

SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

December 4, 2006

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

Mr. Baxter: I'd like to call to order, the Safety Committee meeting starting at 10:31. Excuse me, 7:31. Where did that come from? You've set a precedence for me, Mr. Clemens.

Item number 2 is approval of the agenda. Are there any changes to the agenda from committee or Council? (No response). I do have one I would like to add to the agenda as item number 5. The ODOT 2008 Urban Paving Project. Do I need a second with that?

Mrs. Frazier: Yes.

Mr. Baxter: Do I have a second? Second from Councilman Joseph. All in favor? (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Motion carries.

Item number 3 is approval of the minutes of November 20, 2006 Safety Committee meeting. Do we have any changes, updates, adds to that? (No response). Hearing none, they'll stand as submitted.

Item number 4 is Discussion, the barrier at State Route 256 and Main Street. And we've had a long series of discussions on this at this point. And at this time, Mr. DeBolt, if you'd like to give us a status report for this week.

Mr. DeBolt: Yes, Chairman, members of Council. A couple of new items to report on the barrier issue. First of all, I've talked to the owner of The Fisher's Greenhouse. And Mr. Clemens mentioned potentially, a solution related to it might be considering that location for annexation. And I did talk to the owner, and he said he would consider that. That's important because of the time it would take for them to go through the county to be annexed, and they could potentially, obviously do it, not to be annexed to the county, but to have the zoning rechanged from residential that they would need to have done because it is in the township. But if it's in the city, that's a different matter, and he would consider it. He didn't give me a commitment when I talked to him, but it's something that's on the table. Again, we have to not create a hardship for the business because if we created a one way entrance, one way lane there, their entrance to the business would require customers to drive 20, 30 yards up a one way street to get into it, and that's not really safe or practical, so we can't do that. Secondly, I've talked to ODOT. One option that we had come up with was to create a middle lane down Main Street for westbound traffic that would then be able to make a left turn on to 256 going southbound, and that would enable the barrier to be taken down as well. But there was an issue initially in talking to the engineering services. We really didn't take that too seriously because we didn't think there was enough room to create a lane. But Mr. Parkinson has informed us since then that technically, you could create another turn lane there. And the only caveat to that would be, we might have to reduce parking just on the south side of

Main Street. Not the north side, but in a small area on the north side maybe from where the trophy shop is on down to Jackson. And from what I understand, there is parking there but it's not really used. So it might not be that much of a hardship. So that would be another option. Now with us doing that, what happens is, we take the barrier down and we make an illegal left turn like it is now to make a left. However, there wouldn't be the barrier there to stop people. Before I came to the city, I understand that first of all, you put a sign there, and then I guess you put a non-breakable barrier there that people went over any way. So you already took kind of lesser steps to prevent people from making a left turn and they weren't successful. So that's why you put the solid barrier there. So if we did put that turn lane in and made it illegal, potentially yes. People could still make a left turn like they have been. We could, at the same time, maybe put less of a barrier there and make it more aesthetic where if somebody really wanted to go through it they could. But again, it wouldn't be a solid barrier, it would be more of an aesthetic, let's say some signs, and then with the no left turn illegal violators will be prosecuted perhaps on it. And maybe we could try that. And again, the last option to make it a one way street up 256 going southbound is still on the table. But to do that, we would need a professional engineering services to review the whole matter. And in order to do that, I think you got the letter at the last meeting. That runs about \$13,000. That's pretty expensive right now with our budget. We try to pare that down. It looks like if we could eliminate the public hearing with them doing it than us doing it ourselves, we could get that under \$10,000. So if the Council chose to go that route, we would need those funds in order to do that. And we would have to have someone come forth for that money because it's not necessarily in our budget right now. So that's where we stand right now. And I'd like to still pursue the annexation issue with the resident. And at the same time, ODOT just let me know today that that's an option on the table as far as not, we don't need their approval is what they're saying in order to do that. If we did, that might take a good while as well to put that turn lane in there. But we would not need that. Cost involved in that would be probably in general, maybe under \$5,000 for the professional engineering. And maybe under \$4,000 to do the actual work with the, you have to grind away the thermo lines and so forth and the street lines. So that looks like a less than, approximate, less than \$10,000 job to do that. So those are some options again. We want to make it safer. We're not going to take the barrier down. I did take one section away to make it a little easier to turn into the one business that had an issue. But other than that, until we make a final decision, we probably won't make any other changes to it.

Mr. Baxter: Mr. DeBolt, I thank you for all the time, effort, and work you've put into this. There's been so many options thrown on the table. It appears that each time you've run into one option, either cost or just feasibility of making it happen, has blocked the direction. I know the Mayor's worked real hard on this as well, and you've put the barrier out there for safety purposes. And the business in that area was having difficult moving into it. I think what you've done, I drove by it tonight, it's much easier to get into it. It's not a problem to make the left hand turn as you're heading eastbound into the parking lot area there. So at least that solves that major problem that the business had. So as far as I can see, and I don't know about the rest of the committee, I don't know where we can go. We don't have the money at this point to go forward with any of the other options. I don't see, at least right now. So as far as I can see, unless there's objection from anybody else on the committee, we put this on hold until there's funds to either continue other options. Either the one way direction or putting in another lane. I don't see any alternatives. I'll open it up for committee and Council's discussion, but I don't see any alternative

at this point. Councilman Newman, I see you raising your hand.

Mrs. Newman: Yes. I would think it would behoove us to proceed with the annexation, doing all the ground work we could do. Because I think _____ solution so that when we do have the money to do that, we can proceed with it.

Mr. Baxter: I think that's a great answer. And I would encourage that you move forward with those, any additional steps that we can do to make things better.

Mr. DeBolt: One other option potentially is that, I talked to somebody from the Mid Ohio Regional Planning Association. They do have grants for safety type issues. And we're going to set up a meeting to find out, not just for this project, but for other projects as well. Not just from them but maybe federal grants. Especially if it involves safety issues. There might be some monies out there available. And that's what we're trying to promote here obviously. So if I was able to find a grant that we could do something with, I definitely will pursue that as well.

Mr. Baxter: Alright. I think that's a great idea. Do I have any other comments or questions from committee or Council? (No response). Hearing none, then I'm going to recommend that we take this discussion and put it on hold indefinitely or I guess you call it, table it. Or Nancy, where should I put this?

Mrs. Frazier: You can table it indefinitely. And that way, when new information's available, they can bring it back.

Mr. Baxter: Very good. Then I move that we table this discussion indefinitely. Do I have a second? Second from Councilman Stake. All in favor? (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). The motion carries. And thank you, everybody for your time for that.

The next item here is an item that came to, in our packets this week. And it's dealing with the ODOT 2008 Urban Paving Project. And as it turns out, this project has to be back and approved to ODOT by February next year. Because of the timing on this, I've been requested to bring it to the committees attention. A couple of questions I have on this, and if I can ask Mr. DeBolt to come back up to the podium, we can ask these questions here so that the rest of the Council members can hear some of the comments. My understanding is that this is a 80/20 split. And that the funds would come out of the Permissive Tax that the county holds for the city.

Mr. DeBolt: That's correct.

Mr. Baxter: And it would be approximately 100,000 to \$140,000 that we're required for the paving. Our share of that.

Mr. DeBolt: That's I guess, an estimate.

Mr. Baxter: That's an estimate at this point. Also, there's some curb and ramp work that needs to be done but could not be funded in that direction. Have we thought about how that would be

funded?

Mr. DeBolt: The 20% has to come from us in order to do that work. And that can come out of one of the funds that we have here in the city.

Mr. Baxter: Okay. Why I'm questioning is, do we have the funds or the money?

Mr. DeBolt: Yes, we do.

Mr. Baxter: For the curb and ramp work as well as our percentage of the paving?

Mayor McPherson: Let me just straighten that out. The curbs, and gutters, and ramps, and things are 100% our responsibility. They're not subject to the 80/20. The engineers had hoped to have the request, the cost for the engineering tonight. We will have it some time this week. We'll be bringing forward to you next week, legislation requesting the engineering work for the curbs, and the gutters, and the repairs that need to be done to the handicap ramps. We are ball parking an estimate on that. It's roughly 100 to \$150,000. Both of these, because they're on Main Street, Main Street is eligible for the Permissive Tax. We'll be applying for both the Franklin County Permissive Tax, and the Licking County Permissive Tax. And combined, we have far more in those projects than we'll ever need to draw down on. We've got about 900,000 in Franklin County, and we probably have 100,000 in Licking County. And the combined projects are going to be roughly a quarter of a million dollars. So we have more than enough in the Permissive Tax Fund to, we have to get a hold of the county after we get everything ready, request the money from the county, then they send it to us. So it's not money we have on hand, but it's money that's sitting in the fund at the county, both Licking and Franklin that we can draw down on for, I think there's 5 streets that are eligible. Main Street being one of them.

Mr. Baxter: Alright, Mayor. The question I had was, specifically to the curbs and the handicap ramps and gutters, is are we able to use the Permissive Tax money to pay for that part of the project?

Mayor McPherson: Yes.

Mr. Baxter: Or do we have to come somewhere else to have it....

Mayor McPherson: It's all going to come out of the Permissive Tax.

Mr. Baxter: It's eligible? Okay. So it's all coming out of there.

Mayor McPherson: All eligible.

Mr. Baxter: Why, thank you. Do we have any questions from other members of the committee, or of Council? (No response). I know this just got in your packet so it's going to take some time to read through this. I understand that. I would like to have emergency language put on this, but it will go through all three of the readings, and _____ then will shorten the time frame once it's been approved to be able to get to ODOT in time. It'll take that 30 day requirement off.

Mayor McPherson: As long as we can get it there by February 1. And again, when I bring the legislation request for the engineering, as soon as that engineering's done, we'll have a much more solid number on what the two costs are going to be to us.

Mr. Baxter: With that said, will you be looking to have this moved on to Council then for the first reading?

Mayor McPherson: Yes. We'd like to go ahead and move this forward and then we'll have the financial end of it catch up to it.

Mr. Baxter: That's what I thought. Okay. Thank you Mayor, I appreciate that.

Mayor McPherson: In order to get it done, you're going to find that ODOT also has a deadline on when the engineering and the cost and all have to be done. I believe they've told us some time in March. So as we move to bring the engineering in and move the information forward, it probably is going to end up being two different things being passed at two different times, but all for the same project in order to comply with ODOT's rules and regulations.

Mr. Baxter: Okay. Thanks for that information Mayor. I appreciate that. So with that said, if there's no other comments or questions, I'll move that we send this to Council for its first reading. Do I have a second? Second with Councilman Joseph. All in favor? (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Motion carries.

I do have one speaker slip here and I'll go ahead at this time...a Jerry Robbins - if you'd like to come to the podium...state your name and address.

Mr. Robbins: Is this fine right here, or..

Mr. Baxter: That one's fine...yes, go right ahead.

Mr. Robbins: Jerry Robbins, 7368 East Rich Street. My complaint is, for seven years now I've lived in the City of Reynoldsburg, moved back from the time I was a kid and since I've moved in, from day one I've had an issue with a neighbor, Officer Steve Baughn, who happens to be a Sergeant on the Police Department.

I've been charged with aggravated menacing; I've been charged with disorderly conduct, and as of recently, tonight I've gotten two tickets for my dogs barkin'. My issue is I've got other neighbors in the neighborhood around us on Bryden and Rich and Jackson that have dogs that are barking a lot longer and more than mine and because of these complaints he singles me out because of an issue - we have a neighbor dispute, okay? It's been goin' on since day one in 1999 when I moved back in the City of Reynoldsburg. I've had numerous accounts with this uh the former Mayor. I've talked to several Councilmembers here; Mr. Clemens has had some of the documentation that I've obtained. I've talked to Mr. Hood, the new attorney and nothin's gettin' done. While I'm getting harassed by the Police Department and this neighbor who is a bailiff in the court system, this man has been allowed to put up illegal HAM radio towers that interfere with my

personal computers, my tvs. This man's been allowed to put up illegal privacy fences. George Mussi, the former City Service Director, did not do anything about it. Dana Miller, the Code Enforcement Officer, didn't do anything about it but issue the warnings or give this guy his citations. But at the same time, I'm facing two hundred dollar fines for barking dogs, who aren't out all night; I put 'em up every night; they just happen to be out during the day, because they're still puppies at six months of age, and they're not house-trained yet, so instead of making a mess in my house, I keep them outside.

The reason my dogs are barking, for whatever excuse, is I've watched the neighbor dogs get loose out of their house and come over and be right at my dogs' cages and kennels and causin' my dogs to bark. The days that are notified on my tickets that tonight I have in my pocket, it happen to be Steve and his sons were out all weekend, over Thanksgiving weekend working on replacing new HAM Radio towers, and they were on his roof, and garage, and everything, and up in a big crane makin' all this noise and rackets that my dogs were out and they were barkin'. He's got it on audio tape, video tape, and everything like that, but the majority of the dogs barkin' was my neighbors who happen to live behind both of us.

And I've tried to go down to city..city, Franklin County Municipal Court and file charges, I can't do anything. I've called the Mayor; no one's doing anything about it as far as this guy allowing the police to keep coming over. The Chief of Police, Lieutenant, or Dave Suciu, is not here tonight; I can't...I'm not getting anywhere with this.

And it's just...and my kids have been warned to play out in the street, you know, I've got neighbors that come over to my house; we offer a safe environment; we're very limited on space; if my kids are in the backyard and the ball goes over into Steve's yard, I got a police officer writin' me a ticket for criminal trespassing on my kids. If other neighbor kids are out in the street and my kids aren't involved, they're not gettin' called upon. I've got police writin' letters to me sayin' I can't have my kids in the street, but it's not just my kids. But when I ask the police, what other kids have gotten letters; what other parents have gotten letters...nobody's gettin' letters but me and my family. This man has cussed my wife out; this man's...won't even speak to me.

The former chief tried to get me and him to go across to Gahanna to an auditor, or a bargaining unit, and he won't even do that. The man won't even come out and shake my hand on this and be bygones be bygones, but the police department keeps coming to my house, two and three times a year, if not more to give me a ticket or citation for somethin' as petty as dogs barkin'; who they're not really barkin' unless somebody's irritatin' 'em or agitatin' 'em and I wanna know what my rights are. Where can I get to file complaints or harassment charges or anything like that. I've caught this man as a police officer, a Sergeant on duty outside of Licking County and I've talked to the Mayor; I went right to his house with video, and he said 'talk to the chief'. Where's the reprimand? You guys want to pass city levies to get uh.. income to the police department, but men like this who represent the police department and corruptible, is out on duty takin' care of personal business over hours at a time. I've caught him three different times in the last four years.

Baxter: Alright. I want to thank you for your comments tonight, and I would recommend that you take the time to sit down and talk with Chief Suciu....

Robbins: I have..

Baxter: ..and see if you can work it out with the Mayor; you're going down the right path as I can

see at this point. Alright thank you for your time. With that said, I will go ahead and close the Safety Committee meeting at 7:50. That must be a first for me; it didn't take an hour.

Safety Committee
December 4, 2006
- - -Nancy C. Frazier, Clerk of Council
(Transcribed - Susie Lyday)
SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
December 4, 2006

Members of Service Committee present: Mel Clemens, Doug Joseph, Preston Stearns, Donna Shirey.

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

Mr. Clemens: I'd like to call the Service Committee meeting to order at 8:50.

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

The next item, Discussion, Resolution of Services available to property proposed for annexation: .45+/- acres; Truro Twp., Franklin County (Black/Keller). We've received all the services available that are required from our different departments. Are there any questions on this from the committee? (No response). Members of Council? (No response). If not, I'd like

to send a motion to Council for adoption of a resolution of services. Do I have a second? Second by Mr. Joseph. All in favor, say aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Thank you.

Next item, ORDINANCE ACCEPTING TWO RECORDED DEEDS OF EASEMENT (sanitary sewer, storm sewer) (8317 Taylor Rd. SW, Medical Office Bldg.). It's had its second reading 11-27-06. Are there any comments from members of the committee? (No response). Members of Council? (No response). I'd like to send this to Council for a third reading and adoption. Do I have a second? Second by Mr. Stearns. All in favor, say aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Thank you.

Next item on the agenda, ORDINANCE ACCEPTING SIX UNRECORDED DEEDS OF EASEMENT (sanitary sewer, storm sewer, water line) (Wheaton Communities, LLC). It had its second reading 11-27-06. Are there any comments from members of the committee? (No response). Members of Council? (No response). If not, I'd like to send this to Council for a third reading and adoption. Do I have a second? Second by Mrs. Shirey. All in favor, say aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Thank you.

The next item on the agenda, ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO: CHAPTER 960 - STORM WATER REGULATIONS - ADDITION OF SECTION 960.03 "Illicit Discharge And Obstruction Of The Separate Storm Sewer System", Subsection (b)(18) and AMEND SECTION 960.03(c)(1) and ADDITION OF SECTION 960.04 "Storm Water Discharges Associated With Construction Activities" and ADDITION OF SECTION 960.05 "Storm Water Pollution Control: Inspections And Enforcement". This had its second reading 11-27-06. There's one section in here, the addition of Section 960.03, "Illicit Discharge And Obstruction Of The Separate Storm Sewer System", Subsection (b). We received a memo from Evans and Mechwart, Dave brought up a good point that maybe he'd like to discuss, or we could discuss. On this, this kind of applies to washing of cars and so forth for fund raisers. And Dave, I want to know really, do we need to have some type of approval for the process? A permit? What criteria of the Service Director, _ and acceptability of such a request. Do we need to define occasional? And also, is there anything special in the law about the term "non-profit organization"? For example, are cheerleaders, school bands, school clubs, sports clubs, Boy Scouts and so forth considered a non-profit organization? And what about a group of kids if they just wanted to have it. You know, wash cars and charge. So Dave, you brought that up. And I can understand really. This is one of those deals where you have permits and the Service Directors got to make a choice and decide what's really acceptable, and when to do it, and what occasion, how many times, things like that.

Mr. Parkinson: I probably stepped slightly beyond what I was asked to do. And I provided more of a personal observation as I was reviewing that as you articulated. It's one thing to exclude some of these things from being considered illicit discharge. But as I sat and read it, and I was thinking sort of along the lines of the tent sale thing, and the owners requirements, do we really want a city, everyone coming in and getting a permit or something and setting all of these things for the Service Director? And if we do, that's fine. It really just poses a question. It's a public

policy issue. Do you want to do that? Or do we just want to say that this is okay to do under our storm water guidelines?

Mr. Clemens: When I bump into things like this, what we're doing is really restricting non-profit groups and so forth. And how many of them do we have in the city to worry about really? As far as the water that's used compared to what we use on everything else. I agree in some respects. It's a lot of paperwork and a lot of time and a lot of effort for the Service Director and the Storm Water Department to be worrying about it. I don't know how other members of Council feels about it but it's just another deal where we're trying to control the, control some organizations and the public on something that they always did.

Mr. Parkinson: Don't get me wrong. I didn't question the wisdom of, including those exceptions from the list. That wasn't my issue. My issue was, is it a permitted activity? Does it need to be a permitted activity?

Mr. Clemens: If it's not a permitted activity, how are we going to control it? It's one thing or the other. Just say you don't do it. I know that we do have cheerleading groups, we do have Boy Scouts. We do have different groups do it. It's a money maker for these organizations. Do we want to control something like that? Personally myself, I don't worry about that much water being used in the storm water system. But, how does Council feel about that? Or other members of Council feel about that? Yes, Mr. Baxter.

Mr. Baxter: Councilman Clemens, I don't see it as a problem today. You do see them here and there, and you try to support your local groups by taking the car and getting it washed. And for the most part, I don't see a water fall of water pouring off these things. Okay? So from an amount of storm water or water being to the sewer systems, I don't see it being a real big problem. It's not like you see them every week either.

Mr. Clemens: And the point is, I see it everywhere. It's something that you didn't see. I see it all over town. Other towns. All your shopping centers. Different ones set up different times and so forth. If it's not a state wide deal and so forth like that, I think it's some times, a waste of time to get in all these issues. How about other members of Council? Yes, Mr. Stearns.

Mr. Stearns: I agree too Mr. Clemens. I just wanted to find out, we don't have any, we don't require permits or anything like that now do we?

Mr. Clemens: Not to my knowledge. No.

Mr. Stearns: I think it would not be any use to come up with some legislation like _____ to exclude them.

Mr. Clemens: Why don't we just hold this? There's no hurry on these things to start with. Why don't we hold this for a few weeks and look into it and I'll meet with the Street Department and see what their problem is. And also, I'll meet with the Service Director and see if he wants to be really bothered with these kinds of things and see what kind of permits and how we go through the

application process and so forth like that. And get back with you. Would that be alright then if we just hold this for a few weeks? There's really no hurry. Yes, President Hills.

Mr. Hills: Mr. Clemens, you make a good point. And there are many, many different locations. Gas stations, restaurants, shopping centers. I think the enforcement of it would be very difficult because you'd have to rely on, was the permit issued? You're going to have to have the police go out and stop it until there is one. There are no free services here. The water they're using is being paid for by the company donating the space. And the storm system is to take the runoff water. But I do agree that maybe we ought to check on it a little bit further. But I think that, some time if we get to the point that we try to regulate too much, we're creating a greater problem than we will a good out of it.

Mr. Clemens: Okay. We'll talk about it. I don't know whether Steve wants to go out on the weekends and turn off their water spigot or not. So why don't we hold this for a few weeks and see how it comes out. And then we'll get it back and discuss it. I make a motion we hold this for two weeks. Second by Mr. Stearns. All in favor, say aye. (All voted "Aye"). Thank you.

And that ends the Service Committee meeting at 8:00.

Service Committee

December 4, 2006

- - -Nancy C. Frazier, Clerk of Council

(Transcribed - Susie Lyday)

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

December 4, 2006

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

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

Mr. Stake: And I will call the Finance Committee to order at 8:01.

Item number 2 on the agenda is approval of the agenda. In your packets over the weekend, you received some information on 2007 Property Casualty Insurance. I would like to add that as 3a. Are there any other additions to the agenda? (No response). Then I make a motion we add that as 3a. All in favor, please state aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Motion passes.

Item number 3 is approval of the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held November 20, 2006. Are there any changes to those minutes? (No response). None being heard, they'll stand as submitted.

3a is the 2007 Property Casualty Insurance. Mr. Mayor, would you like to fill us in on this?

Mayor McPherson: Thank you, Chairman Stake. This is the Property Casualty Insurance. You'll see by the date stamp there, we got it in here on the 30th. The numbers, the 118,450 for liability, and 40,000 for motor vehicles are already in the budget. Those are the numbers that we anticipated. We would like to have Council move forward with acceptance of the liability, General Administrative Account. And answer any questions that I might be able to answer for you. It's just a, a kind of the run of the mill. Every year we do it. And that's what gives us our insurance.

Mr. Stake: Okay. And we need to have this in place by January 1? And you'd like us to send this forward for passage as an emergency, correct?

Mayor McPherson: That's correct. So we will be in effect January 1.

Mr. Stake: And we have funded this in the 2007 budget.

Mayor McPherson: Yes, we have.

Mr. Stake: Just to repeat what you said. Are there any questions from members of the Finance Committee? Mr. Baxter.

Mr. Baxter: Mr. Stake, thank you, Chairman Stake. The only question I have Mayor is that, when was the last time we have done a review of our property and casualty to determine the amount of coverage, and if it's the right amount of coverage? And I know with Mr. Stake being in insurance, it's rather important that we keep up on that, I don't know if yearly but at least keep a look at what our assets are and make sure that we're covered in our P&C policy. And I don't know if we've done that recently or not.

Mayor McPherson: Yeah. We review annually, the insurance policy. We have the agents come in, go over everything with us. We send the various forms out to the various departments to make sure that we in fact, do have the equipment. If equipment's been removed, we make sure it's been removed. So yes, that is an annual occurrence. And without fail, we do that every year.

Mr. Baxter: Great. Well thank you for your answer. Thank you, Mr. Stake.

Mr. Stake: I'd just like to point out that there is a very reputable insurance agency that handles this. Hilb Rogle and Hobbs. And their agent reviews the coverages, make sure that we are up to date. And I believe he reviews the markets that underwrite this. Looking through this, there are several different insurance companies that underwrite this policy depending on what line of coverage it is. I do know that a couple of years ago, we did involve some other agencies also in reviewing this. And we found out that the current agent was doing a fine job and actually was able to do a better job than the other agencies that quoted on it. But that's a good question. Any other questions from members of the committee? (No response). Members of Council? (No response). Okay then. None being heard, I'll make a motion that we send this forward for recommendation for adoption as an emergency. Do I have a second? Second by Councilwoman Newman. Any

further discussion? (No response). All in favor, please state aye. (All voted "Aye").
Opposed? (No response). Motion passes. Thank you.

Item number 4 is Discussion, Appointment to the Design Review Board. At the last Finance Committee meeting, I did make a statement that Mr. Eller had filled the unexpired term on the Design Review Board. It expires at the end of this year. I did ask, and also I did ask for anybody who would be interested in serving on boards or commissions that Council has the appointment up, to please let us know, that we could give that consideration when these spots come open. I also, I believe Mr. Eller, and I see Mr. Eller back there, I believe Mr. Eller was here that evening. I did ask him if he would be interested in continuing to serve. I have not heard anything. I don't know if the Clerk's office heard anything. Mr. Eller, are you not interested?

Mr. Eller: Frankly, I just never followed up. And I didn't contact the Clerk. Council does have the authority I believe, to reappoint a city member on that board. So I would be willing to continue on if that's what Council would like. If there are other candidates, I would certainly be willing to step aside, and new blood is always good. I don't know if this would constitute a formality, but at least you know my thinking. And I just did not contact Nancy or did not follow up.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Obviously, I wouldn't recommend we appoint somebody who doesn't want to serve. So I was a little confused on whether you wanted to serve or not. Do members of the Finance Committee have any recommendations at this point? (No response). Well, not hearing any, then I think Mr. Eller, you're here, you'd like to continue to serve, then I will make a recommendation that we send this to Council reappointing you. Mr. Clemens seconds. Any further discussion? (No response). All in favor, please state aye. (All voted "Aye").
Opposed? (No response). Motion passes. Thank you.

Item number 5 is AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PROVISION OF A MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR PURPOSES OF ENCOURAGING THE EXPANSION BY DYNALAB, INC. OF ITS WORKFORCE WITHIN THE CITY AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX CREDIT AGREEMENT, REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 60-05. It had its first reading on 11-27-06. And are there any questions or comments from members of the Finance Committee in regards to this legislation? (No response). Just to remind everybody, this is a housekeeping item. Just changing some of the way the program is being handled. It does not change any of the financial situation for anybody. Just I think, some of the administration of this program. Okay then. Then I will make a motion that we send this forward for its second reading. Do I have a second? Second by Councilman Baxter. Any further discussion? (No response). All in favor, please state aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Motion passes.

Item number 6 is an ORDINANCE TO REPEAL AND REPLACE ORDINANCE NO. 30-04 PASSED March 22, 2004 THAT WAIVES COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR VARIOUS EXEMPTED CONTRACTS AND EXPENDITURES OVER \$10,000. This did come from the City Auditor. Are there any questions or comments in regards to this piece of legislation from members of the Finance Committee? (No response). Members of Council? (No response). Administration? Mayor, do you have any comments or questions?

Mayor McPherson: No.

Mr. Stake: Auditor? (Inaudible). Okay. Alright then. This had its first reading on 11-27-06 and I will make a motion that we send this forward for its second reading. Do I have a second? Second by Councilman Clemens. Any further discussion? (No response). All in favor, please state aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Motion passes.

Item number 7 is an 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 had its second reading on 11-27-06. Are there any questions or comments in regards to this piece of legislation from members of the Finance Committee? (No response). Members of Council? (No response). Then I make the motion that we send this forward for its third reading with recommendation for adoption. Do I have a second? Second by Councilwoman Newman. Any further discussion? (No response). All in favor, please state aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Motion passes.

And item number 8 is 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 had its second reading on 11-27-2006. And this is the second piece of what we just had earlier. Are there any questions or comments from members of the Finance Committee? (No response). Members of Council? (No response). Then I'll make a motion that we send this forward for its third reading with recommendation for adoption by the Finance Committee. Do I have a second? Second by Councilman Clemens. Any further discussion? (No response). All in favor, please state aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Motion passes.

Item number 9 is the ORDINANCE TO MAKE A FINAL APPROPRIATION FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2007. It had its second reading on 11-27-2006. I just want to point out at this point, I am not going to make a recommendation to send this forward at this time. I'd like the people to have a little more time on this. However, are there any questions or comments from members of the Finance Committee? Councilman Clemens.

Mr. Clemens: I don't have any really. Because I know what the forecast is by our City Auditor and by Mr. Turner, our CPA. And I know how the Mayor feels. That possibly the forecast is not quite accurate and so forth. I think it gives us time to look into it and so forth. But I for one, want to make it clear, if we're not going to come up with the additional 200,000, 250,000 we think we should be cut, and work on the budget that we have, I'm not going to be voting for any additional appropriations during the year. Supplemental appropriations. That money would be spent that's in the budget and that's it. Now we do that all through the year. We have all this year. And everybody has voted for it. But it's not going to be that way next year. So I think what we ought to do, we want to make sure what budget we pass is a budget that can be stood behind. Because these additional appropriations as we go along, we usually get them about a month after January. Usually we get them in February and so forth. It isn't going to happen. So I think everybody can

take that into consideration.

Mr. Stake: Okay, Mr. Clemens. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor McPherson: Just to kind of respond to what Mr. Clemens just said about the 200 or \$250,000 overage, or I mean deficit. The sheet that I had passed out to you tonight will show that there is not a \$250,000 deficit. This week the City Auditor and myself and Mike, we worked very diligently to find some monies that were not included. And as a result of that, if you look down there Mel, for 2007's budget, you will see that not only do we no longer have a deficit, but we have an overage. Now again, \$20,000 overage, or a \$20,000 deficit, I think the point that needs to be made that it's for this year, we were able to go back and find some funds that we hadn't included and had the Auditor _____ put those back in. We made some adjustments. But for this coming year Mel, the budget that you have and the budget that the City Auditor and Mike will be presenting to you this week, will show that we have a balanced budget that we're moving forward to City Council.

Mr. Clemens: And I want to thank you Mayor. Because I just got it. I haven't seen it.

Mayor McPherson: That's what I said. We're not going to bring any money for supplementals until probably the second meeting in January.

Mr. Stake: Don't say that.

Mr. Clemens: I said, this you just passed out tonight.

Mayor McPherson: And again, we worked on this this past week and this is what we came up with and (Tape Change). A while trying to resolve some of these issues.

Mr. Clemens: Ad that's why I brought it up. Because as it stood until tonight, until you passed this out tonight, which we hadn't had a chance to look at, it was \$250,000. So I want to commend you on that.

Mr. Stake: Mr. Clemens, I'd just like to point out that, and Mr. Harris, if you could just hold on a second, I would hope that the details would be coming very soon on this so that we can see where the adjustments have been made. Because this doesn't tell us a whole lot. I agree with you, Mr. Clemens. President Hills, do you have a question?

Mr. Hills: I have a question. And it's just to try to clarify some things. And I appreciate hearing that there are some monies. But I seem to harp on this every year. And I'm not going to harp. I'm just going to very quickly point it out. You will never cure your budget problems until you spend less money than you have coming in. The city has been unable to do that for a number of years. Five years I think now in a row. And it is with what is a cut budget. There's been a number of reductions. But we still spend more per year than what we bring in in revenues per year. We can shift monies. We're doing it again. We certainly had two tax issues on the ballot. And one would wonder, well why would you pass it when you're not out of money? Well, we are

out of money. We're taking money from the savings accounts so it looks like we're not running short on money. But we've done that for five years in a row. I would encourage, as Mr. Clemens has said, no more appropriations. I would encourage as things come in, let's look at it hard this year. Do you really have to have what you're coming to and asking for? It may be in the budget, and we all hear that. It's in the budget so we can do it. But it's time to change our attitude towards what we're doing and how we're doing it. If not, I appreciate Bob's situation. Bob's not going to be here in '08 but some people are. And they're going to have to handle the mess that we're working ourselves into. And with that, I think it's enough said. I don't know how else to summarize the position we're in. But I think we still need to look wherever possible to increase our revenues and decrease some of our expenditures. And when it comes down to if we want to buy something new, if we don't need it, folks don't buy it. Maybe next year we won't be borrowing from the savings account to come up with a balance. Thank you, Mr. Stake.

Mr. Stake: You're welcome. And I would just like to echo what President Hills said. For about 5 years now, we've been struggling with trying to put together a balanced budget I think since I've been here. We have done a couple of things this year. I believe it was this year. We did pass some legislation that allowed Victoria's Secret, their catalogue distribution center, to come in. They're going to hire some folks. I know it's not a whole bunch of money, but it's a step in the right direction. Dynalab, we're re-doing the Dynalab thing but that was done earlier. That brought additional jobs to the city. And I would encourage the Mayor, Development Director, and all of us to find additional ways to bring business to the City of Reynoldsburg. Because frankly, I don't know, there's not a whole lot more that we can cut that's really going to amount to much unless we want to do some wholesale layoffs. And I don't want to do that. I think if you look at other cities our size, we're understaffed compared to those. And one of the promises I made to the voters when I ran for office was to continue the high level of services that we have here in Reynoldsburg, and I would like to continue to do that. Mr. Harris.

Mr. Harris: Thank you, Mr. Stake. Basically, what we did with the figures, the difference between the figures you had from me two weeks ago and those figures now are, we took expenditures that we had anticipated for the Capital Improvements Fund and we did away with those. They're going to be moved out of the Permissive Tax Fund. We also included a section in there with money we expect to be returned to the General Fund from the budget every year. Every department doesn't spend every nickel that's put into it. It's not a revenue source, but it does go back to the General Fund. That was \$150,000. And lastly, we moved \$125,000 from the Sidewalk Fund to the General Fund in order to offset some of the money that's going to have to go from the General Fund to pay the Debt Retirement. But Mr. Hills is right. This still, we are still spending more money than we are taking in. This does not cure the problem. What it does is, it extends it out one more year. And I would hope that Council, when we start doing the tax budget in June of this year, and start getting some preliminary numbers, will take the time at that point to look at each department to come up with ideas of where we can cut some things. Maybe where we can add additional revenue sources from some of the things I mentioned before. All the fees that we have in the General Fund revenue column and start to look at these things and come up with a more permanent solution. But this does give you some time to do it. I think it's very difficult when you don't get this thing until some time in October and start to look at it to try to make these decisions over a short period of time. Especially as you come up to the end of the fiscal year. And hopefully, by doing that, you can make these decisions next year. You may

want to consider things at that time. Like a hiring freeze, or the things, but at least it gives you some time to give some thought to it and come up with a thoughtful solution. And I hope everybody takes the time to use this time wisely.

Mr. Stake: Thank you, Mr. Harris. Any questions or comments from members of the Finance Committee? (No response). Members of Council? (No response). Then I'll make a motion that we hold this for two weeks to the next Finance Committee. Do I have a second? Second by Councilman Baxter.

Mr. Baxter: Mr. Stake, I have one question. We're going to get the numbers sent to us this week? Mayor, is that correct? Did I hear him say you're going to break those down and get them to us? The details?

Mayor McPherson: Talking about the sheet that goes on the ordinance it self.

Mr. Harris: Okay. We've got it ready to go. What we had been waiting for is the medical insurance and things that people signed up for. There have been some changes. Some people adding some things and dropping some things. So we didn't want to produce the final numbers until we had all the information available rather than having to do this three or four times because it takes a lot of paper and stuff to print up 15 copies of this thing. So we're waiting for the final numbers to come in. I believe we do have everything. So this will give you one more week or so in order to, any changes that might need to come in on anything that's anticipated. Insurance or other things that we can make the final numbers and make them as accurate as we can for you.

Mr. Baxter: Alright. Thanks, Dick. Thanks, Chairman Stake.

Mr. Stake: And I would just like to add that I will be working with the Mayor beginning in January on some adjustments and some ways to reduce our expenses on some various things. I've been thinking about some things. The Mayor and I have talked about some things. And we will be beginning January, working on these things. We will be bringing them to Council for approval. There is a motion on the floor. Mr. Baxter, did you give a second? There's a second. Any further discussion? (No response). All in favor, please state aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Motion passes.

And I will adjourn the Finance Committee at 8:20.

Finance Committee

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