

MINUTES REGULAR COUNCIL
REYNOLDSBURG CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY November 12, 2013

President of Council Doug Joseph called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

Members of Council present: Mel Clemens, Barth R. Cotner, Chris Long, Monica DeBrock, Cornelius McGrady, III.

The Invocation was given by Mr. Long. Mr. Joseph then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes of Regular Council Meeting held 10/28/2013

Approval of Agenda.

Changes: Items 10, 11 & 12 were sponsored by Councilman McGrady not Councilwoman Kelly
Additions: Presentation of Reynoldsburg PD Bike Patrol Unit and Ad Hoc Committee report recommendations regarding chapter 505.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS AND REQUESTS

Leevaun Thornton: 7200 Springdale Dr. She states she was walking in Huber Park about 2 weeks ago and Councilman Barrett had been jogging in the park (she didn't know who he was at that time), and as she went to leave the park, she states he ran across the park to her car and asked her what kind of dog she had. She replied that the dog was a Preso Canario Cane Corso, not a pit bull breed of dog. She informs him of that and he advised her he was with city council and didn't give his name. He told her there was a ban on pit bulls and that the police could come and remove her dog from her home. She informed him that she's been walking her dog for 15 months, in front of police officers in the park and has never been bothered. 2 days later, Officer ** stopped her and cited her which she finds is a coincidence after her incident in the park. She states she's never been bothered in the past and needs to know what is considered a pit bull breed because her dog is considered a Mastiff breed.

Mr. Joseph: Any questions?

Mr. Long: I would guess the only question would be for Attorney Hood.

Mr. Joeph: yes, Mr. Hood could you address that? How is it handled when there is a discrepancy in something like that?

Mr. Hood: Ma'am you received a citation to appear in Mayor's Court?

Ms. Thornton: I did.

Mr. Hood: Ok, I can speak to you then, I would encourage you to bring whatever evidence then, I'm not going to comment on a pending case in this public forum, I don't believe that's in

anyone's interest. But please bring whatever evidence you have to court with you and we can talk about it then.

Mr. Joseph: Thank you.

COMMUNICATIONS

No communications to report

REPORTS

Presentation of the Reynoldsburg Bike Patrol Unit.

Lieutenant Wright: Lt. Wright presented the Bike Patrol Unit geared towards crime prevention. He stated that the city has always had a Bike Patrol Unit but it has been made more specialized using a group of volunteers hand-picked based up on performance. They are more deployable in the city because they can get into the "nooks and crannies" of the city and are more approachable by the public. They are also more mobile than an officer on foot and can move much faster. Over the summer the bike patrol acted as security for boy scouts at Blacklick Park and one officer was able to blanket the entire park and compliments were given over the safety of the participants. The officers are more approachable and are thanked by the public and can cover community events and are quick enough to get to where they are needed. Officer *** states that the Bike Patrol Unit will be utilized in the Wal-Mart area where there are a lot of car break-ins and thefts. They can blend into the area and are able to not only prevent but catch acts in process.

Mr. Long: Thank you Lt. I think the RPD is doing an excellent job. First we added the motorcycle units that are very well received by the community. I think any opportunity that we have to get a little bit closer to the public in order to interact with them is a positive. Thank you very much.

Lieutenant Wright: Absolutely, and I ask that in your Wards, if you put that out in your community that we have this bike patrol unit, along with the motor unit, you've obviously put that out because their success continues, but if you'd put it out there that we are trying to create this specialized unit to be more in touch with the community, if any of you have any suggestions where you'd like to see extra patrol with the bike unit, please by all means, send me an email and Sgt. Mosier is also running the bike unit that is a huge reason this is becoming so successful.

Mr. McGrady: I would just want to say militarily, I noticed the strategic placement what, I call strategic placement of the forces here and I just want to commend you as well and as you say, it is a much needed resource in that area.

Lieutenant Wright: when you see them dressed like this, in this uniform, even if they're not with the bike right there, their on bike patrol for that evening.

Mr. McGrady: Outstanding.

Mr. Cotner: I'm sorry, how many are there that are actually going to be, the officers themselves?

Lieutenant Wright: Right now we have seven on the unit and we try to keep it, right now I've got the shift bid for next year, but we're trying to keep at least 2 on each shift so they can ride in pairs if they need to and I have one extra one which is Officer ** who is a school resource officer, so in the summer time he spent of time on the bike when school is not in session. And it was a very valuable tool to use him on the bike as much as possible almost full time.

Mr. Long: Lieutenant I've noticed the officer also on patrol which means there also not exclusively assigned to the bike unit is that correct?

Lieutenant Wright: That's correct sir.

Mr. Long: so they're double duty back and forth.

Lieutenant Wright: yes sir and a lot of times what they'll do is put the bike on a rack on the back of the cruiser so if they get to an area they want to check, like a park for instance, they can park the cruiser that way the cruiser can get across the city if it needs to real quick and they can jump off on the bike if they need to to get to an area on the bike.

Mr. Joseph: Next I'm going to make a recommendation on the appointment of the ad hoc committee. Last week the Safety Committee had additional discussion on revising chapter 505 and they requested that this issue be turned over to an ad hoc committee. So I spend the past week looking into individuals that we could put onto this committee to study chapter 505 and look at areas where we could make modifications. Anything that the committee could come up with would be simply a recommendation to council which they could accept all of it, some of it or none of it, but I sought out individuals that had expertise in issues pertaining to dogs, dog bites and things of that nature so I will distribute my recommendations and read it into the record.

Document attached to the minutes.

Questions on this recommendation?

Mrs. DeBrock: I applaud the work you've put in here, it looks like you've touched base with a lot of the concerns that people have and professionals across the board to make good recommendations. I think the recommendations that you have is a good selection.

Mr. Joseph: thank you. Any other questions or comments?

Mr. Cotner: and you spoke to all of these people and confirmed their willingness to serve on this?

Mr. Joseph: yes all of these individuals have indicated they are willing to serve in this capacity to review our Chapter 505 and make recommended suggestions, yes. Any additional questions or comments on this list? Any negative input? If not I'll entertain a motion to approve this ad hoc committee. Motion by Councilwoman DeBrock is there a second? Second by Councilman

Cotner, any additional questions or comments? With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Clemens “No”; Mr. Cotner “Aye”; Mr. Long “Aye”; Mrs. DeBrock “Aye”, Mr. McGrady “No”.

Mr. Joseph: That’s 3 affirmative votes, 2 negative votes, I believe that because this is not an ordinance that would be sufficient for passage, Mr. Hood could you comment on that?

Mr. Hood: I believe the rules allow you to make the appointments yourself Mr. President, I don’t think a motion is necessary.

Mr. Joseph: Appointments to ad hoc committees, I believe, are subject to council confirmation.

Mr. Hood: the authority lies with you as President of Council to appoint the members of the ad hoc committee.

Mr. Joseph: Ok, well I will make the determination that because we have an affirmative vote of the members present, that this ad hoc committee is approved and we will be in consultation with these individuals to see when we can begin deliberations on this topic. Thank you very much.

****Article V, Section 2(A) Council Rules: The President of Council may from time to time appoint special committees for limited purposes, subject to the approval of a majority of council...****

LEGISLATION REQUIRING ONE READING

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 2014, AS “TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH”. Motion to adopt: Mr. McGrady. Mr. Long seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Clemens “Aye”; Mr. Cotner “Aye”; Mr. Long “Aye”; Mrs. DeBrock “Aye”, “Mr. McGrady “Aye”. Motion passed. Resolution No. 75-13 adopted.

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 2014, AS “SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH”. Motion to adopt: Mr. McGrady. Mr. Long seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Clemens “Aye”; Mr. Cotner “Aye”; Mr. Long “Aye”; Mrs. DeBrock “Aye”, “Mr. McGrady “Aye”. Motion passed. Resolution No. 76-13 adopted.

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 2014, AS “NATIONAL MISSING CHILDREN MONTH”. Motion to adopt: Mr. McGrady. Mr. Clemens seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Clemens “Aye”; Mr. Cotner “Aye”; Mr. Long “Aye”; Mrs. DeBrock “Aye”, “Mr. McGrady “Aye”. Motion passed. Resolution No. 77-13 adopted.

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE THE PREPARATION OF BIDS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND ESTIMATE OF COST, FOR THE ENGINEERING PORTION OF THE SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT PROJECT FOR PHASE 6 AS DESCRIBED IN ORD. 13-94 AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY. FUNDS FOR THE PROJECT TO BE TAKEN FROM THE SIDEWALK FUND. THE SERVICE DIRECTOR WILL HAVE THIS COMPLETE AND RETURNED TO COUNCIL WITH A SELECTED ENGINEERING FIRM BY 1-1-14. --- Clemens. Service.

Mr. Clemens: I would like to move this to the redraft date of 11-12-2013. Second by Mr. Long. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Clemens "Aye"; Mr. Cotner "Aye"; Mr. Long "Aye"; Mrs. DeBrock "Aye", "Mr. McGrady "Aye". Motion passed. Amendment adopted.

Mr. Clemens: This did come out of the Service Committee with recommendation for adoption as an emergency and I so move.

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SERVICE DIRECTOR TO REQUEST PROPOSALS FOR THE PREPARATION OF BIDS, SPECIFICATIONS AND AN ESTIMATE OF COSTS, FOR THE PORTION OF THE CITY SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT PROJECT PHASE 6 AS DESCRIBED IN ORDINANCE 102-99 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Motion to adopt as an emergency: Mr. Clemens, Mr. Cotner seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Clemens "Aye"; Mr. Cotner "Aye"; Mr. Long "Aye"; Mrs. DeBrock "Aye", "Mr. McGrady "Aye". Motion passed. Ordinance No. 78-13 adopted.

ORDINANCE TO REQUEST COUNCIL TRANSFER \$3,106.11 FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED BRICE MAIN TIF FUND (971) TO ACCOUNT NUMBER 971.000.5527. THIS IS TO PAY SCHOOLS THEIR SHARE PER TIF AGREEMENT AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY. Motion to adopt as an emergency: Mr. Cotner. Mr. McGrady seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Clemens "Aye"; Mr. Cotner "Aye"; Mr. Long "Aye"; Mrs. DeBrock "Aye", "Mr. McGrady "Aye". Motion passed. Ordinance No. 79-13 adopted.

LEGISLATION FOR FIRST READING

ORDINANCE TO REQUEST COUNCIL TRANSFER \$2,693.00 FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED FEMA FUND (201) TO THE STREET FUND (260) REVENUE ACCOUNT 260.000.4922 PROPERTY DAMAGE REIMBURSEMENT. THIS WAS MONEY PAID TO THE CITY FOR LAST YEAR'S WIND EVENT. --- Cotner. Finance

LEGISLATION FOR SECOND READING

RATIFICATION OF AMENDED MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION (MORPC) ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT (Resolution and supportive material attached)--- Kelly. Community Development.

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CITY ATTORNEY HOOD TO EXECUTE LETTER AGREEMENT WITH OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY. THIS AGREEMENT IS BEING SUBMITTED TO THE OEPA IN FULFILLMENT OF THE OEPA'S DIRECTOR'S FINAL FINDINGS AND ORDERS IMPOSED ON THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG IN 2009. ---Clemens. Service.

ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 94-12 PASSED ON DECEMBER 17, 2012 THAT WAIVES COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR VARIOUS EXEMPTED CONTRACTS AND EXPENDITURES OVER \$10,000 BY ADDING FRANKLIN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH. – Cotner. Finance.

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT AND WAIVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR THE 2014-2015 TOTAL COLIFORM, TTHM'S, HAA5'S SAMPLING PER OEPA.---Cotner. Finance.

LEGISLATION FOR THIRD READING

ORDINANCE PROVIDING THE CONSENT FROM THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG FOR ODOT REPAIR AND RESURFACING PROJECT FOR SR256 (PID 92960) AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY. Motion to adopt: Mr. Long. Mr. Clemens seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Clemens "Aye"; Mr. Cotner "Aye"; Mr. Long "Aye"; Mrs. DeBrock "Aye", "Mr. McGrady "Aye". Motion passed. Resolution No. 80-13 adopted.

Adjournment 7:56 p.m.

Doug Joseph, President of Council

April L. Beggerow, Clerk of Council