Mr. Brandt, we don't have any restrictions as to the demographics of the people with regard to the residential TIF, do we? That were outlined in the Squires Sanders memo? You know, that they have income of 80% or less than the mediate income. Or unemployment has to be 50% of the average rate of unemployment in the state. And 20% of the districts?

Mr. Brandt: No. That doesn't apply to this particular case.

Mrs. Newman: That would not apply here?

Mr. Brandt: No.

Mrs. Newman: So that we're not restricted as to the type of housing that could be developed?

Mr. Brandt: Oh, no. No.

Mrs. Newman: Okay. Alright. Thank you.

Mr. Baxter: It's fair to note that each of these have documentation on how the funds will be used and collected for services for the city and infrastructure. Correct?

Mr. Brandt: That's correct.

Mr. Baxter: Okay. With that said, I'll go ahead and move on to item number 5 which is again, the Taylor Road Economic Development Plan. And again, the same question. Does anybody have any questions on that plan? (No response). I'll open it up to Council or committee.

Items 6, 7, and 8 are all the same except that they identify both commercial, residential for Taylor Road and Summit Road. So are there any questions on those three pieces of legislation? (No response). Okay.

So I'll go ahead and start with number 4 and ask us to accept a motion to send it off to special Council meeting tonight. Do I have a motion? Mrs. Newman. A second? Mr. Stearns. All in favor?

Mrs. Frazier: Mr. Baxter. Do you want to put your recommendation in there if you want it passed, please?

Mr. Baxter: Yes, please. Thank you. And I would recommend to send this to Council for adoption with the, I don't do that until Council, correct? The redraft? Or do I have to do it at this point, Mr. Hills?

Mr. Hills: You can comment on it but send it forward with recommendation as _____.

Mr. Baxter: Very good. So therefore, I will recommend that we send this to Council with a note that we need to amend it to the redraft date of 12-12-05. Do I have a second? I believe I had a first and second on the table already. Then I'll say, all in favor? (All voted "Aye"). All opposed? (No response). Motion carries. It'll go to special Council meeting tonight.

Item number 5 is an ORDINANCE TO ADOPT TAYLOR ROAD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN #1 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING A TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. And I ask that this be sent to Council with a recommendation of approval and to have it amended to the redraft date of 12-12-05. I so move. Do I have a second? Mrs. Newman. All in favor? (All voted "Aye"). All opposed? (No response). Motion carries.

Item number 6, AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN THE CITY BY CREATING AN INCENTIVE DISTRICT ENCOMPASSING CERTAIN PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY, DECLARING IMPROVEMENTS TO SUCH PARCELS TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE, EXEMPTING SUCH IMPROVEMENT FROM TAXATION, REQUIRING THE OWNERS OF SUCH PARCELS TO MAKE SERVICE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES, PROVIDING FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE APPLICABLE PORTION OF SUCH SERVICE PAYMENTS TO THE REYNOLDSBURG CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, ESTABLISHING A MUNICIPAL PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT TAX INCREMENT EQUIVALENT FUND FOR THE DEPOSIT OF THE REMAINDER OF SUCH SERVICE PAYMENTS, DESCRIBING THE PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS MADE OR TO BE MADE THAT BENEFIT OR SERVICE THOSE PARCELS AND APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF TAX INCREMENT FINANCING AGREEMENTS AND DECLARING EMERGENCY. Read for the first time 12-12-05. I ask that we send this to Council with a recommendation of approval and so move. Do I have a second? Doug Joseph. All in favor? (All voted "Aye"). All opposed? (No response). Motion carries.

Number 7 is identical as I read originally. Do I need to read that again, Nancy?

Mrs. Frazier? No. You don't.

Mr. Baxter: Very good. So then I'll ask that we send this on to special Council this evening with a recommendation for approval. And I so move. Second, Mr. Stearns. All in favor? (All

voted "Aye"). All opposed? (No response). Motion carries.

And item number 8. The same comments. I will then so move that this be sent to Council with a recommendation of being adopted. And so therefore, so move. Mr. Joseph, second. All in favor? (All voted "Aye"). All opposed? (No response). Motion carries.

And with that, I will close the Community Development Committee meeting at 7:44. And thank you.

Community Development Committee
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- - -Nancy C. Frazier, Clerk of Council
(Transcribed - Susie Smith)

SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
December 19, 2005

Members of Safety Committee present: Ron Stake, Antoinette Newman, Doug Joseph.
Other members of Council present: Mel Clemens, Preston Stearns, Brett Baxter, Council President William L. Hills.

Mr. Stake: And I would like to call the Safety Committee to order at 7:45. The first item on the agenda, or second item on the agenda is approval of the minutes of December 5, 2005 Safety Committee meeting. Are there any changes to those minutes? (No response). None being heard, they'll stand as submitted.

Item number 3 is approval of the agenda. Are there any changes to the agenda from members of the committee? (No response). I'd like to make one addition to the agenda. We have a speaker, Sean Matheny. I'd like to make that 3a. I make that motion. All in favor, state aye. (All voted "Aye").

Item 3a is our speaker, Sean Matheny. Mr. Matheny, would you like to come up and address us, please?

Dr. Matheny: Just state my name and address and all that?

Mr. Stake: Please. Yes, sir.

Dr. Matheny: My name is Dr. Sean Matheny. My wife Julie and I own the property at 7395 East Main Street. And at 7395 1/2 East Main Street, which sits on Jackson Street. I'm here concerning the ongoing truck route issue since 256 has been closed at Main to west bound traffic. When the 'no truck' signs on Jackson Street were removed some time in June, I contacted the city as to when they would be put back up because I noticed some damage to the sidewalk and to the brick pavers that line the sidewalk. By letter and phone, I was assured by Sharon Reichard that the problem was being worked on. In her letter dated July 1, 2005, Mrs. Reichard lays out the reasoning behind the city's decision to remove truck signs on both Jackson and Graham Road. Of course, I found the removal of the 'no truck' signs on Jackson Street absurd. This street has homes close to the road and parking on both sides of the streets to accommodate the funeral home, church, and other small businesses in the area. And lastly, Hannah Ashton Middle School sits directly on Jackson Street where the school loads and unloads its buses on one side of the street, while parents load and unload on the other side of the street. I being a homeowner myself though, understood why the Graham Road residents were upset with the 'no truck' signs being removed on their road also. However, Mrs. Reichard lays out a strong argument in her letter for truck traffic on Graham Road. According from her letter, the Graham Road intersection at Main Street handily accommodates the turning radii for the largest of the semi tractor trailers. In August, I received a phone call from Mrs. Reichard where she informed me that the city was working with ODOT to direct truck traffic down Brice Road on the city's west side, and down Graham Road on the city's east side. She said this would take something in the range of 3 months, then my truck signs should be replaced. Those being the ones on Jackson Street. So I was patient because I did not want to be a trouble maker for those who have other busy things to deal with in the city. Then I saw the 'no truck' signs go back up on Graham Road. Now I do not wish to make this a Jackson Street versus Graham Road issue, but the reasons that the Graham Road residents use to get their 'no truck' signs back up are even more prominent on Jackson Street. I've read their arguments and Council transcripts, and I agree with them wholeheartedly. The schools that are on both streets, the danger to pedestrians, and the noise and damage these trucks bring with them are horrible. At the Jackson and Main intersection, there are no left lanes at any side of the intersection, and there is no room to create them. I read in one of the transcripts where Mrs. Reichard states that she does not want truck traffic to continue down 256 to Main because of the poor turning radii at Main. So what about the turning radii at Jackson Street and Main Street? We have trucks hopping the curbs regularly, and the fire hydrant has even been hit. Furthermore,

I personally witnessed four cars sitting at the light on Jackson Street have to reverse to allow a tractor trailer to turn left from Main on to Jackson. This is not the fault of the truckers. They are only following the posted signs. I have seen truckers driving large semi's come up to the intersection, then turn off their signal, and continue on because they do not even want to attempt to make that turn. In all the arguments for and against the truck traffic, one argument is above all others. It is simply this. I want one person, just one, from Graham Road or Jackson Street, to come forward, whose property and business is suffering like mine is. No one on either of these streets has been affected by this decision the way my property and business has. I could stand here and use the danger to the children card, but I will not. Because anyone who sees where that school is located, can make that judgment. Furthermore, I could stand at the school and get parents to sign petitions, contact the PTA, contact the local media, and make more noise, but all I'm asking for is reason and fairness. I know the residents of Graham Road are more in number and more organized. It's unfortunate that they live on a street that has a widened intersection at Main with large turning radii to accommodate trucks. But what happened to protecting the rights of the minority opinion, even if the decision is a tough one? I feel as though I've been misled, ignored, and told so many stories, and all I want is the truth and a fair resolution. Thank you for your time.

Mr. Stake: Thank you, Dr. Matheny. Any members of the committee or Council have any questions for the doctor? Mr. Baxter.

Mr. Baxter: Mr. Stake, thank you. And Dr., I truly understand what you're saying. And I understand because I've stood there and watched the problem. And I was standing there, or driving by when they hit the fire hydrant and watched trucks back up after they couldn't make the turn. So you're absolutely right. There's a problem there. But the problem is both places. It's not just one or the other as you said. It's not just the Jackson versus Graham Road. Both options are poor. Also, 256 is not an option either. Although it's a truck route, a state route, and we can't stop trucks from going that direction. And it is a no left. Although, I stood across the street at the bike store for about an hour and a half and watched cars do that. Surprisingly, they were actually going around the barrier. So we do have a problem here. And I would look to our administration. I know we've tackled this a couple of times, Mayor. But it's not fixed. And I agree with you, it's still broken. We've got to come up with a better plan. I don't know what it is, but I think we need to put together a commission or a team of people that can look at this, pull our engineers in, and have an answer to this problem. Because it's not going to get better. It's only going to get more difficult in the future.

Dr. Matheny: And it's just becoming an eye sore. I can show you two large pieces of sidewalk actually further up the street, where the trucks have turned so wide, that I literally watched two trucks on the same day break pieces of sidewalk about that big. And then last Friday, even though the 'no right turn for trucks' is up, as soon as they miss that 256 sign, they know the only place that they can go because there's more than enough signs telling them that they can't turn down Graham Road, they go ahead and they turn right any way down Jackson and they just, they're leaving ruts through my yard. And I'm getting tired of fixing it. I'm getting tired of going out there and having either myself or my landscaper fix it. So you know, it's causing me an expense too. And it's not fair. I have rights as a property owner.

Mr. Baxter: Certainly.

Mr. Stake: Mrs. Newman.

Mrs. Newman: I don't see why we can't get this problem solved either. And I don't understand why these trucks have to come through Reynoldsburg in that direction. Why don't they go on Broad Street? Why are they coming through the middle of our city? Why do they have to do that? Do you know that Mr. Clemens?

Mr. Clemens: Well, yeah. Some trucks do deliver in Reynoldsburg. You have to let them deliver.

Mrs. Newman: Well, of course.

Dr. Matheny: There's none in those residential areas.

Mr. Clemens: Well, you don't know. I mean, they come there and go some place else. That's why they come through Reynoldsburg. Some of them do. We have signs up, 'no thru trucks'. 'No thru trucks' means you can't, if you're going through, you can't go through Reynoldsburg. But you can't stop the trucks or semi's from delivering. Period.

Mrs. Newman: Well, that's true. I know that.

Mr. Clemens: I mean, that's the way it is on that. I agree with your problem. But as far as no trucks in Reynoldsburg, we don't do that.

Dr. Matheny: No. That's not what I'm after.

Mr. Clemens: We've just got to work out a way on how we get them in and how we get them through.

Mr. Stake: Is that it, Doctor?

Dr. Matheny: Yes. Thank you for hearing me.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Does anybody else have any questions for him? (No response). Sharon, Mrs. Reichard, would you care to address this at all? Or Mayor?

Mayor McPherson: We just talked about it today.

Mrs. Reichard: Thank you, Mr. Stake. I think part of the problem is, we've got trucks turning right onto Jackson Avenue and there's a 'no right turn' sign there for the trucks. So that is what causes that rut you saw in the picture. When an 18 wheeler goes around there, they don't, especially if there are cars going north in the intersection at Jackson and Main, a truck cannot make that turn without taking out probably half of his yard. But they're not allowed to turn there. So

we have an enforcement issue that I've talked with Chief Suci about and I know they're going to beef up the, some work over in the area. But the other part of it is, we're also, the administration is looking at, we have our engineers looking at other, there's another light community with a situation the same as we're dealing with. And Dave Parkinson and EMH&T are looking into it to see if it would be applicable here. Something that we could do in terms of traffic signaling at the 256, Main Street, Lancaster Avenue intersection. Even the way it jogs a little bit. That's kind of the way it is over in Pickerington. We've asked Dave, the Mayor has asked Dave to take a look at it and see if there's, if that's applicable here. It is an ongoing problem with the traffic, the trucks on Jackson Avenue. Again, they must have some place where they can come in to Reynoldsburg. When I spoke with the schools about the truck, how we were going to reroute for a while after we put up the barricades at 256 and Main, their response to me was that they were taking half the children out of that school, so if we had to do it, this was the time to do it. Any time you're moving, the amount of traffic and something as serious and as large as this problem, it is not fixed in 2 months, or 3 months, or 4 months. This takes time. If we do anything quickly, we may end up spending money that was unnecessary, and/or we may be spending it in the wrong place. So we need the time to look at this, to study it. It is an ongoing issue. It is not something that we looked at once and we said, okay, it's okay the way it is now. That is not the case. That's the reason you see the temporary barriers still up on Main Street. There is not a permanent fix there yet. So we are looking into it. Once we have some recommendations to bring to Council, we will be prepared to do so.

Mr. Stake: Thank you, Mrs. Reichard. Mr. Stearns.

Mr. Stearns: Thank you, Mr. Stake. According to the e-mail that the Doctor sent to us, he said that he hadn't gotten any response from the administration. Can anybody comment on that?

Mrs. Reichard: I have in my records that I returned his call. I don't remember, I don't have that with me right now. But I have it dated, and I left a message, and I did not get a return call from him. But I document all that in my planner.

Mr. Stearns: Okay.

Mr. Stake: President Hills.

Mr. Hills: Mrs. Reichard, if I could, when you're doing your discussions, and I think that needs to be done. Because it is an issue and it is an inconvenience and does cause property damage. But why don't you talk to the engineers also about the use of the ballards like we're using in Phase 1 and Phase 2? The purpose of those is to keep trucks off of the curbs in back. And I'm not saying go through Old Reynoldsburg and put ballards on every intersection, but if it's working, it's intended purpose in Phase 1 and Phase 2 when we have a similar situation that may be a problem in old town, maybe at least put it in your form and let them consider it. I'm not saying that could be one of the bells or whatever. But something, it throws the truck tires back. Because unfortunately, a lot of truck drivers, as long as the cab can go, the trailer will come with it. And that's what's creating the problems. (Inaudible).

Mrs. Reichard: We could do that. But unfortunately, at Jackson and Main, and 256 and Main, for a truck traveling east trying to turn south, it's nearly impossible. It takes both lanes of traffic on that side on either 256 or Jackson to make that turn. And if we were to put, right at the moment, we have a building at 256 called Connel's Hardware, which we couldn't do anything about. And in Dr. Matheny's case we have his yard, we would be putting ballards up in to his, on his private property. It is, as much as I appreciate that, and think there are probably other areas that we could use it, I think the biggest problem that we have at both of those places is turning radii. And there's not a lot we can do about either.

Mr. Hills: I think now that that, but what you do is try to reduce that turning radii, and that's part of the purpose of the ballards. So what I just suggest is, you let the engineers kind of figure where it may need to be to prevent this type or, the severity that's happening now.

Mrs. Reichard: Will do.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Are there any other questions?

Mrs. Newman: Yeah. I have a question.

Mr. Stake: Mrs. Newman.

Mrs. Newman: The problem with the trucks, is that a recent problem? You know, are they big dump trucks?

Mrs. Reichard: No. They're 18 wheelers.

Mrs. Newman: Well, we haven't always had those 18 wheelers coming through here, have we?

Mrs. Reichard: Sure we have. Sure we have.

Mrs. Newman: In that number?

Mrs. Reichard: Actually, now we have far fewer that they are following the Brice Road route. They're far fewer from personal observation on Main Street than there has been in the past. So we know that the ones that get off at 256 generally speaking, are going to the Taylor Square area. I don't think anybody gets off on 256 and wants to go down to fight the issue on Main Street. And they're learning. Generally, you have the same trucking companies coming in over time and they learn. It's no different than the problems that we had with the turns, the turning radii out at Taylor Road going into the WalMart shopping center. And we had to make some changes there because they were just, they were actually tearing out the ballard posts that had been put in. So some of those, one of those intersections was changed. The flare on it for the turning of the trucks. And it's helped immensely. So those are the kinds of things. When you get in that old section of Reynoldsburg, you don't have a lot of land to work with. So we'll continue to look at it and hopefully we'll have something back in the first quarter of next year for you to consider.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Mr. Baxter, you had another question?

Mr. Baxter: Mr. Stake, a follow up question for Sharon.

Mr. Stake: Go right ahead.

Mr. Baxter: Sharon, we were talking about putting up informational signs on 256. Suggesting that a better route would be to head toward Brice Road. Where do we stand on that?

Mrs. Reichard: I think we have the signs up. I thought I saw Brett Luzader here. Don't we have the signs up, Brett? On 256 directing truck traffic?

Mr. Luzader: There's a number of signs up.

Mr. Baxter: I just don't remember seeing them Sharon. That's what I was looking for. And I was kind of expecting there on the light posts. We made it very obvious. Truck route suggested. Whatever the language would be.

Mrs. Reichard: The one thing I'm thinking about it, today when I looked, I made my rounds of several problem areas and I did look at the 'no right turn for trucks' on Main Street at Jackson. I think we could probably use a more dominant sign out there. Something bigger that's kind of in the face of the truckers. And maybe if we'd given them another course to take, I don't know what it is. Because you can't send them down Graham Road. You'd have to send them clear out to Taylor Road. And that's almost a no win situation too. So we do have some problems in the south quadrant of East Main Street that we need to deal with.

Mr. Baxter: Well, I think it's fair to say Ron, that I don't know of a lot of semi's that are off loading there in Olde Town Reynoldsburg. So if we can get them toward their direction, whatever that direction might be. If they're looking to head out east, or if they're looking to head toward the west, or follow it through to the north, there are opportunities where we can send them to other directions. We need to be thinking about if they're not coming to old town, then where are they going? We've done traffic studies before just for the purpose of timing. We may be at the situation at this time now to do a traffic study from EMH&T to look to see where this traffic is going then try to find alternate routes for them so that we solve the problem in Olde Town Reynoldsburg for the future rather than as we have been trying to look at different band aids as solutions. Let's look at it from a total problem. Identify where it is, where they're going, and solve it once and for all. I think that would be the right way to go. Thank you.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Baxter. Any other questions or comments from members of Council? (No response). Yes, Dr. Matheny.

Dr. Matheny: _____ the sidewalk if you're headed west on Main, turning left on to Jackson. So they're not only the trucks who are turning right at Jackson, headed east turning right, but the ones also headed west turning left. And a lot of them I feel are _____ also coming from the Etna, through Etna development truck park out there. That's probably the

reason we're seeing an increase in 18 wheelers coming down that way and they're looking for the quickest route to 70.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Thank you. Well, Mrs. Reichard, I think you said you and the Police Department are working on this. And I would hope that you could stay in touch with Dr. Matheny and maybe let him know what kind of progress you're making. And it doesn't sound like there's an easy answer. But hopefully we can get some kind of resolution. Maybe some more signs around those areas directing trucks a little bit better, letting them know that there is a truck route further west or further east. Thank you.

Next item on the agenda is Discussion, Authorization of contract for telecommunications tower at 7806 East Main Street. And, who from the administration? Mayor, would you like to address this?

Mayor McPherson: Thank you, Ron. Back in October, October 26, while dumping some dirt out in our Street Department vacant lot, one of the trucks put down our antenna out there. At the time, we were in the process of meeting with T Mobile. I think we had maybe a meeting the next day or maybe the day of. I'm not sure. To talk with them about leasing some space out there to put an antenna up. So I guess the old adage, timing is everything. We have proceeded since October 27 to meet with T Mobile. They were in a position to give us a, what they call a cow. But it's a temporary antenna on a truck. So we've been using T Mobile's temporary powered cow since our tower went down. We have had the insurance company out. They gave me their first proposal of an adjustment last Friday. We haven't really had time to meet with them or discuss it so I can't give you today what the settlement amount is going to be. However, during the interim, Sargent Baughn, who is our radio expert over at the Police Department, and Chief Suci, and myself, have met on several occasions with T Mobile. And over the last month, month and a half, we had hammered out a contract whereby they will come in. They will put a tower up. You saw in the paper work I gave you, a 50 x 50 spot out on the hill at the Street Department. They will allow us to put our antenna's on their tower. We will continue at this time to run our generator out of the building that we already have, repeater out of the building that we already have. But we will be able to put our antenna's back up on their tower. You have before you, the negotiating contract that the Assistant City Attorney, myself, and T Mobile have worked on. They would like to begin construction as soon as possible. We would like them to begin construction as soon as possible so we can get our antenna's back up in the air. We're always at risk if something happens that we'll go down to one channel. We don't like being at one channel. If there's an emergency, we're kind of stuck. So I appreciate all the work that was done by Sargent Baughn and Chief Suci. And also the work that T Mobile's group did. And I think Deena Farmer is here tonight. And their engineering, Dave. But we've all worked very, very hard, very diligently. And we're in a position now to get the contract signed and move it forward and get our antennas back up in the air where they belong. So we're bringing this to you tonight with a request that it go forward as an emergency. And we can move forward with getting our antennas back up on the towers.

Mr. Stake: Thank you, Mayor. Are there any questions from the members? Mr. Stearns, do you have a question?

Mr. Stearns: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Stake. Mayor, the question I've got, once this is, once they start, how soon will they get this antenna up and going? Do you have any idea now?

Mayor McPherson: I can ask right now. But I think the thought is, they'd like to start tomorrow. What is your time frame? Ninety days?

Ms. Farmer: (Inaudible. Speaking off mike).

Mayor McPherson: Thirty to forty-five days. And we're still, while they're constructing it, we're still going to be using their mobile. So we're not going to be out of service. We're just going to be on a much shorter tower than we're going to be on once they get the permanent tower back up.

Mr. Stake: And there are safety concerns with the temporary tower, correct?

Mayor McPherson: Oh, absolutely.

Mr. Stake: That's the need for the permanent tower?

Mayor McPherson: Absolutely. If we lose that temporary tower for any reason, we're down to one channel. And it's never good to have one channel. If an emergency would come up, we could be into some deep trouble. Which is another reason I'm really glad that we were talking to T Mobile at the time because they were able to bring their tower in a matter of days.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Mr. Baxter.

Mr. Baxter: Mr. Stake, thank you. Mayor, I congratulate you for working toward this. I was pushing very hard for the same thing once I heard the tower went down. But Mayor, I'm all for what we're going to do here, but I think that's a beginning. We have more work that needs to be done in this city when it comes to radio communications. And I would hope that our Chief would take some time to look at that and give back to this Council, a map if we could of where the other holes are. I know this is one area because we took out, we lost a tower. But there are other holes through the city where our officers have difficulty communicating with dispatch or with each other. Where if computer systems go in and out of service because they're in and out of signal strength. We need to address these issues. Because as this is a safety issue for our officers having a tower down, it's also a safety issue when they have to rely on each other to back each other up for each and every call because they're concerned that they're not going to get communication when they need it, at the time that they need it. So I would recommend that we take the next step and offer that up to administration. If you want me to work with you, I'd be glad to help any way I can. I believe we absolutely need to focus in on this matter and get it to a point where we have coverage throughout our entire city as best that we can.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Baxter. Are there any other questions or comments on the telecommunications tower? (No response). I guess I just have a brief question from the City Attorney's office. You folks went ahead and wrote the lease agreement. I believe Amy had wrote the lease agreement, or redrafted, helped write the lease agreement. Is everything okay with that with the City Attorney's office at this time?

Ms. Elwood: I believe we had a concern about the insurance provisions. The contract could go up to 30 years. And I believe the Mayor has discussed with Deena that we will amend the contract and include a provision that, should the insurance needs go up, that we will also include that for future needs. So that the city's always covered to the, the area's always covered to what we need for future. Right now, it's at a certain level. In 10 years, it might need to be increased and we're going to make a provision in the contract that that can be increased.

Mr. Stake: Okay. And T Mobile's okay with that? The amendment?

Ms. Farmer: (Inaudible).

Mr. Stake: Okay. Very good. Then we can send things forward the way it is at this time for the recommendation for adoption as an emergency. And then you'd amend it after once it's passed.

Ms. Elwood: Yes.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Any other questions or comments from members of Council? (No response). None being heard then, I will make a motion that we send this ordinance forward with a recommendation for adoption as an emergency. Do I have a second? Second by Mr. Joseph. Any further discussion? (No response). All in favor, state aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Motion passes. Thank you.

And I will adjourn the Safety Committee at 8:10 p.m.

Safety Committee
December 19, 2005
- - -Nancy C. Frazier, Clerk of Council
(Transcribed - Susie Smith)
SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
December 19, 2005

Members of Service Committee present: Mel Clemens, Antoinette Newman, Preston Stearns, Doug Joseph.

Other members of Council present: Ron Stake, Brett Baxter, Council President William L. Hills.

Mr. Clemens: I'd like to call the Service Committee meeting to order at 8:11. The first item on the agenda is the approval of the minutes of the December 5, 2005 Service Committee meeting. Do I have any additions or deletions? (No response). If not, they'll stand approved.

The next item is the approval of the agenda. Do I have any additions or corrections? (No response). If not, they'll stand approved.

Item number 4, Discussion, Resolution of services available to property proposed for annexation of 0.6 acres in Truro Township; applicant, Wesley S. Mendenhall. I don't know whether Mr. Mendenhall is here.

Mr. Mendenhall: I'm here.

Mr. Clemens: You're here sir. This is an annexation to the City of Reynoldsburg from Truro Township. And all the services available have been sent to Council. They have been approved and state what the services are. The reason this is an emergency is, to get it before the County Commissioners and speed up the annexation. Does any member of Council have any questions on this pertaining to Mr. Mendenhall or the annexation? (No response). Members of Council? (No response). If not, I'd like to send this to Council for first reading as an emergency for approval. Do I have a second? Second by Mrs. Newman. All in favor, say aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Thank you.

Next item, ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT FOR THE COMPOSTING OF YARD WASTE GENERATED IN AN COLLECTED FROM THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO. It had its second reading 12-12-05. We did receive

a memo from Mrs. Reichard pertaining to the cost differential that has been quoted to us. The base rate will always be no higher than \$12.50. But there will be a reduction at the present time so the per month billing beginning January 1 will be \$14.29. Which will be a savings to the customers of Reynoldsburg. Mrs. Reichard, do you want to explain that to Council?

Mrs. Reichard: Yes. What you saw in the bid, the \$14.50, is a not to exceed figure. And when, the \$14.50 per month is a not to exceed price based on the bid prices submitted for the disposal. However, the actual price SWACO was going to charge Rumpke is \$2.50 per ton lower. Which realizes a 21 cent savings per month per resident. So it makes it \$14.29 per month for this year.

Mr. Clemens: And I think that's fine to have a savings of 21 cents a month. I think the people appreciate it. The only problem I have with this is, if it goes up the next month, then they'll wonder why we're raising it on them. This always happens.

Mrs. Reichard: No it's not. It's for the year.

Mr. Clemens: For the year?

Mrs. Reichard: For the entire year. Yes, sir. And we would know at the end of '06 if it is going to change for, if it's going to change for '07. The way we unbundled the process, it opened up these bids so that we could realize savings through our recycling, etc. And this is one of the ways that we do it. So the rate could never go over \$14.50 per month. It can only go down. It cannot go up. And for this year it would be \$14.29 a month for the next 12 months of 2006.

Mr. Clemens: Well, that sounds good. Now, you asked for an emergency...

Mrs. Reichard: On all four.

Mr. Clemens: On all four of these.

Mrs. Reichard: Yes. The first one, number, if I could jump back to number 5. Number 5 is the ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into agreement for the composting of yard waste generated in and collected from the City of Reynoldsburg, Ohio. The memo that I sent to you, this is the one that needs the amendment. Because in the contract that you received, the words 'solid waste shall not include the following materials generated by home operated business', was inadvertently left out of one of the paragraphs. I don't know why. I compared it to the other ones too and it was left out. So there will need to be an amendment since it has already had its, its had two readings with the loss of that sentence. So it needs that. And then an emergency clause for all four. So that they could go into effect prior to January 1 because we start our new billing cycle on January 1. And that makes it fair for everybody throughout the year. They will be paying the same rate.

Mr. Clemens: Alright. Are there any questions for Mrs. Reichard pertaining to this issue? Mr. Baxter.

Mr. Baxter: Councilman Clemens. Mrs. Reichard, we have a provision, and I thought we had taken it out and we may have, dealing with the percent that we charge on water that helps us for billing. Correct? For the water. And since the trash and everything bills out of the same bill. Correct? Is that part of this contract? Or are we thinking about that?

Mrs. Reichard: No.

Mr. Baxter: I'm bringing that up because I saw in the request, for dollars to pay for billing. And I was under the impression that that was covered through funds that are already generated from the dollar amounts that we've had from water collection and all billed from the same place.

Mrs. Reichard: The person who does the billing, their salary is paid through Enterprise Funds. The Refuge Fund, and the Water/Waste Water, and the Storm Water. Because they are, there's an individual that does that billing. So that's how their salary is covered. There is nothing in this contract as there was in previous contracts, that included \$1 per month, per household to cover the cost of billing. As you are aware, we have massed some money in that Refuge Fund and we don't need it. So we're going to draw down from that rather than going back to the citizens. So in essence, we feel like, the most part, have already paid for it.

Mr. Baxter: Getting more savings. I think the point I'm making here is, we have a savings that isn't being realized because of the fact that....

Mrs. Reichard: There's an overall savings of \$1 per household per month.

Mr. Baxter: Correct. So that's an above...

Mrs. Reichard: Above and beyond this.

Mr. Baxter: \$14.20. Thank you, Sharon.

Mr. Clemens: Are there any other questions for Mrs. Reichard pertaining to this subject from the committee? (No response). Members of Council? (No response). I'd like to amend, but I don't have what I'm going to amend. Mrs. Reichard, do you want to state that again so we'll get that in the amendment?

Mrs. Reichard: It's item number 5 on the agenda, is the one that needs amended. To include the verbiage that I gave you in my memo. And it's in, on the third page of definitions. And it's the definition for solid waste. They need to add the words, 'solid waste shall not include the following materials generated by home operated business'.

Mr. Clemens: I move to amend. Do I have a second? Second by Mr. Joseph. All in favor, say aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Thank you, Sharon. I'll make a motion to send this to Council for approval as an emergency. Do I have a second? Second by Mrs. Newman. All in favor, say aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response).

Next item on the agenda, ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT FOR THE DISPOSAL OF RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE GENERATED IN AND COLLECTED FROM THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO. It had its second reading 12-12-05. This also has asked to be an emergency. Do I have any questions for Mrs. Reichard on this subject from the committee? (No response). Members of Council? (No response). If not, I'd like to make a motion to send this to Council for a third reading for approval as an emergency. Do I have a second? Second from Mr. Stearns. All in favor, say aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Thank you.

Item number 7, ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT FOR THE PROCESSING OF RECYCLABLE MATERIALS GENERATED IN AND COLLECTED FROM WITHIN THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO. This had its second reading 12-12-05. This also has asked to be an emergency. Do I have any questions from members of the committee for Mrs. Reichard? (No response). Members of Council? Yes, Mr. Baxter.

Mr. Baxter: Mr. Clemens, yes. I have a question for Mrs. Reichard. And it's dealing with the recycled containers. And we've talked about this a couple of times, Mrs. Reichard, with the pilot program you have running. And I've been paying very close attention to how they pick up the receptacles. And at this point, they are not using any new trucks, and they're still picking up the old fashioned way and really heaving them into the recycle container. So I know in the future, we're going to be looking at probably some request to supply the rest of the city with these. And with that being said, I would really hope that we would gain some value and reduction from cost from recyclables because they'll be able to pick them up with an automated system rather than the old fashioned way. So, could you give us a heads up on this please?

Mrs. Reichard: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Baxter for bringing this up. Because this is something I wanted to make a point of tonight. Because they don't have enough trucks, of the one arm bandits to pick those up, what they have been doing also, they have those in our community. But in order to make a clean sweep and pick up everything in one day that we demand, that they cannot do it over a couple of days period, they have to do it in one day. What they're doing is, with some of their regular garbage trucks, they're taking them out and emptying them, coming back and picking up the recycling. Now, we've gotten some phone calls because people said, oh my gosh, we're doing all this recycling and you're coming back and just throwing it in the garbage. They are not throwing it in the garbage. But when those blue bins or the red bins are picked up, they are going into recycling. The truck may not look like it. I told them they needed those magnetic things, signs, for the side of their trucks when they come back and use them for recycling. They are not putting it in the trash. And I wanted to make sure that the newspaper heard that, and so people could be alerted that that's what they're doing for the time being. They are going to be getting new trucks that they can come in and pick those blue bins up with machines.

Mr. Baxter: Okay. Should we then, if I can follow up, Mr. Clemens, expect a reduction in our cost to the city and our residents because they are now going to be an automated system on how they pick that trash up.

Mrs. Reichard: Well, no. Not for this bid. I mean, what we have...

Mr. Baxter: Not for this bid. I understand.

Mrs. Reichard: One of the ways that we can reduce our refuse collection cost is to recycle more and trash less. The less you put in to the land fills, the fewer the tipping fees you have to pay. And that is realized, just like the, what we talked about with SWACO earlier. There's a formula set up in the contract, and I referred to it in the memo that states, when they realize the savings, that gets passed back to the residents of Reynoldsburg.

Mr. Baxter: Very good. Thank you.

Mr. Clemens: Thank you, Mrs. Reichard. Are there any other questions from committee, members of Council? (No response). If not, I would like to send this to Council, make a motion to send this to Council for approval for the third reading as an emergency. Do I have a second? Second by Mr. Joseph. All in favor, say aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Thank you.

Item number 8, ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT FOR THE COLLECTION, TRANSPORTATION AND DELIVERY FOR DISPOSAL OR PROCESSING OF RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE, RECYCLABLE MATERIALS AND YARD WASTE GENERATED WITHIN THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO. Its had its second reading 12-12-05. This also has been asked to be an emergency. Do I have any questions from members of the committee? (No response). Members of Council? Mr. Baxter.

Mr. Baxter: I'm on a roll tonight, Mr. Clemens. And the question I have is, what is the difference between number 7 and number 8? And I read these to look as if one's residential and, one doesn't discuss residential, so is that a commercial contract?

Mr. Clemens: Mrs. Reichard.

Mr. Baxter: I'm sorry. I'm a pain tonight.

Mrs. Reichard: Number 7 and number 8. I believe one is recyclables and the other one...

Mr. Baxter: It does state, solid waste recyclable and yard waste.

Mrs. Newman: One's for processing and one's for collection, transportation, and delivery.

Mrs. Reichard: There you go. Thank you.

Mr. Baxter: Is that the difference?

Mrs. Reichard: That is the difference.

Mr. Clemens: One's for processing and one's for collecting.

Mr. Baxter: That's what I needed to hear. Thank you.

Mr. Clemens: Thank you. Are there any other questions from the committee or members of Council? (No response). Thank you, Mrs. Reichard. (Tape Change). To Council for the third reading as an emergency. Do I have a second? Second by Mr. Stearns. All in favor, say aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Thank you.

Item number 9. This ordinance is a Special Exception Use Permit, 6525 East Main Street, proposed use of land/structure, tavern, applicant, Nick Vuticeuski. Second reading 11-28-05. It had been sent to Council with recommendation for rule suspension and adoption but applicant requested item only be read for the second reading and returned to committee. On 12-5-05 item was held for two weeks at the request of the applicant. Is the applicant here? (No response). On this, we haven't been receiving the information on this and I've been holding it, and holding it. I think it's time now to put it in Other Legislation. Until we hear from the applicant, put it in Other Legislation for a while and if we don't hear from the applicant, we'll bring it back up and dismiss it. So I'd like to have a motion to put this in Other Legislation. I'll make a motion to put this in Other Legislation. Do I have a second? Second by Mrs. Newman. All in favor, say aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response).

And that ends the Service Committee meeting at 8:25.

Service Committee

December 19, 2005

- - -Nancy C. Frazier, Clerk of Council

(Transcribed - Susie Smith)

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

December 19, 2005

Members of Finance Committee present: Ron Stake, Mel Clemens, Brett Baxter.

Other members of Council present: Antoinette Newman, Preston Stearns, Doug Joseph, Council President William L. Hills.

Mr. Stake: And I would like to call to order at 8:26, the Finance Committee meeting.

Item number 2 on the agenda is approval of the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held December 5, 2005. Are there any changes to those minutes? (No response). None being heard, they'll stand as submitted.

Item number 3 is approval of the agenda. Do we have any changes to the agenda from members of the committee? (No response). None being heard, the agenda will stand.

Item number 4 is, Discussion, Authorization of Health Contract. And I believe this is an annual thing we do, Mayor, correct?

Mayor McPherson: That's correct, Mr. Stake. This is the annual Board of Health contract. All of the language is pretty similar to what it was last year. If there are any changes, you'll find them highlighted. And again, this is the contract that we almost always get in December and have to request that we pass it during the last meeting of the year. And there's been no other recommendations since I've been here other than to recommend that we pass it and move forward.

Mr. Stake: And you'd like this done as an emergency, correct?

Mayor McPherson: So that we can put it into effect on January 1, 2006.

Mr. Stake: And we just got this recently, correct?

Mayor McPherson: We just got it on December 16.

Mr. Stake: Okay. So we pretty much, if we're going to have a health contract in effect for 2006, this is something we need to do this evening. Are there any questions from members of the committee? (No response). Members of Council?

Mrs. Newman: I have a question.

Mr. Stake: Mrs. Newman.

Mrs. Newman: I don't know who, maybe the Mayor or Mrs. Reichard could answer this. The County Health Department, they take care of spraying for mosquito's, don't they?

Mayor McPherson: Yes.

Mrs. Newman: Well you know, last year, they did it this last summer, right? Because people were still out walking up and down the sidewalks. Some of them with babies, when this fogger came by. You know, it was so early in the evening. And it would really be nice if they could refrain from doing this until people have gone in for the night. You know, because it really scared me that this stuff could make somebody sick. I don't know what could be done about it but it's a problem that's occurred to me.

Mayor McPherson: Well, we can address it with them. Typically, they will publish also in the newspaper when they're coming. And you know, if we can just get the citizens to kind of cooperate a little bit too. I think it's three times a year. Approximately three times a year that they actually go out into the neighborhood and spray. So we'll just ask them to be cognizant. If they see little kids out or something, to not _____.

Mrs. Newman: It's still daylight. You can expect people to be walking in the summer time if it's still daylight. So, just a thought. Thanks.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Thank you, Mrs. Newman. Mr. Baxter.

Mr. Baxter: Mr. Stake, thank you. Mayor, I'm reading through this and I noticed that there were three provisions of this under 716, 717, 718. Weeds and nuisance, manicure, those type of things. Rat control, dead animals. We have our own control officers doing these things today. Going out and validating that the grass is too high, those type of things. What type of services are we getting for this contract, and are there any cost to us on this?

Mayor McPherson: Well, it's part of their contract. You'll find that, for example, if our Animal Control Officer is on vacation, we use Franklin County. If we get an overload, we use Franklin County. Rat control, I don't know that they've ever done anything in rat control. But it is part of the service they'll provide if in fact we need it. But you are correct. We have our own Animal Control Officer. We try to take care of our own removal of our dead animals. But if we need them, that's part of their contract.

Mr. Baxter: Are we charged? If I can follow up to this.

Mr. Stake: Mr. Baxter, if you look on page 2, there's a per capita rate of \$4.96 with a sum not to exceed \$171,179.52.

Mayor McPherson: I think the answer to your question is, we are charged a not to exceed flat rate regardless of what we have them do. We could have them out here working on manure or whatever. You know, that's a part of the contract. If we have a problem, they come out. And their contract has always been not to exceed rate. So no matter how much we use them, no matter how many different things in here that we use them for, they won't exceed that given rate that they've given us.

Mr. Baxter: Okay. It just seems fair to me, if I could follow up, Ron.

Mr. Stake: Go right ahead.

Mr. Baxter: That many of these things that we do ourselves. And if we're going to pay them \$171,000 and we're already paying our own associates, and our employees do the same job, I'm looking for the benefit of \$171,000. If we're looking to save money, to me this seems to be an area where, if we're spending that kind of money and we're already doing the services, then maybe we ought to do that. Or maybe, I don't know how often you're calling the Franklin County to come out and do these things. Where are we gaining the value, and how much of it?

Mrs. Reichard: I don't think I can answer your question completely. But I can shed a little bit of light. As the Mayor said, there are many things that they do that they supplement what we do. And one of those things was, the mosquito control. And we had been paying an extra \$20,000 a year to contract with someone else to do the mosquito control. And it was right in our health contract and already paid for. So that stopped last year so that we could, once I found that, so that we could recoup that money. The other part of it is, when we are, the Health Department can go in to homes that need inspected. They have more authority than we do to go in and check some of these places out. They can help in the condemnation process and do things that we don't have the authority to do. So they work closely with all of us in a variety of areas. They sort of, they're our backup. They're the ones that can get us through a lot of issues that we can't handle ourselves. I mean, that's a broad statement. I wish Chet were here. He could speak to it much better than I. But they help us in many areas.

Mr. Stake: Thank you, Mrs. Reichard. I see our City Attorney up. I think he might have something to add.

Mr. Underwood: They also do the restaurant, food processing inspections, and other types of health inspections that we don't do. So they've got a variety of things that we don't even touch that they do.

Mrs. Reichard: And that would include plumbing. They do all of our plumbing inspections. All.

Mr. Stake: Mayor.

Mayor McPherson: We might also point out that if there's a severe case here in the city, housing or something, they actually have the authority to go in that house. They can write a citation. That citation then will go directly down to the environmental court. So they're a great backup service to some of our existing enforcement right now.

Mr. Stake: Mr. Clemens.

Mr. Clemens: Yes. I know I used to have them quite a bit when I was Service Director. I used them on weekends and evenings when we didn't have anybody available. I've used them on rabies problems. We had nobody that would handle it. They will. I've used them in housing. As a matter of fact, the Mayor and I tore down a house which we would have never got tore down, full of bats, if it hadn't been for the Health Department. So they will do things that we don't do, or

are not capable of doing. And we need them for that really. I know that we have problems in housing like Bob says. And our employees won't go in the house or won't go on the property, where they will. And they back us up on our Nuisance Abatement. They back us up on things such as that. They give statements. They inspect and follow up on that. I do know that I used them quite a bit. So I do know that they're capable of doing their job.

Mrs. Reichard: We do. We use them a lot.

Mr. Stake: Thank you, Mr. Clemens. Are there any more questions or comments from members of the committee? (No response). Members of Council? Mrs. Newman.

Mrs. Newman: I'd just like to get something clarified here. I mean, they're in charge. They are charged with a responsibility of enforcing the Franklin County Health regulations anyway, right? So we could call on them for some of those things anyway. Even if we didn't have this contract. Is that correct? Because, aren't they responsible for the county and for health issues?

Mrs. Reichard: I'm sure they are, but I don't know about without a contract. I can't answer that question. I'm sorry.

Mrs. Newman: Well, that's what it says in this contract. Enforcement of the following Franklin County Board of Health regulations. And if they've got regulations and it's in Franklin County, I would think they would have to enforce those regulations anyway. But be that as it may. But they merely step in when it becomes a health problem? I mean, if we have unsightly weeds, they're not of course, you know, that's our ordinance. They're not going to enforce that. But if it's a health problem.

Mrs. Reichard: We do the weed control. They do check though for West Nile Virus. They do a variety of other things that, and some tests that we don't do. There's just many, many areas that they back up and support both the Building Department, and probably some things that we've done in the Street Department.

Mrs. Newman: Okay. Thanks.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Mr. Stearns.

Mr. Stearns: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Stake. My question is, this is Franklin County. What happens in Licking County and Fairfield County as we have a problem there? Does Franklin County have authorization to go into those counties then?

Mrs. Reichard: Well, they've been working with us. Yes. Because it's within the incorporated area of Reynoldsburg.

Mr. Stearns: Okay. So it doesn't even have any, it doesn't make a difference what county it's in, right?

Mrs. Reichard: It hasn't been to date since I've been here.

Mr. Stearns: Okay. Thank you.

Mr. Stake: Mr. Joseph?

Mayor McPherson: If I could, it has to be within the city limits of the City of Reynoldsburg.

Mrs. Reichard: Corporate limits.

Mayor McPherson: So they can't go outside of the city limits into Licking County or Fairfield. Only if it's in the City of Reynoldsburg. And it goes on the largest geographical area by county.

Mr. Stake: Mr. Joseph.

Mr. Joseph: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Stearns asked my question. So I got my answer. Thanks.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Thank you. President Hills.

Mr. Hills: Mr. Stake, just to note one thing. And I think Mr. Underwood brought it up. One of the key things that the Franklin County Health does are those things that we can't do. No commercial restaurants would open. No businesses with a sink could open without the Franklin County Health Department. All of the plumbing is inspected by them because the Building Department here is not allowed to. So there are a lot of fringes. But there are also some core projects that without this contractual relationship, we don't have the ability to grant the approval. So they have, we're up close and personal with Franklin County.

Mrs. Reichard: Yes, we are. And it's also fair to say that they are extremely knowledgeable and extremely helpful. They will come out any time, any place, any where to help us with any situation. They have been very, very good partners with the City of Reynoldsburg.

Mr. Stake: Do they have contracts like this with any other municipalities here in Franklin County?

Mrs. Reichard: Yes.

Mr. Stake: All of them I imagine. And I imagine the fee is the same throughout as a per capita charge and that's how they figure it. Okay. And the money has been budgeted in the 2006 appropriation? Budget appropriation for this?

Mrs. Reichard: That's correct.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Are there any other questions or comments? Mr. Baxter.

Mr. Baxter: Mr. Stake, are there levels of service which you can ask for?

Mrs. Reichard: I think there's additional that we can ask for. I can't stand here and give you the list.

Mr. Baxter: I'm not looking for that. I'm just saying, are there levels in my mind that you could get like "a" service, "b" service, "d" service, those type of abilities? You know, from different size cities would have different needs of the Franklin County. So I would assume then they would have different levels of service you could request.

Mr. Stake: Mayor.

Mayor McPherson: No. Level of service is consistent with all of the suburbs. It doesn't matter if you have 10,000 or 50,000. It's based on per capita so that it will be equal to every community. The service will be equal to every community. They do in fact, charge extra if they go out for extra. Like if we have to go to court. Something in a Nuisance Abatement or something, there is an additional charge for that. But I'd say 98% of everything they do in our community is covered by the contract.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Thank you. Mr. Clemens.

Mr. Clemens: One thing, you do not have to have this. You could form your own Health Department within the city which would probably cost us close to half a million dollars to have the people knowledgeable that would be qualified and have the expertise to do it with all the different grades they have to have to do the inspections. And that's why we have a Franklin County Health Department that works with the communities. Because the city's their selves, can't afford to have these people. And so that's why it's set up that way. And that's why we get charged that way. Because it has to be done, and it has to be done by qualified people with the experience and with the education to handle it. So it's worked out cheaper for the communities to go with the Franklin County Health Department.

Mr. Stake: Good point, Mr. Clemens. Mr. Joseph.

Mr. Joseph: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mrs. Reichard, how many years has the city had an agreement with the Board of Health?

Mrs. Reichard: I would have to defer to the Mayor on that.

Mayor McPherson: I think we've probably had one since I've been here and maybe before. I can't tell you how many years. But I can't remember a time we didn't have a contract with Franklin County.

Mr. Stake: Thank you. Are there any more questions or comments on this issue? (No response). Not hearing any, then I would make a motion that we send this on to Council with recommendation for adoption as an emergency. Do I have a second? Second by Mr. Clemens. Further discussion? (No response). All in favor, state aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Motion passes.

Next item on the agenda would be, Supplemental appropriations: Police Department, Development Department, Computer, Street Department; and MVR audit. We did discuss this briefly at the last committee meeting. And what we will be doing here would be appropriating from the unappropriated General Fund, Police Department, account 110.111.5105, \$70,000; Development Department, account number 110.580.5102, \$3,000; Computer Department, 110.584.5105, \$500; from the unappropriated Street Fund, Street Department, account number 260.268.5102, \$20,000; Street Department, 260.268.5105, \$15,000; and from the unappropriated Perm Tax Fund, MVR Audit, account number 230.545.5333, \$1500. Well, we have a request to pass this as an emergency. Are there any questions or comments from members of the committee? (No response). Members of Council? Mr. Stearns.

Mr. Stearns: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Stake. The question is, can someone answer the question, \$70,000 in Overtime for the Police Department? What is this generated from? Is this just a shortage of manpower? Just what's the cause of it?

Mayor McPherson: Well, I can probably answer it as well as anybody. Overtime is time that we've had to use for several things. First being court. If you look at our numbers this year on our ticket writing, you'll see that in certain areas we were up probably anywhere from 100 to 150%. _____ OMVI's, I think we're probably up to what, 450? Roughly OMVI's as opposed to last year which was probably closer to 300. Every time you write more tickets, every time you get out and become more active, and we have been very, very active in speeding this year, you always have people that want to go to court. It drives your overtime up. I'll give you an example. Right now, we're really getting our overtime hard because we have 7 people off on Family Medical Leave and 2 people off on Other Leave. Or actually, I think it's 3. We have 9 total people off right now. And those people, when they're off, you still have to provide the coverage. You have to put the manpower on the street. And we've been hit with that all year long. And this is money that we have to have to put people on the street to provide the safety for the citizens of Reynoldsburg. And that's the bottom line.

Mr. Stearns: Okay. Does it have anything to do with the computers going down?

Mayor McPherson: The what?

Mr. Stearns: Computers in the car computers. Does it have any...

Mayor McPherson: No. Actually, that's why, well I guess it would in a round about way because we're writing a lot more tickets. Like I say, when you write more tickets, then you tend to also drive your overtime cost up. But as far as actually work on the units, if that's what you're asking, no. It would have no bearing on that.

Mr. Stearns: Okay. Thank you.

Mr. Stake: Thank you, Mr. Stearns. Mr. Clemens.

Mr. Clemens: Two things. Now, I understand why we have the overtime. It's that way every

year. My only problem is, since it's that way every year, we ought to budget a little bit higher on our overtime.

Mayor McPherson: (Inaudible).

Mr. Clemens: I know that. But I'm just saying, every year it's the same thing. So we ought to raise it a little bit. And also, to follow up with Mr. Stearns on this, we got a big spiel on this computer deal a year or so ago. How much this is going to save us in overtime and all that. And I haven't visualized it, and I don't think it's saving us anything.

Mayor McPherson: Who told you that?

Mr. Clemens: Who told us that? I can't say. She isn't here now.

Mayor McPherson: Did I say that?

Mr. Clemens: But I'm just saying, I went through this route on, boy this is really going to get it. This is going to cut our overtime down and we're not going to go through this. But I guess, I don't know, is it helping us any or not as far as saving us overtime?

Mayor McPherson: It is helping us on manpower availability. It doesn't take the officers long to write the reports. You know, when they come back in with their hard drive, well it used to be hard drive but I think now it's discs, they just turn those in. And everything is pretty much done by computer, entered in so you don't have all that time that we used to have in report writing. If you recall, when we used to look at the reports, all the sections that said report writing, report this, report that, and it was all overtime. So in answer to your question, it's saving us on that aspect. Is it saving us in the long run? I can't tell you that. I can't say it is or I can't say it isn't right now. Because really and truly, we are still in the, we're in the new stages of it. We're getting it all put into place. We're working with Emergitech on a constant basis. And I think the bottom line, it's going to save us overtime money. But is our overtime going to continue to go up? I think it probably will.

Mr. Clemens: I think that's something that we can discuss come the first of the year on maybe how we can correct that. How we can correct that. That was my only problem. You know, we go through this every year. And I would just wish we would have more money in the budget in the overtime and maybe we wouldn't have to sit here and talk about this great amount. Because it's something that happens every year.

Mr. Stake: Mr. Clemens, I think there was additional money in the budget for 2006 for Overtime. Is that correct?

Mayor McPherson: We did move it up. Now, I will tell you this, you know, it may be shorter than that. There are things you just can't count on. And like having 9 people off this month is something, there is no way in the world you can budget for that.

Mr. Clemens: I understand that.

Mayor McPherson: You still have to have the people on the street. And that's all going to be overtime.

Mr. Clemens: I understand that. And like I said, there's things we can discuss after the first of the year. Possible way of increasing personnel and so forth and eliminating some of that.

Mayor McPherson: Exactly.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Thank you. Mr. Baxter, do you have a question?

Mr. Baxter: Mr. Stake, I have a question and comment. And Mayor, this topic just infuriates me. Because to me it's just poor management. Bottom line. \$70,000 is an officer, sir. We could hire a man to come in and work regular time. Let's hire the policemen if we need them and let's get rid of the overtime. \$70,000 is in addition to what we've already spent in overtime. Let's bring the officers in, cut the overtime, and let's man the shifts correctly. I hear what you're saying. FMLA, that's hard to work around. I totally understand that. That's the law. You have to live with that. But let's bring enough officers in so you don't have to run them all at overtime rate.

Mr. Stake: Mayor, go ahead.

Mayor McPherson: If we bring 7 new officers in, your overtime rate's going to go up. You know, it's a misconception that everybody thinks you bring officers in, it's going to knock your overtime down. It doesn't. Because you've got 7 more people out there on the road writing tickets, going to court, doing the training. So I can assure you that bringing more officers on will not cut your overtime.

Mr. Baxter: I'm not suggesting Mayor you add more people to the street. I'm just suggesting you have enough people on the street so you don't have to use overtime people.

Mayor McPherson: Well, that would cut that overtime out. You're absolutely correct. And I think I've already told Council that at the first part of the year, I'll be bringing a proposal in for additional personnel.

Mr. Baxter: Yes, you did.

Mayor McPherson: And we'll bring that in.

Mr. Stake: Okay.

Mr. Baxter: Thank you, Mr. Stake.

Mayor McPherson: Probably no later than the second meeting in January we'd like to present that. First meeting, give everybody a chance to breathe. And the second meeting, we'll have our

proposal.

Mr. Baxter: I'm having a hard time breathing Mayor with \$70,000 going to overtime. So I would take that tonight if you had it.

Mr. Stake: Okay. President Hills.

Mr. Hills: If I could, because Mayor, you and I have had this conversation. We've had a public forum too. And I'll ask the question again. We don't have any other department that has the percentage of people on FMLA as we do the Police Department, right?

Mayor McPherson: That's right.

Mr. Hills: Now, I'm not going to say it's all management, but it's an issue that needs to be concerned and addressed as to how we are staffing our forces. And you have indicated to me that we are going to take a hard look at that. And I think we need to.

Mayor McPherson: Well, more so than that, we have already had a hard look at it. We have already met with the Union, and we are continuing talks that I think are going to greatly improve our Family Medical Leave occurrences. And in all seriousness, we have Union agreement on our proposal. So I think by some time in January, maybe February at the latest, we will have a written agreement that will help us considerably on the FMLA.

Mr. Hills: As we address that, the overtime _____ a less amount of a _____. Okay. Thank you.

Mayor McPherson: We truly believe that there will be less time taken off with the agreement that we have with the Union.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Thank you Mayor, President Hills. Any other questions or comments? (No response). Okay. These are items we need to fund before the end of the year. So there is an emergency requested here. And I will make a motion that we send this forward to Council with a recommendation for adoption as an emergency. Do I have a second? Second by Mr. Clemens. Any further discussion? (No response). All in favor, state aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Motion passes.

Item number 6 is Discussion, Supplemental appropriation for Columbus water and sewer bills. Don't see Mr. Kipp here. Mrs. Reichard, do you want to address this one?

Mrs. Reichard: Mr. Kipp could not be here this evening so he asked me to speak to this. This is the supplemental appropriation that we need to pay our bill to the City of Columbus. I think you know it was a dry summer and there was more water usage and we had a certain amount of money appropriated at the beginning of the year and we ran out. So these are Enterprise Funds that we are talking about. And this is just to cover our bill with Columbus.

Mr. Stake: And this is something that's needing an emergency?

Mrs. Reichard: Yes, sir it does. So that we can pay it by the end of the year.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Do you have any idea when we got this bill?

Mrs. Reichard: No sir, I don't.

Mr. Stake: Alright. Are there any questions or comments from members of the committee? (No response). Members of Council? (No response). I guess we want to keep the water and sewer running, don't we?

Mrs. Reichard: Yes, we do.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Then I will make a motion that we send this forward to Council with recommendation for adoption as an emergency. Do I have a second? Second by Mr. Clemens. Any further discussion? (No response). All in favor, state aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Motion passes. Thank you.

Item number 7, Discussion, Amendments to code section on President of Council, Council, City Attorney, Mayor, regarding salaries. This came out of our discussions in regards to the salary for City Auditor. And I did mention at the last committee meeting that I'd like to have all the elected official salary increases pretty much the same as far as the percentage, and how often, and those kinds of things. And I think this will do that. There is also some discussion in regards to putting an addition to the reflection of the Consumer Price Index percentage increase of 4% and whichever's less. This year the Consumer Price Index is 5.2. And if the 4% was in there, then it would be 4% instead of 5.2. This is not something that we can make effective for the current terms of Council President, Council Ward people I believe, Mayor, and City Attorney. But any ways, there would be some urgency on the Council portion because of the Council At Large members. If this is not changed before the end of this year, it will be 4 more years before there would be a change. And it's been 4 years without any verbiage in the Council ordinance for any kind of salary increase. And it's a nominal salary increase. It's not very much. And I think anybody who's on Council, anybody who served on Council, realizes that there is a lot of time and effort that goes along with this, along with the satisfaction of being able to serve the community. There still is a lot of time and effort and we're not talking about a lot of money that Council members are paid here for all the effort and time that they put in. So I am not bashful in suggesting that we put language in for Council members. Mr. Clemens.

Mr. Clemens: Yes. We've had comments before Council on this issue. This is round it off, a \$6.55 a week increase for incoming Councilmen not counting taking out school tax, city tax, or PERS. It's nothing outrageous or anything like that. It's a very low pay increase for the new members of Council. I think that it's time that they spend. I know I spend a lot of time, and I know you do, and I know other members of Council spend a lot of time that people don't realize. It's not just the Monday night issue. I think it's well deserved. I don't mind them getting their \$6.55 a week. I think it should be much more but I realize the situation we're in. And I don't

think this is outrageous at all. It puts us still in the low middle of all the cities in Franklin County. So I think it's well deserved with the time that's well put in by them.

Mr. Stake: Thank you, Mr. Clemens. Are there any other comments or questions? (No response). I guess what I'd like to do here is deal with these items separately. In front of you, you do have verbiage for each elected office. President of Council being the first one. And the compensation would be, for the President of Council, would be in the next term. So we could go ahead and, if it would be alright with the committee, send this on for its first reading where we would add the verbiage for the 4% of the Consumer Price Index, and the increase when the Council President takes their, with the next term of the Council President. So I will make a motion that we send this item on for its first reading. Do I have a second? Second by Mr. Clemens. Any further discussion? Mr. Baxter.

Mr. Baxter: Did you not say that you needed to get it passed before the end of the year?

Mr. Stake: Not for the Council President. The only ones, for Council we would.

Mr. Baxter: So you're going to separate each one of them?

Mr. Stake: Yes. That's the way I need to do it. Right, Mrs. Frazier?

Mrs. Frazier: That's correct.

Mr. Stake: They do need to be separate.

Mr. Baxter: Okay. Very good. Thanks, Ron.

Mr. Stake: Okay. There's a motion and a second by Mr. Clemens. Any other further discussion? (No response). Then all in favor, state aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Motion passes.

The next one would be for Council itself. And this would be so that the new Council At Large members taking their seat after the first of January would receive that increase. And then the other Council members in the next term would also receive their increase. And they would be brought up to the level of the Council At Large members at that time. And this one, I would like to send forward to Council as an emergency. But before I do that, are there any questions or comments from members of the committee? (No response). Members of Council? Mr. Baxter.

Mr. Baxter: On the CIP that you used to derive that, that's annually, correct?

Mr. Stake: CPI.

Mr. Baxter: CPI. Thank you. I'm dyslexic. That's why.

Mr. Stake: Close enough. Yes, it is.

Mr. Baxter: It's an annual increase each year of the 4 years of each of the Council.

Mr. Stake: Yes. It's through the 30th day of September. And the CPI was 5.2. And that's what was added in from the salary of \$6,556. It's brought up to \$6,897. In future years it'll either be the lesser of 4% or the Consumer Price Index.

Mr. Baxter: Okay. And when that was looked at, was it considered that it was looked at from the last previous years or what other Council members make in the area?

Mr. Stake: I received information. I think Mr. Clemens got some information. I think we had some information distributed to us as to what other Councils make.

Mr. Clemens: It was in The Dispatch as a matter of fact after we had that same information.

Mr. Stake: And I think we're right in line with other Councils that have the same population. We're not high and we're not low.

Mr. Baxter: I think that's the point I'm trying to make is that we share the same that other cities of our likeliness are.

Mr. Stake: Correct.

Mr. Baxter: Thanks, Ron.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Any other questions or comments? (No response). Then this one, I'd like to send to Council with recommendation for adoption as an emergency. Do I have a second? Second by Mr. Baxter. Any further discussion? (No response). All in favor, state aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Motion passes.

The next item would be for the City Attorney. And this would not change in this term. But since we're doing this, I thought it would be good to, and really all we're doing here is, we're adding the lesser of the Consumer Price Index or 4%. Are there any questions or comments from members of the committee? (No response). Members of Council? (No response). City Attorney? (No response). Okay. Then I will make a motion that we send this one forward for its first reading. Do I have a second? Second by Mr. Clemens. Any further discussion? (No response). All in favor, state aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Motion passes.

And the next one would be the same thing for the Mayor. Just putting that 4% in there. It would be the lesser of 4% over the Consumer Price Index. Are there any questions from members of the committee, comments? (No response). Members of Council? (No response). The Mayor? (No response). No. Okay then, I will make a motion that we send this forward for its first reading. Do I have a second? Second by Mr. Clemens. Any further discussion? (No response). All in favor, state aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Motion passes. Thank you.

Next item on the agenda is, ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, yes Mr. Clemens.

Mr. Clemens: Do we have the City Auditor?

Mr. Stake: That's coming up. We've already been working on that one. That's item number 10. We won't forget the Auditor. Don't worry.

Item number 8, ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO: Amending Subsection (a) of Section 953.01 "Water Rate Schedule" OF CHAPTER 953 Water Charges. This again is an increase in our water charges that's being passed on by the City of Columbus. Therefore, we're needing to increase our charges to our residents. And it had its second reading on the 12th of December. Are there any questions or comments from members of the committee? (No response). Members of Council? (No response). Then I will make a motion that we send this forward for its third reading with recommendation for adoption. Mrs. Frazier.

Mrs. Frazier: You might want to put an emergency on that. They want that effective the first of the year. And the next one as well.

Mr. Stake: They do. Then I will, we did not get a second on that motion. Then I amend that motion?

Mrs. Frazier: Yes.

Mr. Stake: I amend that motion to include recommendation for adoption as an emergency. Do I have a second on that? Second by Mr. Baxter. Any further discussion? (No response). All in favor, state aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Motion passes.

Item number 9 is, ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO: Amending Subsection (c) of Section 945.02 "Rate Schedule" OF CHAPTER 945 SEWER CHARGES. This is the second part of this to change the rate schedule because of the rate schedule being changed to us from the City of Columbus. And I believe they would like an emergency on this. So, any discussion? (No response). Any questions or comments from members of the committee? (No response). Members of Council? (No response). Then I will make a motion that we send this forward to Council with recommendation for adoption as an emergency. Do I have a second? Second by Mr. Clemens. Any further discussion? (No response). All in favor, state aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Motion passes.

And item number 10 is ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO: SECTION 143.01 "COMPENSATION" OF CHAPTER 143 DEPARTMENT OF CITY AUDITOR. This is the Auditors portion, Mr. Clemens. And this is where we would, effective January 1, the Auditor would receive a salary of

\$66,674. And also the language would be included in here that it would be the lesser of the Consumer Price Index or 4%. And this is something we want to do as an emergency as well I believe. Correct? And I'd like to note that this was redrafted on 12-9-05 to include the amount in 143.01 "Compensation" to add the additional language. Are there any questions or comments from members of the committee? Mr. Baxter.

Mr. Baxter: Mr. Stake, a quick question on each of these legislations _____ our City Attorney. Do we have the opportunity to go with no adjustment whatsoever? So a hard time's in 2 years, do we have the ability to say no increases? And is that something that has to be legislative? Or since you locked it in for 4 years, you don't have an opportunity to adjust it. Because what I see as a 4% increase over 4 years without any way of pulling it back.

Mr. Stake: Well, I don't believe that there can be any change. You cannot take anything away during the term I believe, Mr. Underwood.

Mr. Underwood: Right. I passed out to Council, the statute that said that there's no increases or decreases during the term. And so those are all in your packet a couple of weeks ago. It's in Title 7 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Mr. Stake: Yes. I recall receiving that. So this would be fixed for the term of the Auditor. Mr. Clemens.

Mr. Clemens: If things got hard, and they got hard for communities, the CPI would be down too. In other words, the cost of living would be down so the 4% increase wouldn't be there. It might be down to 1%.

Mr. Stake: Right.

Mr. Clemens: So I mean, it would self adjust itself if times you know. Now if we spend all of our money, times are going to get hard for all of us. So we might not be around to even worry about it. But as far as if the financial situation of the state or the government goes that way, then there wouldn't be a 4% increase. There might be nothing. It might be 1% or 1.2. This just happened to be a high one this year. 5.2. I've never heard of it being that high for a long time. So I think we've taken care of that by putting that 4% tops in. So it would be 4% or less. And I think that'll take care of it some. I don't look for it to be that high.

Mr. Underwood: I think it was only like 2% last year. Nobody got upset about that.

Mr. Stake: Right. The last couple of years it's been fairly low. But I think a couple of months ago, it was for that month, it was probably the lowest in recent history.

Mr. Clemens: The reason I never got upset, and I don't think anybody else did on their thing, because we gave a big adjustment a couple of years ago to the Mayor and the City Attorney to get them up to this to bring them up above everybody else where they belonged to start with. It had been lower for years. So it was a big increase that Council did move them up. And then they set this payment scale which I think has worked out.

Mr. Stake: Thank you, Mr. Clemens.

Mr. Baxter: Thank you, Mr. Stake.

Mr. Stake: Thank you, Mr. Baxter. Are there any other questions or comments on this? (No response). Then I will make a motion that we send this on to Council with recommendation for adoption as an emergency. Do I have a second? Second by Mr. Clemens. Any further discussion? (No response). All in favor, state aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Motion passes.

Item number 11 is ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO: SECTION 160.03 "SALARY SCHEDULE" Subsections (a) and (b) of CHAPTER 160 EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION. And this is in regards to Council looking at the Consumer Price Index and comparing that along with our salary schedule, and trying to keep our salary schedule in line with what's out there competitively with other communities. The Consumer Price Index, we have the original schedule that was attached with your legislation was figured at 5.2%. I asked the Auditor's office to provide some numbers based on other projections. The one I felt most comfortable with was 2%. And that's what I'd like to recommend to Council here tonight. But I'd like to know what the committee feels.

Mr. Clemens: I thought that was well adjusted, 2%.

Mr. Stake: 2%? Okay. Mr. Baxter.

Mr. Baxter: I agree with you, Ron. 2% is a good number to work with considering that's where we've been for the longest period of time. The 5% that we're looking at now is just amazing. So I don't believe we'll stay there for a very long period of time unless I can only hope.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Thank you. This is another one we need to do as an emergency, don't we Mrs. Frazier?

Mrs. Frazier: I believe so.

Mr. Stake: So we get it in place for the first of the year. Then I will make a motion that we send this on to Council with the 2% schedule attached with a recommendation for adoption as an emergency. Do I have a second? Second by Mr. Baxter. Any further discussion? (No response). All in favor, state aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Motion passes.

And item number 12 is, ORDINANCE MAKING FINAL APPROPRIATION FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2006 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Ordinance was held for 2 weeks on 12-5-05. It has had a couple of readings, I believe. It's been discussed several times. Both in committee

and Council. And we have, along the way, there have been some changes made that have been provided to us in new sheets provided by the Auditor's office. And a couple of changes, a couple of questions I guess, or a couple of things I'd like to point out. In our salary schedule, we had, the Mayor had requested, Mayor, and correct me if I'm wrong, but I did believe you did request a 2% salary increase for the 160 employees, correct?

Mayor McPherson: That's correct.

Mr. Stake: Okay. And that is for the whole year you're figuring on at this point?

Mayor McPherson: Well this 2% is an estimate I'll probably be bringing to Council. It is not a hard number, but it's pretty firm. And the reason we selected the 2% was because, you're all aware of the 9.9% increase on our health insurance premium this year. If you take the full time employee, that's roughly \$100 more a month for every employee for their insurance coverage. So I kind of try to offset. I know I talked to Ron about it and so, the 2% is for the entire year just as the increase of 9.9% in our health insurance is for the whole year.

Mr. Stake: Okay. And salary increases of this sort should be done under our merit increase policy that we have. And I did ask the Mayor to include a line in the budget, Merit Increase, which is in there if you've taken a look at the most recent copy. So in order to get the additional 2% paid to the employees, the Mayor would need to bring legislation down on who has met the acceptable level for the merit increase. Then we would be doing that at that time. And I believe you'll be working on that early this year.

Mayor McPherson: We'll be working on it January 1.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Are there any questions in regard to that issue? Mr. Baxter.

Mr. Baxter: Yes, Mr. Stake. I did see the memo this week dealing with the 9% increase, Mayor. And the question I have is, what employees for the city? Is non-union employees only getting the 9% increase, or is it across the board?

Mayor McPherson: Across the board. 9.9% increase in health insurance, across the board. Union, non-union, everybody.

Mr. Baxter: Very good. Thank you.

Mr. Stake: Our premiums have increased that amount. So the city's picking that up for the employees. A good portion of that. Mr. Clemens, did you have a question on this issue?

Mr. Clemens: No.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Another question I have Mayor, on the three cruisers that you're requesting in the budget, how are those going to be outfitted? What were you going to use for money for that?

Mayor McPherson: Well, those are replacement cruisers. So we'll be transferring the equipment from one cruiser to another cruiser. And any light additional things are included in this budget. So we won't need any additional funds other than what we've requested. Now, if we were going to get three new cruisers and keep these also, then we would have to outfit the three new cruisers and it would be substantial. About 6, \$7,000 more for a cruiser.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Mr. Clemens, do you have a questions or comment on that?

Mr. Clemens: I've got a question. And I agree with the three new cruisers. But isn't 75,000 kind of high? 25,000 a cruiser? I thought under the state contract, haven't we been getting them for around 17, 18?

Mayor McPherson: No. That's going to be pretty accurate.

Mr. Clemens: They're not Hummers are they?

Mayor McPherson: (Inaudible).

Mr. Clemens: Okay. Just curious.

Mr. Stake: They're a little Hummer, Mr. Clemens. A little one.

Mayor McPherson: (Inaudible).

Mr. Clemens: They couldn't get down Main Street right now. But I was just curious. I didn't think that they ran that high.

Mayor McPherson: Yeah. That's based on our estimates. We've got out and gotten estimates to what they're going to run. And that's pretty much it. _____ \$25,000 for cruisers this year.

Mr. Clemens: For the state bid.

Mayor McPherson: Under the state bid. And obviously, they couldn't get _____. We always go out and look at several state bids (Tape Change). He's already talked to me about that. Three new engines, three new transmissions he's offered up.

Mr. Clemens: When you start talking about 10 against 25. We're going to discuss that after while.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Mr. Baxter.

Mr. Baxter: The outfitting of the cruisers, the last time we purchased cruisers, I know it took quite a long time to get them into service. What are we going to do to make sure that we get a quicker turn around if we go and get these new cruisers, or put new engines in the old ones? The outfitting was an issue last time.

Mayor McPherson: Well, we're just trading out so it won't take very long. A lot of, some of the stuff that we've been doing is getting new equipment in and replacing it. And at this point, we will order the new, like back seats and all that we need. We'll get those ordered right away. So, expedite it.

Mr. Baxter: So you're saying if we put the purchase in in January and you got them in March, we'd have them in service by?

Mayor McPherson: April.

Mr. Baxter: So it won't be like September or something like that?

Mayor McPherson: And a lot, you know, is going to depend if our mechanic gets tied up you know, on other things. You know, we've got the cruisers on the streets, so it's not as a priority as if we've got a dump truck that's down and we're _____. But we get them in just as quickly as possible.

Mr. Baxter: Okay. Thanks, Mayor.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Any other questions or comments in regards to that issue? (No response). Okay. And Mayor, you did point out to me earlier that there was \$3,000 removed from the Service Department budget for training of a person who is no longer here.

Mayor McPherson: That's correct. It was done on the work sheet, but it did not get on to Mike's sheet. So there was a \$3,000 reduction in the Service Department for educational.

Mr. Stake: So, keep that in mind, that is a change as well that's not on the sheet that shows the changes. Are there any other changes or comments from members of the committee in regards to the Mayor's budget?

Mr. Baxter: Just, Mayor first, go right ahead.

Mayor McPherson: Well, in talking with the Chief today and the Lieutenant, we have found one other area we did not probably properly address and I'd like to throw this out to Council, and request that you consider amending the account 5241 which is Uniforms - Purchase. We put in there for vest replacements, \$13,050. That was an estimate when we first brought this forward based on a very strong hope that we were going to get a grant for some additional vests. It would appear at this point that we're probably not going to get the grant. And if we do, we can use it for reimbursement. But we need 29 vests. In order to get 29 vests, we would have to request that \$13,050 would increase to \$21,025. That's about an \$8,000 increase in that line item. I'll throw this out to you, if you say no, then I understand. But if you could give us that amount of money, that \$8,000 difference, that will enable us to replace all the vests, all 29 that we need.

Mr. Stake: Questions or comments from members of the committee on the vests? Mr. Baxter.

Mr. Baxter: For public knowledge, why are we replacing the vests, Mayor?

Mayor McPherson: There has been a flaw, a weakness. Is it zylon?

Mrs. Reichard: Zylon.

Mayor McPherson: Zylon in the vests that we purchased and literally _____ across the country, deteriorates over time. And in order to prevent, or to replace the place that have that zylon in them, we need to go out and get 29 new vests at about 725 a piece. And it'll save an officers life if they take a bullet.

Mr. Baxter: Well Ron, I thought I saw an article in the paper, or it was in the news, NBC news or something like this...

Mayor McPherson: None of our vests were under it.

Mr. Baxter: They were saying that the manufacturer was replacing them for free. That they recognize that there was a problem. That's not the vests that we have?

Mayor McPherson: Well, the Attorney General filed a law suit and won, but it was not against the manufacturer that we get our vests from.

Mr. Baxter: Unfortunate for us.

Mayor McPherson: You think we didn't look at that when we read that too? But it was not the kind of vests that we have.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Thank you, Mayor.

Mr. Baxter: I think that's a small amount to pay to put our officers in a good position to keep them safe.

Mr. Stake: I don't disagree at all. Mr. Clemens, do you agree with that?

Mr. Clemens: I have no problem with it.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Members of Council okay with that? Okay.

Mr. Baxter: Just one other thing. Ron, I'd like you to consider adding some funds to that same area and have the officers think about upgrading their uniforms. My understanding is, the uniforms that they're using tear very easily and they go through quite a few pairs of trousers and shorts and whatnot in their daily activities. And that there's an upgrade that you can get with the uniforms. And they're a little more costly I understand, but they're better wearing. So I would recommend that you think about some of those upgrades as well and look into that. And if there's

an increase in cost, maybe it would be cheaper for us to buy three pairs of the better slacks and eighteen pairs, is an example that was given to me, of the same pair that keeps tearing.
Mayor McPherson: I was not aware we were having a problem. So we'll look at that.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Food for thought there.

Mayor McPherson: So that would be requesting an \$8,000 increase in the 5241 account.

Mr. Stake: Okay. So you want to change that amount in the 5241 account from \$13,050 to \$21,025.

Mayor McPherson: Yeah. Which would be the total _____ is what you'd actually be changing I think on the budget itself. I'd have to add up the difference between 21,025 and 13,050 and then add it to the 36,150. Is that correct, Nancy?

Mrs. Frazier: You can just put the 8 grand in there. Mike will run it tomorrow.

Mayor McPherson: Okay. We'll put the 8 grand in and let Mike run it tomorrow.

Mr. Stake: That sounds good to me. Okay. Any other questions or comments in regards to the 2006 budget appropriation? Mr. Baxter.

Mr. Baxter: This is the last comment if I could, Mr. Stake. And I think the Mayor hit it right on the head in the memo that I read. That is a living document. And this is something that _____ a milestone to try to steer the government, the City of Reynoldsburg down the correct direct with a budget. And if it does need to be amended, we should be willing to do so and work with it. So Mayor, thank you.

Mr. Stake: And I believe that we will be getting reports during the year from the Auditor's office on where we're standing. We've been getting reports on what the accounts have in them and those kind of things. Any changes, any adjustments to those and we'll continue to get those. So we'll be able to pay attention to that. Mr. Clemens.

Mr. Clemens: And I think we all understand, even though we have the budget and the money's been appropriated, when they come in for these items, there still can be questions asked and the background questions asked. Which the Mayor understands that. At least give us a background on why some of this is being spent and the need for it. That's all we ask and I think everybody will be satisfied.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Thank you. Any other questions or comments from members of Council? (No response). Anybody else? Yes.

Mrs. Frazier: You need a thousand, twenty three bucks for the At Large.

Mr. Stake: Oh, yes we do. We're going to need to make on that change page, we need to make a

change for the Council At Large salaries of \$1,022, Mrs. Frazier?

Mrs. Frazier: 23.

Mr. Stake: \$1,023. So add that as another change to your change page.

Mayor McPherson: Will Mike run that tomorrow, too?

Mr. Stake: Yes. Okay. Any other questions or comments then? (No response). Everybody okay with the changes that are made here tonight? Then I will make a motion that we send this on to Council with the recommended changes that we've discussed this evening. Send it on to Council with a recommendation for adoption as an emergency. Do I have a second? Second by Mr. Clemens. Any further discussion? (No response). All in favor, state aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Motion passes.

President Hills would like to do a resolution here. Mr. Beougher.

Mr. Hills: Mr. Beougher, could you meet me down front? He was going to wait until the Council meeting starts, but it's almost 9:30 and I'm not sure he wants to be here until 11.

Mr. Stake: He's spent long evenings here before.

Mr. Hills: Yes, he has. Mr. Beougher, if you could, you have left our Council and we have a resolution recognizing your services in Reynoldsburg.

Whereas, Lane J. Beougher was appointed to a vacant Reynoldsburg City Council seat on May 1, 2000 and then elected to that seat in November 2001; and Whereas, Mr. Beougher served with distinction as President Pro Tempore of Council; and chaired the Community Development Committee; chaired the Safety Committee; and served as a member of the Service, and Finance Committees; and Whereas, Mr. Beougher also served on the 2003 Ad Hoc Residential Zoning Review Committee; chaired the 2001 Ad Hoc Council Rules Committee; represented the city on the board of trustees of the West Licking Joint Fire District beginning in December 2001; and Whereas, Mr. Beougher represented the City with a high degree of professionalism at all governmental activities; at all times held the concerns of his constituents to be most important in his deliberations; and was never at a loss for words; Now Therefore, Be It Resolved That The Council Of The City Of Reynoldsburg commends Lane J. Beougher for his contributions to the City; extends gratitude for his participation in all Council activities; and wishes him well in all of his future endeavors.

Mr. Beougher: I was going to say something but I'm speechless. Seeing it's late and Mr. Baxter's used all my time, I'm going to be brief. Mr. Stake, you mentioned the long hours that Council members put in and it certainly seems like a lot of hours and a lot of phone calls and time away from the table. I took the first vacation this year since I've been on Council. And about 15 minutes after I arrived in Myrtle Beach, I got a phone call from the President of the West Licking Fire Board saying that the Mayor had taken flying lessons. So I spent most of that afternoon on

the phone trying to get information back and forth to Mr. Hills and trying to find out what was going on and spent a lot of time on the computer in the lobby trying to read the newspapers that following week. But it seems like we did spend a lot of time here. And so I want to thank you for your service and thank you for your support of me in the past 5 ½ years. And with that, I'm going to say good night.

Mr. Stake: Thank you, Mr. Beougher and good luck.

And I would like to adjourn the Finance Committee at 9:26.

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- - -Nancy C. Frazier, Clerk of Council
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