



**FINANCE COMMITTEE - BARTH COTNER
MONDAY NOVEMBER 28, 2016**

**COMMITTEE MEETING: IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE PREVIOUS
MEETING**

**PLACE: COUNCIL CHAMBERS
7232 E. MAIN ST, REYNOLDSBURG, OH 43068**

1. Call to Order

PRESENT: Clemens, Cotner, Long, Skinner
ABSENT: Joseph

2. Approval of Agenda

Agenda stands approved.

3. Approval of Minutes

a. Finance Committee – Committee Meeting – November 14, 2016

Minutes stand approved.

4. Discussion

- a. Resolution Declaring the Necessity of an Election on the Question of Approving the Passage of an Ordinance to Amend Sections 191.02, 191.04, and 191.07 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Reynoldsburg, Ohio, in Order to Increase the City Income Tax by One Percent(1.0%) from the Current Rate of One and One-Half Percent (1.5%) to a Rate of Two and One-Half Percent(2.5%), Beginning July 1, 2017, and Declaring an Emergency. (Second Reading 12/12/2016.)**

Mr. Harris: Good evening Councilman Cotner and Members of Council, that was the initial draft, I have gotten an updated draft since then, I got it late Wednesday afternoon, sent it to April. The things that have changed in it, back last year when Substitute House Bill 5 was passed by the State, we redid the Code to put in Section 190, for the new tax code. The one you will be getting has section 190 instead of 191, because we had to keep 191 because we had to keep 191 because we can audit back 6 years and 191 still had to be around or we could not collect it. So, this will say 190. The part in there that I think a lot of people were interested in looking at, I will read it to you, this is the Purpose Clause for the tax levy, "To provide funds for the purposes of general municipal operations, maintenance, new equipment and capital improvements, including but not limited to the payment of debt service charges on related securities and the costs related to municipal recreation complex, the City of Reynoldsburg hereby levies an annual municipal income tax on income qualifying wages, commissions, and other compensation, and on net profits, as in here and after provided."

That was the things that everyone wanted to look at and see if there needed to be changes. Obviously, we still have time here to get those changes done and meet your schedule. So, if you guys want to talk about that I can have Mr. Franzman change whatever, understanding that if you do want to make changes, I will talk to him and report back to you on the consequences of those changes. I think one of the things you want to make sure you don't do is lock yourself in on something that 10 or 15 years from now you think is a bad idea. If you have any questions, I will certainly be glad to answer them.

Chairman Cotner: Councilman Clemens.

Councilman Clemens: I am not opposed to this Dick but I am not crazy about it being an emergency.

Mr. Harris: It does not have to be there until February 1. The reason the Emergency is in that is what you are asking the voters to do with this is to authorize Council to pass this ordinance. The election is going to be the first week in May, but they are not going to certify the election until the end of May so it has to be in effect by July 1. So, you have to pass it in June as an Emergency to get it effective May 1. The part that does not have to be done as an Emergency is to get this done to send it to the Board of Elections to do that, and it has to be there and effective by February 1. So, if you pass it in December sometime, you can still make that.

Councilman Clemens: That is the one I was concerned about.

Mr. Harris: The one that you see where the emergency language is on the ordinance that you have to pass if this passes the election, that you will have to pass as an emergency.

Councilman Clemens: I understand that. I am just not in favor of going emergency as far as this ordinance is concerned.

Mr. Harris: There is no reason, you have got plenty of time. You have until February 1.

Chairman Cotner: We can do this with all three readings, pass regular, without the Emergency, on this?

Mr. Harris: If you send it forward for first reading tonight, you will have two meetings in December, you pass it at the second one, and the Mayor signs it right away, then you are ready to go. It will be effective 30 days afterward, so by the middle of January or so, the 20th of January, whatever the date would be, it would be effective.

Chairman Cotner: Anyone else have questions for the Auditor? Thank you very much.

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- b. Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with Kirch Group Technologies LLC, for Information Technology Services for the Period of January 1, 2017 through DECEMBER 31, 2017 and Declaring an Emergency. (First Reading 11/28/2016 - Requesting Emergency Adoption at Second Reading).

Chairman Cotner: Mr. Mayor, do you have comments on this item?

Mayor McCloud: This is just to formalize what we had talked about previously in Committee, that we did have a resignation of our IT Director and we are going to be able to provide the same quality, if not higher, for a lower price. This allows us to enter into that contract.

Chairman Cotner: And this is for the year 2017?

Mayor McCloud: Correct

Chairman Cotner: January 1, 2017 thru December 31, 2017. Questions?

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- c. Ordinance Authorizing Mayor to Enter into Contract for City Insurance for 2017 and Declaring an Emergency. (First Reading 11/28/2016- Requesting Emergency Adoption at Second Reading).

Chairman Cotner: Comments from anyone on this item?

Mayor McCloud: Again, this is a housekeeping item to the extent that it simply allows me to enter into contract to provide the insurance benefits for our City Employees.

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- d. Ordinance Authorizing City Auditor to Remove Equipment from the City's Fixed Asset List. (Police Department). (Second Reading 11/28/2016).

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- e. Ordinance Authorizing the Service Director to Apply for and Accept the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Land & Water Conservation Grant; and Declaring an Emergency. (First Reading 11/14/2016~ Requesting Emergency Adoption Upon 2Nd Read).

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- f. Ordinance Authorizing Contract of City's Health Insurance Coverage with Medical Mutual of Ohio for the Period from January 1 2017 through December 31, 2018 and Declaring an Emergency. (First Reading 11/14/2016~ Requesting Emergency Adoption Upon 2Nd Read).

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- g. 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, 2017. (Second Reading 11/14/2016).

2Chairman Cotner: I understand that the Service Director and Street Department have a little bit to share about their Budget.

Mr. Sampson: Thank you Chairman Cotner and Council Members. This was an exciting experience as it was my first budget as Service Director. Let me go through the highlights. Under the Streetscape Maintenance Contract, this includes and increase of \$18,000 annually, but this will also include the right-of-way area on the east side of route 256. That is the property that is in front of the Olive Garden and Panera Bread. This is a main entrance way into the city and fortunately we have on the opposite side, we are working with Mannik-Smith to take care of that area. So, are goal is to have that cleaned up and have that as a landscaped low maintenance area that enlightens that part of our city.

Councilman Clemens: This is the section we have discussed with you.

Mr. Sampson: Yes Sir.

Councilman Clemens: That is good. I am glad.

Mr. Sampson: Under the miscellaneous contract services, this includes and increase of \$20,000. One of the things I have gotten up to speed on is the decorative light painting on Main Street. This will be used to finish the painting of the decorative light poles. We currently have 40 remaining. A new vehicle for the Building Department. We have a 1998 standard shift pickup truck remaining that we would like to replace with another Jeep Cherokee. This would bring the departments auto fleet in line with the current staffing. With that, I can answer questions.

Chairman Cotner: Does anyone have questions?

Councilman Long: I just think that the Mayor and all of the Department Heads have done an incredible job with the Budget this year considering what we have had over the last couple of years. We have been able to replace a lot of our fleet, and we have fallen back to what we consider to be normal levels and everyone has helped with that so thank you very much.

Chairman Cotner: No other questions? You look ready.

Mr. Kundtz: Thank you. I have nothing but decreases in my Budget because we are not asking for any equipment in Street or Stormwater. The only increases was a couple of thousand dollars for new diagnostic equipment for the mechanics to try to keep up with the repairs.

Chairman Cotner: This is an opportunity for questions while we have the chance. Yes Sir, Mr. Luzader.

Councilman Luzader: Thank you, Mr. Cotner. I noticed there is an increase in the stormwater for when we propose to go to monthly billing. I can't remember what the split is between you guys and the Water Department.

Mr. Kundtz: Certainly the Auditor would know more than I would. The increases that I put in the Budget are in anticipation of working out the details. I would rather be prepared than come back.

Mr. Harris: Currently stormwater and solid waste are paid up front instead in the rears. So, when they go to monthly billing, one month you are going to have people who have already paid stormwater. You will have two cycles where people have already paid, and then one cycle. So, you are going to have to ween off that being pre-paid since you are going to go to that being paid currently. I can get you the numbers on it since it has been effected since you were here Mr. Luzader because they are now paying the Clean River Charge out of the Stormwater Department. So, we have to look and see how much that is going to be. There is going to be about \$20,000 or so that is going to be coming out of the Stormwater Fund. The revenue is going to drop by that much initially, but then it will pick back up within a couple of months.

Councilman Luzader: I just could not remember what the percentage was that the stormwater pays, and different things like that.

Mr. Harris: When you get you bill, there is three months worth of stormwater on it. One is current, and two are up front. They are paying one half of one person in the Water Department.

Councilman Luzader: I thought that was what it was but I could not remember for sure. Thanks Dick.

Chairman Cotner: Any other questions or comments? Last, but not least, Mr. Root.

Mr. Root: It is a pretty basic budget. We have no equipment purchases. We are just going to continue our large meter replacement program. We should be up to date in the next couple of years with our newer style meters. I think Brett, the cost that is mostly for postage and processing the bills, it is split four ways equally over water, sewer refuge, and stormwater.

Councilman Luzader: That is part of what I was wanting to get at because I know on the Stormwater Budget it had listed out that some of the things were increased and there was no reason why it was increased and I just wanted to get the percentages together.

Mr. Root: It is for mailing and postage. We set a date for Summer, but obviously that date can change, and you will be going from 4000 bills a month to over 12,000. So that covers postage and the cost of mailing out the bills.

Chairman Cotner: Other comments, questions? Thank you very much and Mayor thank you for helping with the Budget and getting everyone together and making sure they knew to come to speak. It gives us the opportunity to think about it and look at the year ahead. Along with what Mr. Long said, it is great to see a working Budget and we are moving forward right now.

Mr. Root: Thank you.

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- h. 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. (Second Reading 11/14/2016).

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- i. 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. (Second Reading 11/14/2016).

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