MINUTES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
REYNOLDSBURG CITY COUNCIL
November 17, 2014

Members of Community Development Committee present: Leslie Kelly, Cornelius McGrady, III, Barth Cotner, Chris Long, Scott Barrett, 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 11/03/2014.

Discussion: Community Center.

Mrs. Kelly: Before I open it up for discussion, I would like to give everyone an update. Donna and I met last week and we discussed the positive potential of a rec center, what it could potentially bring to our city and the number of possibilities regarding how it could be configured. We will be meeting Donna and I with a couple of folks next Monday to further discuss those possibilities and to decide next steps. Does anybody have any questions? Just to give a little background, a few years ago there was a committee, in case some people don't know or don't remember, there was a committee that explored a community rec center specifically at that time considering working with the Y. So Donna was able to find some of the notes that we had from that original group, so we are not starting from ground zero we can go back and look at some of the work that was done previously as well. Any questions?

Mr. Barrett: Did they do anything like the Ad Hoc report that we've been talking about?

Mrs. Kelly: No, there was not really an Ad Hoc report. There are some, at least I didn't…. Donna, did you ever find like a report?

Mrs. Bauman: No nothing official, just our notes and conversation with the Y.

Mrs. Kelly: And Barth was actually the Chair of that weren't you Barth?

Mr. Cotner: I was. So that was before I was actually on Council so that would be about 6 years ago that we did that. 7 years ago. We talked with several people and there were several City people that shared thoughts and the Auditor had given us some numbers and projections and at that time the Development Director was working in conjunction with the Parks & Rec Director and so there were quite a few people that were involved in it. Myself and Dr. Greenway from the Reynoldsburg Methodist church were the co-chairs of the Committee so it was again, there was good momentum and there's some different faces in that room so it was a positive effort moving forward. The reality is the budget issues and that's where it was kind of put on hold so...

Mrs. Kelly: I was on the committee as well, we did have a lot of, and I thought it had a pretty good representation from the community a variety and pretty good diversity of community members. At the next committee meeting in 2 weeks, hopefully we'll have a good action plan of next steps. Any questions? Donna, anything you would like to share that I missed?

Mrs. Bauman: No mam.

Mrs. Kelly: Great. Then I will bring the Community Development meeting to a close at 7:33.

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Community Development
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November 17, 2014

MINUTES FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
REYNOLDSBURG CITY COUNCIL
November 17, 2014

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

President of Council Doug Joseph was present.

Chairman Cotner called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

Approval of Agenda.

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

Discussion: Ad Hoc Committee Report (2011); addressing structural imbalance; possible adjustments & Income Tax Rate Increase.

Mr. Cotner: Questions, Comments or Statements to start on this this evening? Anyone?
We will be getting into budget issues shortly. We have kept this on here to make sure the dialogue contains and that everyone is aware of the issues. Yes, Councilman Barrett?

Mr. Barrett: I laid off a week. I am back to it. Two committee nights ago I kind of asked our group “What’s the gap in moving?’ because we seem to really struggle in this area apparently. Mr. Long you brought up really good point that you just don’t feel that we are at an emergency yet. I really digested that because it was a good observation. I tried to get my arms around it. I’ve been making notes-more notes. These are some of things that have just come out recently. We talk about the pay parody and the lack of regarding our 160 employees and the struggle that the city and specifically administration does in obtaining and holding on to good people. We seem to be a breeding ground for others and once they are trained and have some background they can move on real easy. We talk about-well it has been a while-but code enforcement really. It has not made a lot of headway. You drive around Reynoldsburg-I don’t even know if we have the minimum part time people yet but that is clearly lacking. Interestingly enough and I think the Chief brought up some great points recently about how our city has continued to grow and our police needs continue to increase. What really I didn’t get even though I knew we need a few more on the street or more feet on the street with the police but I didn’t really connect the dots on the added expense to our infrastructure or what that means-higher activity, ,more court cases-I mean it loads down our entire system. We are talking about now potential critical strategic investments for our city that are now on the table that has never been available before. That’s the pool and that area. That is just not a potential but that is a key strategic area for the city. Really it can’t be ignored. We have an aged vehicle fleet and I don’t think anyone will argue that. We do wonderful with what little we have. It is hand to mouth. What’s the worse of the worst and let’s get going on it. I would be remiss if I didn’t mention the wonderful condition of our streets. I found a new one the other day. Have you been down Rodebaugh lately? Rodebaugh has much more traffic than it ever has. Those are some of the newer developments. They did the Crystal

Lake. Rodebaugh is still very much a country road. No improvements have gone into that. Let alone Main Street which is the welcome mat for Reynoldsburg. We haven't really touched on the rental issue but that is a pretty big issue and how to handle that. Depending on who you talk to we have a very very high number of rentals in this city. It probably outnumbers owned property. There may be a house across from me and someone owns it but there is a renter in it. Then there is the parks right? Everyone has some nice news on that. Now on top of everything else we have parks we can't use, we have more infrastructures that we cannot fix. I guess what I started wondering is when is this going to be an emergency for this council to take an action. When is the warning light finally going to be the beacon of common sense. Make some tough decisions. This is not going to be caught up with ½ % tax increase though I would love it too. Any administration would be crippled with the limitations we are putting these people under. Every year we sit and smack each other on the back and say what a wonderful job we've done during the budget process. How have you been able to make it-make the budget you know get all these things to happen with the income projections? You know what they have done is a wonderful job-that's true but really what they have done is they found a way to run in place and pretty much put out immediate fires. That is not a way to run a city. It is not a way to run a business. If anyone ran a business like that they wouldn't have to worry about running a business for very long. It's ridiculous. So I guess I don't anticipate a lot of action when I have these little tirades of mine but I would like you to think about how-particularly now with this budget sitting in front of us in a timely manner. No interim-everything is in front of us so what is our excuse for not doing something? We have a great stats that come from Mr. Harris about how we are operating in the 1.5% tax range and everyone else is 2.5%.We know about how we compare around central Ohio. I am sure we can do that again. I'm sure he'd be happy in fact he might even stand up when I am done. I just implore this group to try and find out. You do not need to meet my opinion but come to some kind of solution to take this city to help put it on the right course. There is no single leader. We have some really good department heads and directors. They can't do it without funding-you just can't. You cannot run a city like that. With that being said-I hopefully have spawned some comments. Thank you.

Mr. Cotner: My only comment for starters is what is your plan?

Mr. Barrett: Credit adjustment.

Mr. Cotner: And you said we are not going to fix it with a ½ % increase and a credit adjustment brings in only about that ½ % dollar amount anyway. We are not talking about something that is a long term solution.

Mr. Barrett: I think that it depends on the amount of the credit adjustment.

Mr. Cotner: So you are suggesting eliminating the entire credit?

Mr. Barrett: Frankly I think it would be a good starting point. We can always give it back. Eventually someone is going to have to pay. It's painful Barth. I hear it.

Mr. Cotner: I think everyone is paying.

Mr. Barrett: Are they? Who’s paying? Who’s paying for this whole list that I just spoke about? No one is paying for it. We have got-that was new to me. I love the idea that we invest it in a house that we are watching fall apart in front of us. That’s great. We should sell postcards with that. How can that be? We are better than that.

Mr. Cotner: I agree. It would be good to get rid of that house. Yes.

Mr. Barrett: So you asked me who was paying. No one is paying.

Mr. Cotner: I think there are a lot of people who would disagree with that. A lot of people will disagree with that comment. Are we paying enough? That might be a different question. Is it the right way? I disagree with you on that that we are not paying. There are a lot of people that work very had to pay and are struggling to pay as they can. That is my only disagreement and I don’t want to argue about that. I’m just saying I still disagree on the tax credit issue. I mean that is your only solution that you are bringing and I don’t think we are getting anywhere with that solution. I think we need to find something. If you keep asking the same question I don’t know if you expect council members to hear it in a different way. I guess that is where I am kind of wondering what you are hoping to accomplish when you keep asking the same question that is answered the same way too. Do we have another strategy?

Mr. Barrett: How about this? Is it possible to sell a park?

Mr. Cotner: To sell a park? I think that is a question for maybe the city attorney or one of his. . .

Mr. Hood: I don’t know the answer to that.

Mr. Barrett: Who wants that one?

Mr. Harris: Let me try to answer that. A lot of the park land here was donated or was part of an agreement with housing when it was built like Huber Park and some of the other ones. Generally park land was given to the city because you cannot build anything on it. I don’t know what the fair market value is of Civic Park when you can’t put a building on it. So I am not sure that selling a park even if you could do it which I would say is probably not possible because most of this is done through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and you have to promise it will stay a park forever-so I don’t think you can sell that. Can you sell a building? Yes I guess you can but I don’t know what building we’ve got that you want to sell and if you do sell something it’s only a 1 year fixed so it is not a long term answer to the city’s problem. As you look at going to the ballot I got the information on the November 4th election and there were 30 some tax levies on the ballot and about ½ of them passed and ½ of them didn’t pass. There are people out there that are passing tax increases so there are things other than the tax credit but as I said when I spoke a few weeks ago you guys have to find something you all agree on and get behind it and then put together a plan on how you are going to pass it. I know I talked to Jim Bell over at Huber Heights and he is the Finance Director over there and it took them about a year to get everything done that needed to be done and they got 54% of the votes. It is not that it is impossible to get a tax to pass but what we have done up to this point has not been successful. People don't understand our problem or they chose to ignore our problem. I am not sure which one it is but we have to convince people that we need the money. I think I know we need the money, I think most of you understand the capital needs of the city. Mr. Burd sent you a pretty ugly map last week or the week before on the condition of the streets and the number of streets in this city that need to be worked on. Those are all things that have to go into a total package to do this. Now the Community Development Committee is talking about a rec center on top of that and I think that is certainly doable if you go to 2.5%. I know you have also mentioned the pool situation which would be part of that. There are a lot of things here to talk about but you have to get together and come behind one plan if it is to do it with the rec center or an addition on the senior center then we need to rally around that rather than decide to divide and conquer on Monday night and come up with something you all agree on. Because unless you all go forward together and agree on this then I think it becomes more and more difficult to get some kind of tax increase. Take that for what you think it is worth.

Mr. Cotner: So no we can't sell a park?

Mr. Harris: No. If you could I am not sure what you would pay for it.

Mr. Cotner: I am just making sure. Mrs. Kelly?

Mrs. Kelly: I agree with Auditor Harris. I think it is more though than just convincing people that we need money. I think that the pool is a great example. We've all gotten a lot of communications from different people in the community talking about what the pool has meant to them. For folks that grew up here everybody has stories about that. There is a tie there. My own children have been on the swim team there and we have spent a lot of years and a lot of summers there, there is something there that people believe in. I think that the key is that we give the community something to get behind. The what to get behind is what we are still trying to figure out. As far as the rec center hopefully over the next few weeks we will be able to come up with a good plan at least with what we need to go forward and how to get that started. I think that is the key. We need something for the community to get behind and then how to communicate that. I know we have tried a number of different things and I think the key is to keep plugging away and to keep trying because until the community gets behind it we are going to have a hard time getting them to vote for it.

Mr. Cotner: We have no idea if the community would vote for a community center. We know that we have some research that has shown people are interested in that and there has been some of that done. We know that Parks and Rec. has done very well and we all saw that memo from Mr. Brown before he left how well those issues did around the state. We have not tried this approach. We have not asked and we have never been turned down on this so that is my theory and my feeling is when we talk about property values and trying to increase those things people look for something in their communities. Reynoldsburg is a great community with hard working people. I think there are still people who look to that and they want some of those amenities. I see Mr. Harris has stood back up again but I was going to ask him a question anyway so if I can fire that first.

Mr. Harris: Lay it on me.

Mr. Cotner: How would you see for example if council chose the rec center as a possibility 1%? That 1% does not entirely go to fund a rec center so can you explain how that process would go where some of those monies would not all be used for a rec center but still be used for other projects in the city.

Mr. Harris: As long as you put it on the ballot-the wording on the ballot is the key. As long as you don't put any restrictions on that as to what is going to go to this and what is going to go to that you can use it for whatever you want. I know when I spoke to the group you were with about the rec center back in what 2007? Or 2008? Whatever year it was. They were talking about $12-$15 million. Those buildings can be financed over 30 years and interest rates right now are very favorable and will be for another year or 18 months. You can certainly fit a payment for $15million into well under a million a year. $6 million still leaves you $5 million. It certainly is doable and still leaves you enough money to put $3-$4million in the streets and get some more police officers or whatever council comes up in their wisdom and the mayor obviously since he has to sign off on anything you pass. He has a little veto right there obviously. His priorities ae going to have to be a part of what the monies are used for. From talking with the Mayor I am pretty sure he is not in favor of letting the streets go any further and he certainly would like more police officers. Is that a fair statement Mr. McCloud? I don't think we are talking about anything that is detrimental to the community by adding more police officers or adding a rec center. You can certainly fit that in to that $6million. We can get it financed fairly easily. In fact I am further ahead on the financing than the people who were designing a building would be. I can throw that together in 2-3 months once we get some solid numbers from architects or whoever else has to get involved. If you put it in as a city park you already own the ground, water, sewer and I know with Huber Park there would be a way in off of Livingston Ave. as well as Davidson Drive

Mr. Cotner: I think the Mayor talked about this time frame on something like this of 2016. It is definitely a strategy to research, ask questions, ask the community, get feedback and involve as many people as we can. Again that is not a magic solution. I think there are still things to discuss about it but certainly a possibility. Yes, Chairman Long?

Mr. Long: Thank you Chairman Cotner. I would caution everybody to even consider the fact of leading with the Y or the Community Rec. Center-we won't even call it a Y. And Dick there was actually one on the ballot here in November that did fail and it was Orange Township. It is one thing to go to the people and ask them to pay for a service like that on their taxes but then it is another thing once the public realizes that they still have to pay a membership to belong there. Yea I believe we can go ahead and cite Nathans memo on the streets and I mean there is clear justification to go back to the people. We can talk to the Police Chief and there is clear justification to go back to the people. We can talk to our Clerk of Courts and talk to our city attorneys about their current case loads and there is clear justification there to go back to the people. We need to be able to go to the people and say these are needs. As soon as it becomes perception in the public's mind that we are throwing a want out there and that it is something that isn't definitive to the public and needed to the community that way we are going to lose.

Mr. Cotner: And that is . . . no question about it. I don't say that a community center or YMCA or whatever it would be is not a guarantee by any means. And I realize that myself-again purely speaking personally I felt like it is a good investment for a long time but we have a lot of needs. I totally agree with you and my only difference is that people can relate to something positive. They can relate to hopefully building and looking towards investing something into their community. I totally agree with you and I totally get what you are trying to say for sure. Any other comments then? We shall move forward but we will hold this for 2 more weeks and move to item 5.

Discussion: Request to Pass the Solid Waste Charges for 2015-2017.

Mr. Harris: You drew the short straw and got me. As Mr. Burd explained to council over the last few months the solid waste contract has been signed for the years 2015-2017 It is remaining at the price it is now, there are 2 variables that can cause that to change. One is if diesel fuel goes over $3.90 a gallon and the other is if the tip charges from Sawco would go up. We are asking for no increase on 2015-2016 and the reason I am bringing this forward is the ordinance that authorized us to charge ends at the end of 2014 so therefore at this point we have no authority on the bills for 2015-2017. We built in a .25 cent increase based on fuel charges for 2017 but 2015 and 2016 will stay at the current rates that they are. If there are any questions I will be glad to answer them.

Mr. Cotner: No questions it appears.

Mr. Harris: I must have explained that real good.

Mrs. Kelly: Good job.

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

All: Aye Motion stands.

Discussion: Changes to Chapter 160.09 "Group Insurance".

Mayor McCloud: Thank you Councilman Cotner and members of council. The legislation proposed before you is essentially some housekeeping verbiage. When the Affordable Healthcare Act went into effect it changed what had previously been defined as full time eligible for insurance to something less than full time eligible for insurance. Likewise for the life insurance that we offer so this is simply proposing to change to be consistent with the Affordable Healthcare Act.

Mrs. Kelly: Mayor McCloud in section A of the 160.09 group insurance I just have a quick question. It is number 1 where it says effective January 1 2014 eligible employees and each newly elected official-I know that we had as a council decided that we would no longer take the insurance with the city and I am confused with the language and why it says “council on there? Am I wrong on that?

Mayor McCloud: I think it means those who were newly elected as of January 2014 is my understanding.

Mrs. Kelly: I guess here is my question-When it talks about eligible employees and then each newly elected official is it referring to when it says eligible council is part time? So we would not be eligible because we don’t meet the more than 25 hours? 30 hours? I just want to make sure I am . . . ?

Mr. Harris: Full time elected official.

Mrs. Kelly: But full time is being crossed out so I want to make sure that eligible means. . .

Mr. Harris: It is for elected officials who are full time are the only ones eligible according to a different ordinance for. . . The mayor, Jed and I get insurance because we are full time. You guys because you are not full time and you are under 30 hours are not eligible.

Mrs. Kelly: Right. Right I just want to make sure that that was not changed.

Mr. Harris: But there are elected officials and for example the mayor and city attorney are up if there would be some kind of change in the insurance they would have to be included in that and that is why it says that.

Mrs. Kelly Right I just wanted to make sure that that was not changing because I know as a council we had made that decision. We did not feel that that was an expense that the city needed to take on. Thank you.

Mr. Cotner: Any other questions for the mayor? I am going to make a motion to send this to council with recommendation for adoption as an emergency. Seconded by Mr. Long. All in favor say aye.

All: Aye Motion carries

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. (First reading 11/10/2014).

Mr. Cotner: Tonight we are going to have Mr. Burd come and enlighten us. It’s a lot of pressure I know.

Mr. Burd: Thank you Chairman Cotner and members of council. I can do this any way you like. What I was going to do was talk about the service department and the items that are changing from last year then we can go from there with questions or any other comments that you may have. If you look at department 448 in your budget documents that is the service department and I am going to focus my comments on section 5300. Those are our services and that is where most of what we do is. I talk about it every year we do the budget but I just wanted to point it out again that the largest part of my budget is street lighting. It is about ½ of our services section of the budget. We are not increasing it over what it was in 2014. We are going to hold it at $255K. We think that will be sufficient but every year I want to make sure that everyone knows that that is the largest part of our budget. In the draft you have of the budget down at item 5331 that is engineering. Right now we have $75K written in there and that is an increase from last year. As you all know we have a contract with EMH&T to be our municipal engineer. That contract does not exceed $75K annually. When I first wrote the budget my plan was to put that entire amount in my budget basically for ease of paying invoices and paying bills. I spoke to Auditor Harris about this a few times including tonight and we may revise that and divide that $75K up into different departments that may use it. He has some reasoning for that to be a better way to do this so that will likely change from the$75K to a lesser amount. Regardless of where it is paid from there is a cap on how much that is and it is $75K. The next line 5339 miscellaneous contract services we are decreasing that section of the budget. Last year we were appropriated $45K. I think $35K will be sufficient. We have things that we pay for annually out of there. The largest being our mosquito control program and then we also use those funds for various things that may come up throughout the course of a year that are unforeseen when we are budgeting. $35K I think is more than a safe amount for that so that will be a $10K decrease from last year. One area that I want to increase is 5367 that is street scape maintenance. We talk about this area a lot and there are some very clear reasons why I would like to go from $73K to $90K. The first is that our Main Street maintenance is going to expire at the end of this year so we are going to have to go back out to bid for those services for the next 2 years. I am certain that we are going to be paying more for those services than we have the last 2 years. We haven't gone out to bid yet and I don't know exactly what the number will be but I am very confident that it is going to be more than what we have been paying and I would like to have enough in the budget to make sure that we can continue to take care of street scape. The 2nd reason and we have talked about this as well. State Route 256 up near the I-70 area the hill as we call it where at the top of there is the Olive Garden, I-Hop, Panera and I think a TGIFridays up there. A lot of those businesses are just blocked by weeds, vegetation and growth and we have sort of nibbled at the problem the last couple of years. We made sure that our sign was visible and that was a nice step in the right direction. Last year we had the corner mowed down and that was a nice temporary improvement. What we would like to do in 2015 is fix it permanently. What that would mean is taking down all of the stuff in our right of way that is blocking the businesses. And we need to do something to the ground to keep that from coming back whether or not it is prairie grass or some other type of seeding. It is a big problem. The businesses aren't happy about it. I don't blame them for not being happy about it. It is not very slightly. It really is a shame because if you drive a little bit more down the road you are in Pickerington and their stuff is all maintained and ours is not. I believe that with this amount of funding we could take care of that and keep it looking good into the future. Something else that we talk about yearly but we had a record year with people driving into our brick walls. Not the kind of record that we'd like to set. We normally have a couple thousand dollars here and a couple thousand dollars there or repairing brick walls that people have driven their car into. This year we are at $20K and we still have one pending. These do not get fixed as quickly as people would like. We often have to deal with insurance companies and sometimes there are legal proceedings but we want to have money in the budget to continue to repair these walls. I certainly hope that needing to spend $20K is not the norm. I hope that people stop running into our brick walls with their cars but we do need to have money in the budget for that purpose just in case. I would never have thought that we would spend that much on that and this year we have. That is another unfortunate thing that we need to fund. Moving on to section 5398 that is tree/grass service. I talk about this every year and I am going to keep talk about it. I need more money here. We get $15K annually for this. Last year we spent $18K just on code compliance mowing. We actually were above budget and we had to cover those funds by finding it somewhere else in the service section of the budget. This year we are right at $15K. We are right at the max for code compliance mowing and I think we have a couple more invoices yet to pay for work that was done just a week or two ago which is hard to believe we were mowing and now it's 4 inches of snow but that's life now a days. If you notice it is tree/grass. We do nothing with trees. I have talked about this before. I am using every dollar of this to keep residential and commercial yards mowed there really is nothing left for me to take down dead ash trees-which there are many of-and other trees that are threatening to our streets or public infrastructure. I am requesting a $30K which would be doubling the budget. I will tell you that other cities spend a lot more than that for this type of item and I think it is something that we really need to do. I will be happy with any increase above$15K but I think $30K would put us in a place where we could really start to get a handle on some of the challenges that we have. The last item I was going to highlight tonight was 5399 other misc. services. I believe it was Councilman McGrady last week that who talked about the Livingston House being painted. That has been put in my budget so you see we have an estimated $11,500 estimated to for that. We normally only put $2K in this part of the budget. It's honestly for just small things that come up annually but this year we will paint the Livingston House with the funds that are appropriated on that line item. So those are the things that I wanted to highlight. Those are the things that are changing I believe just about everything else is either at or below what we normally budget. I will point out on supplies 5213that was the infamous toilet paper line that we had a few weeks ago where we had to come back and ask for more money for supplies. We don't want to have to come back again so we put that back at a level that will allow us to fund materials and maintenance on our public building. That is one area that is slightly changing. I will be happy to answer any questions you have about anything I have disused or have not discussed thus far.

Mr. Cotner: How much with those brick walls-do we get most of that back?

Mr. Burd: Yes sometimes insurance companies will pay and we will get it back. It goes back in the general fund. I don't know a percentage of what we get back or how much we've gotten back. I just know how much we have to pay to get them fixed. We do get some back but not all of them.

Mr. Roth: When we prosecute people for OMVI or failure to control or whatever caused them to go off the road we try and work that into the sentence. That they have to make restitution. The judges haven't been very willing to do that when you have an indigent person represented by the public defenders who doesn't have insurance and now we have to pay $5K or $6K so it doesn't frequently happen. When the people have insurance we try to make that part of their plea agreement. Unfortunately the people that crash into walls aren't normally the most responsible citizens.

Mr. Cotner: Mr. Harris you wouldn't have any idea on what we get on that?

Mr. Harris: No. The thing you have to understand is the way the law works on that is that is when we get restitution it becomes a revenue for the city. I can look up and see what it is. I have no idea.

Mr. Cotner: I'm just curious.

Mr. Harris: I can look it up and send you a note this week on how much it is. My guess is that it is around half.

Mr. Cotner: Obviously there is nothing we can do about it. It is just frustrating.

Mr. Burd: This is the first year when it is really been large enough to be eye opening. Usually it really is just a couple here and there. We had the Walgreens wall-it was wrecked and then it was wrecked while it was in the process of being fixed. Then it was wrecked again and then it was fixed and it was then wrecked again. We are actually looking at option to do something there and then we also ask ourselves should there even be a wall here. It is actually holding up some infrastructure which makes it more challenging. We had 3 or 4 accidents at 1 corner and then the car the one at CVS now that is pending that was a very bad accident. A very bad accident. Just an odd year with all of these things.

Mr. Long: Nathan I understand the $30K for grass and trees. And we do file liens against people's properties in order to get our payments back? Do you know in 2014 how much you have collected? Here goes City Auditor again. He is getting out his book. I guess m 2nd question on that is when we receive it is it placed back into your budget?

Mr. Burd: No it is not but we have been speaking. . .

Mr. Harris: It's the same way. By law that is revenue for the city. We probably get-when you appropriate money or when you send some stuff down to the counties to collect it doesn't always come back at one time. If it is over$ 400 which for residential it rarely gets over that but it can. Anything over that is taken over 10 years. I know that you pay with your next bill. We have these things coming in all the time and its thousands of dollars but it does not go back against the expenditures. Expenditures were made in previous years. So it just becomes a revenue line.

Mr. Long: It is a rolling revenue line. What did we get in 2014?

Mr. Harris: Let me look here.

Mr. Long: I understand the need Nathan but I am just trying to illustrate the fact that we are not paying it willy nilly every year without getting it back.

Mr. Burd: And something else to keep in mind is for every time we have to do this there is an administrative fee. So we are not just having them pay the cost of the mowing. They are paying $75 in addition to that for the time the various staff members spend organizing it so the amount that we assess every year when I bring that list forward-it is a pretty big number. As for what gets collected and when it gets collected I am not sure.

Mr. Harris: It's somewhere between $28K-$35K a year.

Mr. Long: Thank you sir.

Mr. Cotner: Other questions for the Service Director and his budget?

Mrs. Kelly: Good job Nathan.

Mr. Long: Thanks Nathan.

Mr. McGrady: Praise the Lord for 256.
Mr. Burd: Yes we are going to make it a priority. I just want to say if you have other questions I know this isn't being voted on tonight please don't hesitate to contact me. I also work with the street, water and

billing department heads if you want to talk to them about their budgets we are available anytime. We here if you need us.

Mr. Cotner: If there are no other questions then we will let you free. I will make a motion to send this to council for its second reading. Seconded by Councilman Long. All in favor say aye.

All: Aye Motion carries.

Mr. Cotner: Two weeks again the Mayor will have maybe another couple of directors here and we will do the same thing and keep going through some of these. We have another week to talk through these and make sure we know what we are sending forward. Questions or comments? I know there are always available to meet outside council hours and they are always available by phone and email as well. We have a lot of people that are very responsive if you need something so don't hesitate to call then ahead of time and get the information that you are looking for. Ok next item this evening is. . .

ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO: SECTIONS 160.01 "DEFINITIONS" AND SECTION 160.07 "LONGEVITY"; of CHAPTER 160 <u>EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION</u> AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (First reading 11/10/2014). (Requests passage at second reading).

Mr. Cotner: Do we have any other questions on this topic tonight? Yes Sir Mr. McGrady?

Mr. McGrady: When this came about last time there was a request for clarity on this. It seems to run together and I am looking at it again and I do not know if those changes were made. So my question before you fire is in this document here when are you saying the individual's seniority time starts?

Mr. Harris: The seniority time starts on the date that they were hired.

Mr. McGrady: Not after probation?

Mr. Harris: No. You get to claim seniority prior to probation. This has nothing to do with seniority.

Mr. McGrady: I understand that. Then after the 5th year then they will get the lump sum in the 6th year?

Mr. Harris: Correct. That has been the way it has been here ever since I have been around.

Mr. McGrady: I am not questioning. I am just asking is that what that is saying here.

Mr. Harris: Correct. Now Mr. Long wanted that one definition to carry over to the other one and we did get that to Mrs. Beggerow so that it could go in the ordinance. We did change that.

Mr. McGrady: Ok what was that piece? Does anyone remember?

Mrs. Beggerow: That is what you have got in your hand.

Mr. Harris: He wanted the definition in the PPM and that first one and 160 to be the same. That was the only change that was suggested. There was no misunderstanding or anything about what was going on at least not that I recall. You just wanted the one from the PPM to read the same as the other one. We gave that to Mrs. Beggerow the following week.

Mr. Long: And I would like to thank you for that. It did clarify that payment will come at the end of the 6 years.

Mr. Cotner: Any other questions? I will make a motion to send this forward as an emergency next week so I will make the motion to send it with recommendation for adoption as an emergency. Seconded by Councilman Skinner. All in favor say aye.

All: Aye Motion carries

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".(First reading 11/10/2014).

Mr. Cotner: Question or comments on this item tonight. I will make a motion then that we send this to council for its second reading. Seconded by Councilman Skinner. All in favor say aye.

All: Aye Motion carries

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 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
(Second reading 11/10/2014. Emergency passage requested on third reading).

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

All: Aye Motion carries

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 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
(First reading 10/27/2014. Emergency passage requested on third reading).

Mr. Cotner: Any question or comments? I will make a motion to send this on to council for its 3rd reading. Seconded by Councilman Long. All in favor say aye.

All: Aye Motion carries
Adjourned at 8:20pm.
Finance Committee

- - -April L. Beggerow, Clerk of Council
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