

MINUTES COMMITTEE MEETING
REYNOLDSBURG PUBLIC SERVICE AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
December 10, 2018

Ward 2 Councilmember Brett Luzader called the meeting to order at 7:56 PM

Call to Order - Roll Call

PRESENT: Luzader, Baker, Bryant, Skinner, Joseph

ABSENT:

Approval of Agenda

Agenda approved

Approval of Minutes

a. Public Service and Transportation Committee – Committee Meeting – November 26, 2018

RESULT:	ACCEPTED
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NEW LEGISLATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF COLUMBUS, FOR THE 2019-2021 WATER SAMPLING SERVICES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. --- Luzader. Public Service and Transportation Committee.

Mr. Sampson: The purpose of this legislation is to enter into an agreement with the City of Columbus for water sampling services for 2019 through 2021. This testing is required to satisfy EPA requirements. This is an emergency as we just received the agreement from the City of Columbus.

RESULT:	REFERRED TO COUNCIL [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 12/10/2018 7:34 PM
MOVER:	Brett Luzader, Ward 2 Councilmember	
SECONDER:	Kristin Bryant, At-Large Councilmember	
AYES:	Luzader, Baker, Bryant, Skinner	

LEGISLATION FOR SECOND READING

ORDINANCE OF THE REYNOLDSBURG CITY COUNCIL TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGISTRATION OF RESIDENTIAL RENTAL HOUSING LOCATED WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG (HELD 11/26/2018) --- Bryant. Public Service and Transportation Committee.

Ms. Bryant: So we held this in committee last time because it had been brought to our attention that there had been some dispute over similar legislation in Bedford, Ohio. Since had an opportunity to take a look at it and propose some amendment to it. This legislation is under Chapter 1721, dropped a paper for everybody. Its going to be changes actually additions as opposed to changes. Addition of under section 1721.09 of Inspections, sections D through section H. That's all new material. I've provided a copy to Mr. Hood so he can take a look at it, its substantially similar to the changes that

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the City of Bedford made in order to be in compliance and reach the satisfaction of the plaintiff in the lawsuit they had in Bedford. So, I believe this solves our problem but I'll wait for Mr. Hood to give me his determination on that and so what I would like to do is we hold it again for this week and add it to for second reading on the 17th.

RESULT:	ITEM HELD [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 12/17/2018 7:32 PM
MOVER:	Kristin Bryant, At-Large Councilmember	
SECONDER:	Caleb Skinner, Ward 1 Councilmember	
AYES:	Luzader, Baker, Bryant, Skinner	

ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO: AMENDING SECTION 154.03 DIRECTOR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF CHAPTER 154 DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT; SECTIONS 160.02(C) DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT AND 160.02 (G)(2) BUILDING DEPARTMENT OF CHAPTER 160 EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION; SECTION 1541.03 USE AND STORAGE OF CHAPTER 1541 LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS; SECTIONS 1701.01 DEFINITIONS AND 1701.08 ABATEMENT OF A PUBLIC NUISANCE BY THE BOARD OF NUISANCE ABATEMENT OF CHAPTER 1701 GENERAL PROVISIONS; AND SECTION 1711.02 AMENDMENTS, DELETIONS AND MODIFICATIONS TO THE INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE OF CHAPTER 1171 GENERAL PROVISIONS. --- Baker. Public Service and Transportation Committee.

Mr. Baker: Nothings changed since the first time I've introduced this. I really have nothing to say just a review of why this is being brought forth is to basically help, make Reynoldsburg more business friendly, cut out the middle man and expedite some of the process. I think it will be the Department and Zoning will greatly benefit if its under the Development Department because I think it goes hand in hand. And I've hand out a bunch of hands outs to try and back up my claims. So I have nothing else to say.

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SECONDER:	Stacie Baker, At-Large Councilmember	
AYES:	Baker, Bryant, Skinner	
NAYS:	Luzader	

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY OF CENTRAL OHIO (SWACO) TO ACCEPT A COMMUNITY RECYCLING CART GRANT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (REQUESTS EMERGENCY ADOPTION UPON 3RD READING) --- Luzader. Public Service and Transportation Committee.

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LEGISLATION FOR THIRD READING

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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. --- Luzader. Public Service and Transportation Committee.

Mr. Spalding: I would like to amend this motion to move the percentage increase to 3% rather than 4% because we have done a lot of work looking back to the numbers. I really feel that we can get by well enough for the 3% increase rather than the 4. I felt that if we didn't give any increase at all that actually could hurt our CIP fund. But this way I think that we could give that 1% back to the tax payers without it hurting our CIP position. But I would definitely like to amend this read as 3% rather than 4.

Mr. Luzader: By our council rules, you can't amend it in our committee but I will entertain a motion from anyone else in the committee if they would like to make that motion.

Motion to amend the legislation from 4% increase to 3% by Mr. Baker, Second by Ms. Bryant
All voted Aye by voice vote, motion to amend carries.

Mr. Luzader: I actually have a speaker slip from Mr. McKenzie, I probably should have done that before the amendment, excuse me.

Mr. McKenzie: I just wanted to have a little fun with math while were up here. From 2015 through projection of 2019, Columbus has raised their rates to Reynoldsburg by 10.18%, that's the percentage increase. Over the same period, Reynoldsburg has raised it's rate to Reynoldsburg residents by 19.3%. In 2015, Reynoldsburg took what Columbus charged us and then added 78% more. In 2019, Reynoldsburg will add 93% to the rate Columbus charges us. If the trend established for the last five years holds, in just three years, the Reynoldsburg portion on water rates will be more than 100% of what Columbus charges us. Columbus produces water, treats the water, stores the water, distributes the water and bills for water. Reynoldsburg only stores the water, distributes that water and bills for water. Production and treatment of water is not cheap. But by the rates we charge the residents, you would think production and treatment is either very low cost or in three years negative in cost. A couple weeks ago our water's Super complained about how Reynoldsburg needed to maintain x miles of pipe. If you work back from the six master meter taps into our water system from the treatment plants, Columbus' x miles of pipe is almost as large as Reynoldsburg's, just to get

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its water to Reynoldsburg. And remember, none of this includes the CIP, that is a surcharge or a surtax on water and sewer separate from the water rates that we charge. And remember we, well you weren't on Council then, but we started that CIP because we were told we were losing 34% of water through leakage. Anyway so, you know, by these numbers it seems that were a little bit skewed for what Reynoldsburg is actually providing residents. And it might not be a bad time to take a look at the water department to see if their may be some inefficiencies there that are driving up our costs so much, when were doing so much less than Columbus is in comparison. So, thank you.

Mr. Luzader: Thank you. Are there any questions about what Mr. McKenzie just presented? Ms. Bryant.

Ms. Bryant: How would we go about doing an audit, to investigate what Mr. McKenzie is saying. Because it, I don't have to pay a water bill, but you know Mr. Sampson maybe can enlighten me as to what we could possibly do here to make things a little more efficient. Or is that a Mr. Cicak question.

Mr. Sampson: We don't, I don't do the audit. INAUDIBLE

Mr. Cicak: The water department's audited every year. I'll be glad to share the pro former with you that shows the fund balances at the bottom with the 3%. And the records of the work that they've been doing to capture some of that lost water but that was the basis for these raises over the past ten years. But if you'd like to come in and talk and look at the numbers and talk to the people on the water department, I'm sure they will be glad to go over them with you.

Ms. Bryant: Do we know what progress we have actually made since the CIP is in there?

Mr. Cicak: Yes, I don't have the exact gallon and the retention that we've gone but there's great results of what we have done over the past ten years. As far as what is being billed and used.

Ms. Bryant: Ok.

Mr. Spalding: And I will add, because I did spend a lot of time over at the water department, as well as in Steve's office as well as with Bill. But a lot of these are predicated on, they never know when a breaks going to come and when a break comes, boy that water comes out real fast. And by the time they get there to fix it, we've already lost a lot. So that, those things occur whenever. So there always having to respond, respond, respond. We'd like to get, in fact where we can be more proactive, and that's what this is really for, this CIP fund, so they can start predicting where the breaks ought to be occurring and where the pipes need to be replaced because of there age, they will be breaking if they aren't broken already. So I think their moving in the right direction, and that's what I've been real pleased with. Because I spent almost a week there and learned more than I really wanted to about water, but it's still was one of those things that I understand clearly, how dedicated those folk are. And they really like what they do. You know its like, I didn't think that would be that much fun, but they really like it, they really like fixing those pipes. They really like making a difference for this

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City. So I was quite impressed by the time I spent my week with those folks, it really was kind of enlightening. Thank you.

Mr. Sampson: You know over the past several years, our water department, maybe to answer your question Ms. Bryant, has reduced our breakages from 36 to 24%. We still average between one and two significant breaks a week. You know, our crew operates on a 24/7, 24/7 notice. When water starts leaking residents are paying for it, the City's paying for it. We've gone from just over a million dollars when I came on board to about \$700,000.00 a year just in lost water expenses. So it is significant. You know, that's in terms of the, we have 600,000 that were anticipating as far as our CIP budget this year to repair some of the major breaks. Its a very reactive mode. And just like our Street Department, were trying to be a little proactive. Were not, were really responding to the worst and most flagrant issue at hand when we have a break, but that's what were doing. So we have several streets identified for this year to replace three streets that the water mains is \$600,000.00. So it will put new water main on those streets. And again that's simply on the amount of breakages we have each year. We'd like to get ahead of that curve, were making progress but again its, you know with the miles of water main that we have within the City, it's catch up.

Mr. Luzader: And I know from experience, your never going to eliminate breaks and water loss. I've seen water lines get replaces this summer and they break this winter. With the freezing and thawing in the ground, its just inevitable. Are there any other comments? Mr. Cotner.

Mr. Cotner: You know, you look around the streets of Reynoldsburg, you see there are pothole and problems and roads that were finally catching up on and again we spent quite a bit last year. Are infrastructure is in a different underground that we don't see so we know, I've looked at the map at EMHT, they update that yearly with the water department?

Mr. Sampson: They do.

Mr. Cotner: I mean, you go an look at that map of our miles of sewer or water lines under there and you'll see the ones that are identified as you know real problems and we're still just doing a lot of catch finally getting there. So, its nice to see that we are making progress and its nice to see that we've reduced some of that water loss so again, the dollars that the residents are paying, they are making a difference. The Water Departments doing a great job. So its good to see we're making some progress but its definitely a slow process for sure with as much that has to be done with all the work that's out there.

Mr. Sampson: You know and I'd be willing to share with Council, we do have some numbers on what other communities pay for their water. Apples an apples comparison. Communities that's get there water from Columbus and are responsible for their own and maintaining their own water main. So I'm to share that as well.

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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. --- Luzader. Public Service and Transportation Committee.

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ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE YMCA OF CENTRAL OHIO FOR OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR THE REYNOLDSBURG COMMUNITY CENTER. --- Luzader. Public Service and Transportation Committee.

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