MINUTES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
REYNOLDSBURG CITY COUNCIL
December1, 2014

Members of Community Development Committee present: Leslie Kelly, Cornelius McGrady, III, Barth Cotner, Chris Long and Dan Skinner.

President of Council Doug Joseph was present.

Chairman Kelly called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

Approval of the minutes of the Community Development Committee Meeting held 11/17/2014.

Discussion: Community Center

Mrs. Kelly: I am going to go ahead and just kind of give a recap. Donna if I miss something please jump up and shout it out. We had a brief meeting and reviewed with Donna, Mayor McCloud, myself, Barth and our Development Director. Did I get everybody? We looked at what the possibilities of a community center specifically re reviewed Donna did an awesome job of gathering all of-a large majority if not all of our past notes from our previous committee. It was great to have those notes that we could refer back too. What we came down to was that this is going to be a process for us to even get to the point where even we know which direction we really want to go. We want to make sure that we are being thoughtful and purposeful so we are going to reach put to the YMCA and see if this is something they would even still interested in. We want to put together a proposal that will help us really be able to evaluate what would a community center that is ran by the Y look like versus one ran by the city. What are the potentials and what really would be the cost so that when we go to the community to ask for funding we know that we are asking for the amount they will allow us to do something that is meaningful and purposeful. Did I miss anything Donna? Does anybody have any questions? Ok we will keep you in the loop as we go through the process and as we get new information. I am going to bring this to a close at 7:32pm.

Community Development Committee
- - -April L. Beggerow, Clerk of Council
December 1, 2014

MINUTES SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING
REYNOLDSBURG CITY COUNCIL
December 1, 2014

Members of Service Committee present: Mel Clemens, Scott A. Barrett, Leslie Kelly, Barth R. Cotner, Chris Long, Cornelius McGrady, III., Dan Skinner.

President of Council Doug Joseph was present.

Chairman Clemens called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

Approval of agenda

Approval of minutes of the Service Committee meeting held 11/03/2014.

Liquor Permit Request #93579416271 Walgreen Co, 6320 E. Main Street

Chief O'Neill: Thank you Chairman Clemens. This particular investigation is a little bit different than most of the ones that we handle. Walgreens Corporation holds over 200 liquor permits in Ohio. There is not much as far as individual investigation required. We are not really looking at an individual asking for a permit. We are just looking at whether or not they would take us over our limit of C-1 and C-2 permits since this was dedicated towards beer and wine sales. That was the adjustment that they were looking for. It doesn't take us over our limit and because of that there is no reason for us to contest this application.

Mr. Clemens: Thank you Chief. Are there any questions for the chief pertaining to this permit? If not we will let it stand and move forward.

Liquor Permit Request #17837400005 Trent Cowgill dba Sticks & Stones, 1355 Briarcliff Rd & Patio.

Mr. Clemens: Chief?

Chief O'Neill: Thank you Chairman Clemens. Obviously this is a bar that has been in existence for quite a while. It has changed hands over the years. It doesn't give us any cause to object to it based on the proximity to any churches, daycares or schools. We don't have anything on file that would indicate that there is an issue with the current owner and because of that we have no real reason to contest this application.

Mr. Clemens: Thank you Chief. Any questions? If not we will let this stand and move on. That ends the Service Committee meeting at 7:36pm.

Service Committee
- - -April L. Beggerow, Clerk of Council
December 1, 2014

MINUTES FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
REYNOLDSBURG CITY COUNCIL
December 1, 2014

Members of Finance Committee present: Barth R. Cotner, Chris Long, Mel Clemens, Leslie Kelly, Scott A. Barrett, Cornelius McGrady, III., Dan Skinner.

President of Council Doug Joseph was present.

Councilman Cotner called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m.

Approval of agenda

Approval of minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held 11/17/2014.

Discussion: Ad Hoc Committee Report (2011); addressing structural imbalance; possible adjustments.

Mr. Cotner: I know Mr. Barrett has been the one who likes to keep this on the agenda and discussing it. I wish he was here tonight. I want to make sure that I clear up and apologize to him. I want to make sure it is known that I am not trying to put anyone down or even if I disagree with an issue I don't ever want to not be able to discuss something amongst ourselves. If I came across inappropriately to Mr. Barrett or anyone else I apologize. That was not my intent and I was just trying to continue this discussion. If there are any issues ever then by all means I am open to discuss them. I apologize to Mr. Barrett for making it appear that way. With that being said. Does anyone have questions? Comments or anything on the ad hoc committee report. Yes sir, Mr. Clemens?

Mr. Clemens: You know I would think it is time move on to other legislation.

Mr. Joseph: It can always be brought back up.

Mr. Cotner: So we need to vote to remove it from the agenda? Mr. Clemens do you want to make a motion on that?

Mr. Clemens: I'll make the motion.

Mr. Cotner: Motion by Mr. Clemens and seconded by Mr. Skinner. All in favor say aye.

All: Aye Motion carries

Mr. Cotner: Again obviously it can always come back up and discussed further.

Request Council to Authorize Auditor to Make the 2015 HSA Payments.

Mr. Harris: Thank you Chainman Cotner and members of council. This is something I bring every year at this time. We have been contributing to HSA. We have been making contributions for a number of years. It is in the police contract and we have also done that for 160 employees and we would like to continue that for 2015. The money for this is already in the 2015 budget.

Mr. Cotner: Questions or comments? I will make a motion then that we send this to council with a recommendation for adoption as an emergency. Second by Councilman Long. All in favor say aye.

All: Aye Motion carries

Discussion: Transfer of Funds Among Various General Fund Departments.

Mr. Harris: Thank you Councilman Cotner. This is the always popular "clean up" ordinance that I bring each year. Where we have places where we have extra money and feel like we are going to be over spent. We do that. The general fund. . We are asking to appropriate $42, 125. The rest of that is just transfers. And then some in the other departments as well. Some of the things that we went over in the election expense went up $1725. Liability insurance went up $7775 and that was due to the additional things on there for liability for people getting into our computers and hacking. Equipment Maintenance went up somewhat. The rest of these I put on a lot of these explanations and certain things like additional HAS contributions. Insurance contributions because of change with employees or someone unmarried became married and took the family insurance rather than single insurance. If people leave and the people we hire have to get them HSA money too prorated for the number of months. Any specific questions that you have the Mayor and I will answer them the best we can. There is the unappropriated and the Re-appropriated money.

Mr. Clemens: I just have one question. This stands out and I am curious about it. The seasonal wages are $20K higher? Is it more people? I don't understand that one.

Mayor McCloud: I would be happy to answer that. I am not sure what happened but going back to 2011 we have . . . the 2010 budget amount was $90K. 2011 was $100K. 2012 was $100K. We wanted $100K. I don't know what happened between our shop and the auditor's office. I am not pointing any fingers at anybody. Our actuals were $87K so our intent was to put $100K there.

Mr. Harris: I can tell you what happened. I looked it up. Former Parks Director wanted to put an extra person over in the Senior Center and that is where he moved the money to do that.

Mr. Clemens: I don't have a problem with it. I was just curious.

Mr. Harris: It is what it is.

Mr. Cotner: Any other questions for the auditor tonight? Thank you for clarifying and discussing this. I will go ahead and make a recommendation for adoption. . . .

Mr. Harris: I would rather you send it for a first reading in case something comes up with the next couple of payrolls. I have another account or two that I need to make some adjustments too.

I would hate to have to call you guys in to do that by the end of the year.

Mr. Cotner: I apologize I figured with the emergency. . .

Mr. Harris: Well it is an emergency but at its second reading. I would like to hold on until then.

Mr. Cotner: I will make a motion that we send this for a first reading with a recommendation. Second by Councilman Clemens. All in favor say aye.

All: Aye

Discussion: Electric Aggregation Program, 2015 – 2016.

Mr. Burd: Thank you Chairman Cotner and members of council. With me tonight are Terry Leach and Chris Easton. They are with Amp Ohio. They work for the city to review proposals and present proposals from different energy companies for aggregation. Terry spoke to you about this time 2 years ago. We are happy to have them back to talk about where we are at this year in the process. We have found aggregation beneficial for our residents. You may recall that the first go around of this was a rocky transition but this current program we are in that is about to expire went much more smoothly. There was a lot less confusion. It is still a very complicated area to explain to people but it seems like we are getting the hang of this now. Terry and Chris will explain more about where we are at. We hope to have something on paper for you next week for you to look at and consider voting on so we can get this moving rather quickly. I'll have it over to Terry and he can do a little discussion and answer any questions you may have.

Terry Leach, Amp Ohio: Chairman Cotner, members of counsel and Mr. Mayor. It is good to be back. It has been 2 years but it doesn't seem like it has been that long. Time flies when you are saving money for your residents. I would like to take a few minutes and talk to you about where the program has been and where we are. As Nathan said we have had the program for 4 years. The first 4 years of the program your supplier was First Energy Solutions out of Akron, Ohio. First Energy Solutions is no longer supplying governmental aggregations. They have decided to exit that part of their business so as we did 2 years ago even knowing that we went out and we talked to current suppliers to get competitive bids and to get a number of options. We did get options and bids from 3 suppliers. One of the suppliers was Interstate Gas Supply which is here in Worthington. We got a bid from Integris Energy and we got a bid from AEP Energy. After looking at all of the things that we got we selected AEP Energy. The reason is AEP Energy has given us a very competitive price as well as they have made an offer to the city as we had if you recall back in 2013 as part of the FES deal that we put together there was a civic grant that came to the city at a rate of $10 active enrollment and the city received about $65K as a contribution to the cities fund. AEP in their proposal has offered to give the city $100K and that $100K is a onetime offer and it will be paid once. It is a 2 year contract and once again as I have stood here and told you in the past we won't go out and solicit the supplier that doesn't provide 0 risks to the people who want to participate. A part of that negation process once again there is a $0 cancellation fee so people can come into the program and they can leave the program anytime they want and it will not cost them anything. A couple things that I want to point out about where the market is today and the differences between what we did before and what we are proposing this time is if you recall our very first 2 years we had a guarantee discount off what it is called the price to compare. In other words the price that you would get if you stayed with utility. Back then it was 5% for residential and 15% for small commercial. Well then 2 years ago we came and we were all excited because we got it upped. We got 20% off residential and 25% off small commercial which was really great. Now I am going to tell you this based on the average customer usage and the estimated usage we have had over the last 4 years the people that have participated in this program and for the community of Reynoldsburg has saved about $3.6 million dollars in electric charges over that 4 year period of time. Which those are real dollars? Real dollars. Now one thing that has changed in the market place since then are these suppliers are no longer bidding out you know percentage off the price to compare. What they are doing is proposing fixed rates instead. You can look at that and figure out what that means in terms of percentage but they no longer do programs that way. In our case the program that we are proposing is a rate-now before I say this number you have to understand that until we are ready to sign the agreement. The rate can't be locked in. In other words because the market movements it might change 1/10th of 1 cent or maybe even 1/100th of 1 cent based on where the market is now I will say this when we made our decsion a couple of weeks ago and where we are today is the exact same spot. So that is good news that the market has not moved on us. As Nathan said we are hoping to bring this to full council next Monday and we can lock down that price this week. Right now, knock on wood we are anticipating any movements. Right now what we are looking at as a rate is 7.7 cents per kilowatt hour. When you look at that in terms of where AEP is if you were with the utility as I think I mentioned this 2 years-my ex-wife still lives in Reynoldsburg so I called her on the way here and asked her to get out her last electric bill and tell me what the price to compare was. She got her bill 3 days ago and her price to compare was the same as mine and I am an AEP customer on the other side of town and the current AEP rate is 10.6 cents and we are looking at 7.7 cents today versus their 10.6 cents. Now when I did the analysis for the city I did not use 10.6 cents because I did not want to you know overestimate what savings might be so what I did was based on an average .9 cents price to compare. Based on that number and the usage data that I got from First Energy Solutions averaged out over the participants within the city of Reynoldsburg. An average customer would save about $152 a year based on that 7.7 and .9. If it is really 10.6 and it stays that way over the next 2 years which we cannot predict yet because AEP has not got approval of their next rates yet so you know smart knowledge says that it is probably not going to come down. I don't know that it would go up any higher but the savings could be even greater. Bottom line is based on the average usage per household and I want to stress that it is average usage because some people's usage are higher or lower. For everyone 1 penny is $120 a year savings. So if it is really 10.6 than that number is not $151 it is about $260 but I am not going to say that. I didn't say that. With that being said currently if you want to look at that as a savings percentage wise today at 10.6 that 7.7 is really 27% savings. If it is .9 cents that it is only 15%. Ok you say 7.7 is that a good rate? I will give you a couple of comparisons from today from other suppliers because we have talked about in the past that everyone has a choice to go pick whoever they want. They don't have to use the government aggregation program. Our job is to give them an additional choice but the bottom line is the individual chooses for themselves. If I went out and chose for myself right now Direct Energy Services for the same 24 month period their rate is .0899 cents plus they have a $200 cancellation fee so when we start looking at apples to apples this is really a good rate and a good program and to be honest with you AEP Energy has been pretty upset the last 4 years that they didn't get this deal but they weren't the best deal in town those 4 years. Now they seem to be the best deal for us so they are thrilled and I think they will give us great customer service. They wanted to come and do the little tap dance but I told them I don't need them. Don't be surprised if they show up on Monday because they are ecstatic to be here. We are happy with what we got. We think it is a great deal. We also encourage council to move forward with the program. It truly is a savings for the people based on this rate and current participation level. We are looking at $800K to $1 million a year in savings. If the participation level goes up that will go up. There is 1 big factor that I want to tell you tonight that we didn't have in the last 4 years. Since we are going with AEP Energy this time people can have their budget billing back. That was a problem we had before. We couldn't get budget billing before because AEP Ohio would not allow it. They do allow it for their deregulated companies. When we do the program we will go out to everybody that is eligible. People who are behind on their bills are not eligible. People who are getting any type of governmental assistance are not eligible. And people who have already selected their own supplier are not eligible. They do have the right to come into the program but we will not be sending them a solicatation. I think that is all I have. I will be happy to answer any questions that you may have.

Mrs. Kelly: Hi, I have just a couple of questions. You talked about fix rates so does that mean if we are able to lock in that 7.7 that it will not change for residents anyway, any shape or any form for 2 years?

Mr. Leach: That is correct. And for small commercials.

Mrs. Kelly: Ok then when you put whatever you are going to on paper for us will you includes what the bid offers were from the other companies that you sought out?

Mr. Leach: I would be happy to do that.

Mrs. Kelly: The $100K that comes from AEP comes no matter what the enrollment is?

Mr. Leach: It is AEP Energy. There is no stipulation. It can be from 10 people. . . Now they don't want only 10 people but the more customers the more it off sets that contribution. It is written into the contract and it said you will receive that. It is key to understand this is not each year. It is one time.

Mrs. Kelly: Previously the civic grant that came with the $10 per active enrollment where we made about $65K was that yearly or was that 1 time?

Mr. Leach: One time. And Councilwoman we did get an offer of contributions from all 3 suppliers. One of the suppliers the most they were willing to give us was $20k. One of the suppliers was giving the city $250K but if we took that offer then your residents would have to pay more money to the utility than if they stayed with the utility so basically they were paying for you to get money.

Mrs. Kelly: So is AEP Energy . . . what they are offering us as far as lump sum is not as important as the deal we are getting for our residents so is AEP Energy the lowest charge?

Mr. Leach: No it is not.

Mrs. Kelly: Why would we go with somebody who is not the lowest?

Mr. Leach: Well, um. . . what we tried to do is we tried to pick a supplier who gave a great value to the participants and also gave a value to the city. You ca get a rate that might save the consumer $5 more a year but you might only get $20k for the city so that is how finite the numbers are but to answer your question there were lower rates for the participants.

Mrs. Kelly: How much? What was the lowest?

Mr. Leach: The lowest? Now you have to understand that these numbers change daily so based on the supplier who wanted to give you $20k there rate was .0742 and you got .077 so you can see it is a very small.

Mrs. Kelly: And that was the lowest?

Mr. Leach: The lowest rate was with no contributions was a rate of .0739 which is only three one hundredths of a cent less. And now that you asked I will give you an example the $100K contributions that was being offered from the 3rd supplier was.0851whcih is substantially higher than .077 especially when I did my analysis based on the price to compare. The annual saving for participants under that scenario was only going to be $22 a year.

Mrs. Kelly: What is the rate our residents are paying right now on the aggregate?

Mr. Leach: It is based on a percentage off so if I took the 10.6 cents and did it on the residential price to compare right now you would be at 7.25 cents.

Mrs. Kelly: So it is going up a little bit?

Mr. Leach: Little bit. 2 years later that is really to be expected.

Mr. Cotner: Anyone else on council have any questions? Do you have anything in there to add Nathan to finish up?

Mr. Burd: No I was just going to say that you will have information in your packets this week. It will show the different options and we do have a drafted agreement with AEP Energy that the city attorney has looked at. We will get that all finalized for you if your consideration. My understanding is that there may be a special meeting on December 15th after the committees. If you would like an additional week to look over this that is fine. The sooner we can get the mailing out the better but if you are not comfortable moving on something next Monday as long as we can get it done before you break for the year.
Mr. Cotner: Probably makes the most sense since we don't have anything in our hands to look at so I think that's the plan of the 15th that might make the most sense.

Mr. Burd: That will also give us an additional committee discussion about it before you vote so that's fine.

ORDINANCE TO MAKE FINAL APPROPRIATION FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2015, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (Second reading 11/24/2014).

Mayor McCloud: Thank you Chairman Cotner and members of council. The chief of police and the director of Parks and Rec are both here this evening to talk about their budgets so I will let them choose as to who wants to go first.

Donna Bauman: Thank you Chairman Cotner and members of council. I am going to go over the Parks and Recreation budget and the Senior Center budget. Parks and Rec is 340 and the Senior Center is 343. Some of the more notable items for the Parks and Rec department are line item 5339
Line item 5339 we are requesting $60K which is a decrease of about $16K from this year. The main reason for that is we are going to try and do more work in house such as tree removal, dugout repair and we are going to look at fixing the drainage issues out at Civic Park. Line 5215 is our recreational supplies and we are requesting $53K this year. Our sports programs are growing. 2014 our basketball program gained 115 additional participants over what we had in 2013. Our baseball and softball we increased our teams by 19 teams from what we had in 2013. We are seeing a growing number in our programming which is great and which means we are going to need to be purchasing additional equipment and uniforms for our participants. We are also hoping to add some additional community programs. We are having a Breakfast with Santa Claus and we want to bring back the movie nights in the summer. We also want to do a bike rodeo and Arbor Day activities. 5215 is our aggregates we are requesting $17K and the majority of that is going to be going for drainage gravel out at Civic Park so we can address the flooding issue that we have. Line 5338 is our personal services contracts and we are requesting $55K with the increase of our teams we will be needing more officials because we will have more games that need officiated so we need to increase that a well. We have also added Flag Football and our fall baseball. Do you have any questions on the Parks and Recreation budget?

Mrs. Kelly: You may not know the answer to this and that is ok if we need to look it up. The Crew soccer program that occurred did that end up having a positive impact on our budget in any shape, way or form? I know the number were down quite a bit.

Ms. Bauman: I would have to look at that for you.

Mrs. Kelly: That would be great because I know that that was one of the reasons behind doing that so. . .

Ms. Bauman: What types of information are you wanting exactly?

Mrs. Kelly: How has that program impacted our budget? That was one of the reasons we were looking at doing it. I see that we are asking for an increase but we are no longer are really running that program so while the other programs are moving we have really turned that over to the Crew. I really want to understand that connection and then I would love to know the number of kiddos that participated and if there is a way to find out if those kiddos that participated and were actual residents of Reynoldsburg.

Ms. Bauman: I believe the participation numbers were approximately 180. The percentage of Reynoldsburg residents I do not have. I can ask.

Mrs. Kelly: Do you know off the top of your head and it absolutely does not have to be exact-What were the numbers prior to the Crew program?

Ms. Bauman: Between 250-280 fall soccer is always less than spring soccer. Yes Mr. Clemens?

Mr. Clemens: Since she brought this up I would also like to know the amount of money that was paid into us that we made off our baseball program that was with Pataskala.

Ms. Bauman: You mean The Clippers?

Mr. Clemens: Do what now?

Mrs. Kelly: Yes that is what you were talking about.

Ms. Bauman: I will get that for you. Ok onto the Senior Center budget 343 is their items. Line 5339 we are requesting $10,500 that building is in need of interior painting, some dry wall issues that need to be addressed along with repairing the siding on the outside of the building. Any other question on the Senior Center budget?

Mr. Cotner: Anyone? Ok Councilman McGrady?

Mr. McGrady: Let me go back to where we were with the park. Where are with Pine Quarry park?

Ms. Bauman: Ok Pine Quarry Park In January they will open up the grant application process so I will be coming back to you requesting authorization to apply for a grant to see if we can get some monies to help repair those bridges.

Mr. McGrady: Ok and what about Mary Hudson's building?

Ms. Bauman: The Livingston house?

Mr. McGrady: Yes.

Ms. Bauman: I know Nathan discussed that in his budget but I am assuming it should come out of our budget and I do have 1 quote that comes in around –under- $9K to paint the house. We will get more moving forward.

Mrs. Kelly: I just would like to say that you are doing a fabulous job.

Mr. Cotner: Aside from that does anyone else have any questions? Can't make it too easy on her, right? I would echo that sentiment. You are doing a fabulous job and we appreciate you so thank you. Chief? We can't be that easy on you. Maybe you are going to be the one that gets all the heat.

Chief O'Neill: Thank you Chairman Cotner and members of Council. I would also like to start off discussing a couple of line items that may have drawn some attention for the 2015 budget because they are significantly larger or maybe even brand new items. The first one is line 5362 this was $24K in 2014 and we are asking $47K so almost a double of this particular line item. Basically due to 2 factors the largest of which is our Marks Radio System. We have been before council several times over the couple years discussing out migration from 400MHZ to 800 MHZ which is going to enable us to communicate directly with all the fire services and emergency personnel along with Columbus Police and Ohio Highway Patrol and any other adjoining agencies including Gahanna, Whitehall, Licking and Franklin

Sheriffs. Currently we are one of only 2 adjoining suburbs in central Ohio that are operating under a 400 MHz It severely hamstrings us when it time to start any kind of inter-agency activity whether it is a large scale operation or just raising someone from Columbus or one of the other agencies on the radio. We did spend a considerable amount of our drug forfeiture in special account money to procure the radios and what you are seeing in front of you. What you are seeing in front of you is just a monthly maintenance fee spread over 12 months but it works out to approximately $17K a year so that is a major increase. The 2nd component in this increase is our PLC system which operates the cameras and the doors in our building. You may remember we were here about 2 years ago and asking for money to upgrade. We did that. We were covered by warranty so we were not paying any maintenance on it for the first year and starting in 2015 they are going to hit us up for about $4K a year on the maintenance e so that is basically is the increase in 5362. 5632 is the cruiser or vehicle account. We did have a sizeable increase in this one also. The reason for the increase is we are trying to get back on a purchasing schedule that allows us to not over burden our street department or our street mechanic. He is spending a tremendous amount of money trying to keep our older cruisers just on the road. Not even what I would consider serviceable but at least they get the school resource officer back and forth to the schools. I would hate to see some of these older cruisers involved in a high speed pursuit. I just don't think that it is very safe. This actually has been sort of oncoming since 2003 when we didn't get approved for any vehicle purchases and we have been behind the 8 ball ever since. Similar to a lot of other agencies or a lot of other areas of the city where we have sort of put off and put off any kind of expenditure trying to catch up and right now this is our opportunity to do this. We are asking for 3 of the new SUVs that Ford has come out with. We are asking for the SUV as opposed to a cruiser because once we start to put all the electronics including the camera, the computer, the radar and everything else that is in there and a couple of radios it really almost eliminates the idea of a 2 person cruiser. There is just so much of the passenger seat taken up by what is now becoming normal police equipment. If we go with just a standard sized police cruiser we basically can't ride 2 people to a car ever. We don't typically engage in high speed activity so that the idea of the cruiser versus the SUV really doesn't come into play and quite frankly the economics of operating an SUV is becoming much more efficient so we are not even talking about major expenditures and the difference in gas consumption between the 2. We also are asking for $7k to purchase a training motorcycle. You've heard and seen our motor officers either in front of council or out on the street if you have driven anywhere in the city of Reynoldsburg I am sure you have seen them. We are required to maintain a certain level of training and unfortunately some of that training involves the bike ending up on the ground either on purpose or just the fact that some of these slow speed repetitious movements inevitably the bike is going to fall. In order not to bang up our good looking bikes that are out there right now we are asking for the training bike to be purchased. I think that covers our major differences. I don't know if you've had a chance to look it and if you have any specific questions regarding a line item in the budget I can try to answer your question now if I don't have an answer for you right up front then I am sure I can get it for you. I'd like to field any questions that you have.

Mr. McGrady: Good evening Chief. I have got a question for you. Have you considered starting from the top to put another boot on the ground consolidating down from the safety director duties into the chief's duties and then put another Lt. in there?

Chief O'Neill: Have I considered it? I have considered a lot of things but right now we have a safety director in place. I think that is a question for the mayor to answer in the event that the safety director decides to leave. I would always welcome another body in uniform over there. There is no question about it. I wasn't involved in the decision to separate the safety and service director. It is above my pay grade so to speak and I have not been asked to weigh in how I think it should go in the future but I am sure when the time comes I will have an answer for you.

Mr. McGrady: Well I will propose it to the mayor.

Mayor McCloud: Part of the dynamic if I could address this too is that the safety director position is created by charter so while it can and has been moved and consolidated and moved apart again there does need to be by charter a safety director.

Mrs. Kelly: I think you are fabulous.

Chief O'Neill: I was hoping someone would say that. I can go home happy now.

Mr. Clemens: I like you too.

Mr. Long: We all love you Chief.

Mr. Cotner: We should have kids sing more often before council meetings. Wow.

Mr. Long: We will all get together for a group hug. How's that?

Mrs. Kelly: That would be fun.

Mr. Cotner: Ok. Thank you very much. The plan President Joseph is we are going to have a meeting on the 15th . . . I guess what I am wondering is council members are we comfortable moving the budget forward? Mayor did you want to wait?

Mayor McCloud: I didn't mean to interrupt you. Yes I would ask if you would hold this until the 15th in case something else comes up.

Mr. Cotner: Ok. I kind of didn't want to move it next week but I wanted to get other thoughts on it. What we will do is just hold it here for another week, President Joseph?

Mr. Joseph: One question I have is what is the view of council as far as when we wrap up our business for the year? Everything I am hearing right now is the 15th. Technically we can go to the 22nd and still be well before Christmas because there are 5 Mondays in December. My view is we should take business out until the 22nd since it is not going to conflict with the Christmas holiday. That gives us more time to review the budget and any legislation that is coming down but obviously if council wants to move earlier that is councils decision but I think we should take it to the 4th Monday since there are 5 Mondays.

Mr. Long: Sure.

Mr. Joseph: We would have normal committees on the 15th and then we can wrap up all of our business on the 22nd. We can even have special committees that night if need be and if there is last minute discussion on the budget or anything else at that point.

Mr. Cotner: I am ok with the 15th or the 22nd. I know a lot of people do you know because schools are out that week and people will start traveling the 22nd but we are not going anywhere so I'm flexible. The budget is the main issue that we have which I think we can have wrapped up.

Mr. Clemens: It doesn't make any difference to me.

Mrs. Kelly: I'm good.

Mr. Cotner: Ok. Well then I will go ahead and just hold this for 2 weeks and we will discuss it next time.

ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO: CHAPTER 160 EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION SECTION 160.02 "AUTHORIZED POSITIONS, PERSONNEL, CLASSIFICATION AND PAY GRADE" SUBSECTION (a) "ADMINISTRATIVE"; SUBSECTION (f) "POLICE DEPARTMENT"; AND SUBSECTION (g) (1) "SERVICE DEPARTMENT".(Second reading 11/24/2014).

Mr. Cotner: Questions or comments this evening? Yes Councilman McGrady.

Mr. McGrady: I was premature last week but I am making a motion that we table this ordinance until such time we review all position descriptions within the city of Reynoldsburg. You have employees here within the service department who in 1998 pay grade who went from a 12 to a 10 so they are stepped out. The only increase that they are getting through whatever we pass here in the budget so I think it is time we review all position descriptions within the city. I want to make a motion that we table this until we review all position descriptions.

Mr. Cotner: Ok. Is there a second? There does not appear to be at this time. That motion dies from lack of a second. My opinion is I am all for reviewing those things. That is great and we should look into reviewing these things. I personally would not want to hold this up for those folks that we can do something about right now. If there are no other questions or comments. . . yes Councilman Long?

Mr. Long: Councilman McGrady there are a number of organizations here with the state and the Ohio Municipal League and also MORPC that came with their annual reports that give us an excellent source for the beginning of next year and we can take a look at the comparisons between different communities what different positions are paid. Not only that but they also include the actual position descriptions which is something we might want to take a look at for our personnel manual as well. I think I agree with Councilman Cotner. I am not in favor of holding this up at this point.

Mr. McGrady: So I heard what you said but tell me what you are saying? About MORPC? So what are you saying?

Mr. Long: When they come out with their. . . well you have been through the municipal training.

Mr. Skinner: What Mr. Long is saying that there will be an opportunity to get more information nut let's not hold it back for these folks affected and let's make this a multi-step thing. We get this cleared, get some more information at the begging of the year and I am all in favor of taking a look at that pretty quick too. No need to slow down these people.

Mr. McGrady: I hear what you are saying but I made reference to the fact that there are people who have been idle since 1998.

Mr. Skinner: We should jump on that too.

Mr. Clemens: I would have seconded and helped him out but there are not enough votes to worry about it. I will go along with what you said Chris but does this mean it is going to be another one of those drag it down the field for another year or two? Are we actually going to do something?

Mr. Long: That would be up to the administration, Mel. Whatever the Mayor decides and working with the information provided by the OML and MORPC.

Mayor McCloud: That will not happen. We will get the meaningful information to you in whatever format you want but this will not die for lack of movement by the administration.

Mr. Cotner: I don't think anyone is opposed to it Councilman McGrady but I think we are here and can do something on this issue and I know I personally would like to move this forward and do something on this one. With that being said I am going to make a motion that we go ahead and send this to council for its 3rd reading with recommendation for adoption. Seconded by Councilman Long. All in favor say aye.

Mr. Joseph: Roll call this one.

Ms. Beggerow:

Mr. Long: Aye, Mr. Skinner: Aye, Mrs. Kelly: Aye, Mr. McGrady: No, Mr. Clemens: Aye, Mr. Cotner: Aye.

Mr. Cotner: So we have 5 affirmative and 1 negative so we will send this to council next week for reading with a recommendation for adoption. If there is no further business we will adjourn at 8:22pm.

Finance Committee
- - -April L. Beggerow, Clerk of Council
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