

Minutes Regular Council
Reynoldsburg City Council
November 14, 2011

President of Council William L. Hills called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Members of Council present: Mel Clemens, Barth R. Cotner, Chris Long, Nathan Burd, Fred Deskins, Jr., Leslie Kelly, Doug Joseph.

The Invocation was given by Councilman Cotner. Mr. Hills led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the regular Council meeting held October 24, 2011 were approved without objection.

The agenda was approved.

Community Comments and Requests- - -

James Lee, 8555 E. Main St., #11, Reynoldsburg, addressed Council concerning a fund raiser he would be conducting in April 2012 - a scooter ride across Ohio. Mr. Lee said his son has autism and beginning Friday, April 20th, 2012 he would be starting at the Ohio/Indiana border and be riding a 50 cc motor scooter across the State of Ohio using Route 40 in an attempt to bring attention to autism. Mr. Lee said the trip had been approved by the State Highway Patrol; endorsed by the Autism Society of Ohio, and other local area businesses, and will take about three days. When he comes through Reynoldsburg on April 21st, one of the local restaurants has given him the okay to use it for a silent auction and a car smash in order to raise extra funds for the cause. Mr. Lee said he will then continue the trip to Zanesville, and finish on the 22nd at Bridgeport on the Ohio/West Virginia border. Mr. Lee said he was asking the City of Reynoldsburg for its endorsement, but was not asking for any funds nor the use of any resources. Mr. Long said he thought it was great what Mr. Lee was going to be doing, and asked if he had any pledge forms. Mr. Lee said the Autism Society of Ohio had sent him some information, receipts, things that he could hand out to people for cash donations, checks; there would be a web site, and he will have information to pass out. Mr. Long said he would see what he could do about getting a couple dozen riders to ride with Mr. Lee. Mr. Lee said that would be great. Mr. Hills said he was sure there would be support for Mr. Lee's efforts - either from Council or the Mayor or both, and wished him good luck.

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT FOR BUILDING DEPARTMENT SERVICES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (CT Consultants)- - Clerk read ordinance by title for the one required reading.

Safety/Service Director Jim Miller: Just a couple of points of clarification. On the proposal submitted by CT, there's not a start date written in there; it's left blank. That will be filled in when the Mayor signs the proposal, after Council authorizes him to do so. The other thing is, it says on the page with the rates, that the rates are good through October 31st of 2012; that is a typo; that should say December 31st of 2012. That will be changed when the Mayor signs the contract, and I'll provide a copy to Ms. Frazier and to Council for the records. And I also received one other question today concerning the existing contract with Asebrook & Company - that

contract is not going to be cancelled; it is an 'as needed' contract and they will be used as needed, but it is my intention to use CT Consultants as the primary service provider for the needs of our Building Department while we don't have a building official, and there was some confusion over that, and I wanted to clarify.

Mr. Hills: Any questions? Mr. Clemens.

Mr. Clemens: I just have one and I think I asked this before. Are you sure that the plan review is not going to be done in Mentor, Ohio? Where's it going to be done?

Mr. Miller: Their plans examiner...they have a plans examiner in Mentor, and they also have one here in Columbus.

Mr. Clemens: Where's it going to be done?

Mr. Miller: It's my understanding it'll be done here in central Ohio.

Mr. Clemens: My understanding is if you're the Service Director then I would require it to be done here; I don't think we want to send stuff clear up to Mentor, Ohio to get plan review.

Mr. Miller: I don't disagree.

Mr. Clemens: Okay.

Mr. Miller: It's...it's...it's...it's my desire...

Mr. Clemens: I mean if they're going to do the contract, I mean, they owe us that part, I would think.

Mr. Miller: Yep; it's my understanding that it's going to be done here in central Ohio.

Mr. Clemens: Because I'd hate to have to send them that far away when we can do it around town. That's all I have on that.

Mr. Hills: Leslie.

Mrs. Kelly: Can that be written into the contract, that says it's going to be done here in central Ohio?

Mr. Miller: I can make the inquiry.

Mrs. Kelly: That way it's just in writing.

Mr. Clemens: I'd be interested in that because you know..

Mr. Miller: If I could ask....the plans examination part of the building department services is really, really small when it comes down to all the tasks of issuing the permits, and performing the

inspections, and doing all that stuff. I know that they have a plans examiner on staff; I know that they are planning on doing that here in their Columbus office, which is up on Campus View Boulevard; however, depending on their workload, I can't tell you one way or another that every single plan review is physically going to be done in Columbus.

Mr. Clemens: Our problem is, Jim, we've been waiting on different things, you know, and we've been having problems. My suggestion would be, tell them that it's going to be done here in Columbus, Ohio; it's a two-way on a contract. We don't necessarily need them; we could always go to somebody else, so I...it'd be my thought. If you're interested in it and they're interested in it, why I would think that they'd go along with having it done here in Columbus, Ohio.

Mr. Miller: Is that something that you would like me to ask them to add to the proposal?

Mr. Clemens: Yeah, if you want to ask them; basically, I would tell them; but I mean, if you want to ask them, that's fine. You let me know about it, but that would be my thought on it.

Mr. Miller: Well, I...

Mr. Hills: We're not sending this forward, is that...we're not passing this tonight then; we're not going to amend it and pass it, cause if we're planning on passing it...

Mr. Clemens: I mean, I would like to...the rest of Council, and how you feel about it...

Mr. Deskins: I'd like to know, Mel, what's the insight you have; I'm not aware of....

Mr. Clemens: Well, my thought is, you know, if we deal with a company, and we've been dealing with a company, if we deal with a company that's in central Ohio and that's fine..I see no reason to go clear up to Mentor, Ohio to...

Mr. Deskins: Have they done that before?

Mr. Clemens: No, but we haven't had them...that's what I mean; this is a new company.

Mr. Deskins: Oh.

Mr. Miller: And if I can also add, there are not a lot of people, and a lot of companies, or a lot of resources here in central Ohio to meet the plans examiner requirements. There are licenses and there are certifications to do that. I know you're shaking your head, but it's true. In fact, you know, there are only three companies here in central Ohio that provide the services that Asebrook & Company does, and two of them don't work for municipalities. This is a new venture for CT Consultants here in central Ohio; it is not a new venture for them in northeast Ohio. I do know though that they are set up to do the work here in Columbus, and I can't stress enough that there are not infinite resources to do this kind of specialty work. There just isn't; I promise you that.

Mr. Long: Councilman Clemens, I would see a possibility of us painting ourselves into a corner if we were to specifically specify in the contract that it has to be done here. With CT Consultants, with two locations, if one location gets backlogged, they can then go ahead and move the plan

review over to the other location. If we specifically say in the contract it has to be done in their Campus View office, if that office gets busy or backlogged, we're in the same boat that we are now, where things are delayed and things aren't getting done. I understand...

Mr. Clemens: I'm not really sure we're in a boat now, but I mean...whatever.

Mr. Long: Right.

Mr. Hills: Other questions? Well, I know if this is going for passage tonight, it needs to be amended, but are we going to add in the...

Mr. Clemens: I'll amend it. Do you want me to amend it?

Mr. Hills: Yeah, but do...what about this other provision? Do you want this as a...not in the amendment?

Mr. Clemens: No, no...that's something I asked Jim to do.

Mr. Hills: You want just a working relationship, because...

Mr. Clemens: Right.

Mr. Hills: Let me ask one other question - are we any more current this week than we were last week on our plan reviews?

Mr. Miller: Yes.

Mr. Hills: We have been getting some production out?

Mr. Miller: Yes.

Mr. Hills: Okay. Thank you.

Mr. Clemens: Okay. I move to amend Section 1 after the words, 'period beginning' to add "with the effective date of this ordinance".

Mr. Hills: Is there a second? Second by Councilman Joseph. Questions or comments on the amendment? (No response.)

With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Clemens "Yea"; Mr. Cotner "Yea"; Mr. Long "Yea"; Mr. Burd "Yea"; Mr. Deskins "Yea"; Mrs. Kelly "Yea"; Mr. Joseph "Yea". Motion passed; ordinance amended. Mr. Clemens moved adoption; Mr. Long seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Clemens "Yea"; Mr. Cotner "Yea"; Mr. Long "Yea"; Mr. Burd "Yea"; Mr. Deskins "Yea"; Mrs. Kelly "Yea"; Mr. Joseph "Yea". Motion passed; Ordinance No. 47-11 adopted.

ORDINANCE MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR "COUNTY HEALTH SERVICES" ACCOUNT (BUILDING DEPARTMENT) FOR PLUMBING INSPECTIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY- -Clerk read ordinance by title for the one required reading. Mr. Joseph moved adoption. Mr. Deskins seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Clemens "Yea"; Mr. Cotner "Yea"; Mr. Long "Yea"; Mr. Burd "Yea"; Mr. Deskins "Yea"; Mrs. Kelly "Yea"; Mr. Joseph "Yea". Motion passed; Ordinance No. 48-11 adopted.

ORDINANCE TRANSFERRING FUNDS WITHIN THE SAFETY/SERVICE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS TO HAVE SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO COVER COSTS FOR LATE SEASON MOWING AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY- -Clerk read ordinance by title for the one required reading. Mr. Joseph moved adoption. Mr. Clemens seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Clemens "Yea"; Mr. Cotner "Yea"; Mr. Long "Yea"; Mr. Burd "Yea"; Mr. Deskins "Yea"; Mrs. Kelly "Yea"; Mr. Joseph "Yea". Motion passed; Ordinance No. 49-11 adopted.

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING, APPROVING AND RATIFYING THE SUBMITTED RECOMMENDATIONS OF SEVERAL CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCILS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY- -Clerk read resolution by title for the one required reading. Mr. Joseph moved adoption; Mr. Cotner seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Clemens "Yea"; Mr. Cotner "Yea"; Mr. Long "Yea"; Mr. Burd "Yea"; Mr. Deskins "Yea"; Mrs. Kelly "Yea"; Mr. Joseph "Yea". Motion passed; Resolution No. 50-11 adopted.

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- -Clerk read ordinance by title for the first time. Item referred to Finance Committee.

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- -Clerk read ordinance by title for the first time. Item referred to Finance Committee.

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH THE DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT FOR HEALTH SERVICES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY- -Clerk read ordinance by title for the first time. Item referred to Finance Committee.

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR CITY INSURANCE- -Clerk read ordinance by title for the first reading. Item referred to Finance Committee.

ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO: SECTION 160.09 "Group Insurance" OF CHAPTER 160 EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION- -

-Clerk read ordinance by title for the third reading. Mr. Joseph moved adoption; Mr. Clemens seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Clemens "Yea"; Mr. Cotner "Yea"; Mr. Long "Yea"; Mr. Burd "Yea"; Mr. Deskins "Yea"; Mrs. Kelly "Yea"; Mr. Joseph "Yea". Motion passed; Ordinance No. 51-11 adopted.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

William L. Hills, President of Council

Nancy C. Frazier, Clerk of Council