

SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

November 7, 2005

Members of Safety Committee present: Lane J. Beougher, Ron Stake, Antoinette Newman, Doug Joseph.

Other members of Council present: Mel Clemens, Preston Stearns, Brett Baxter, Council President William L. Hills.

Mr. Beougher: I'll call the Safety Committee meeting to order at 7:30.

The second item on the agenda is the approval of the minutes of the October 17, 2005 Safety Committee meeting. Are there any corrections to the minutes? (No response). Hearing and seeing none, they will stand as submitted.

Item number 3 is approval of the agenda. Are there any additions or deletions to tonight's agenda? (No response). I do have one request from the Mayor to address Council regarding Veteran's Day. And I'd like to make a motion to add that to the agenda. It does not require a second. All in favor, signify by saying aye. (All voted "Aye"). All opposed? (No response). Motion carries. Mayor, you're 3a.

Mayor McPherson: Thank you, Chairman Beougher. I have several sheets of paper here, but I assure you, I'm not going to read all of them. This is from the Senate Resolution 155, designating the week of November 6 through November 12, 2005 as National Veteran's Awareness Week to emphasize the need to develop educational programs regarding the contributions of Veterans to our country. "Whereas, tens of millions of Americans have served in the Armed Forces of the United States during the past century and Whereas; hundreds of thousands of Americans have given their lives while serving in the Armed Forces during this past century and Whereas; the contributions and sacrifices of the men and women who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and the way of life enjoyed by the people of the United States and Whereas; the advent of the all volunteer Armed Forces has resulted in a sharp decline in the number of individuals and families who have had any personal connection with the Armed Forces and Whereas; this reduction and familiarity with the Armed Forces has resulted in a marked decreased in the awareness by young people of the nature and importance of the accomplishments of those who have served in the Armed Forces despite the current educational efforts of the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Veterans Service Organizations, Whereas; the system of civilian control of the Armed Forces makes it essential that the future leaders of the nation understand the history of the military action and the contributions and sacrifices of those who conduct such actions and Whereas; on November 9, 2004 President George W. Bush issued a Proclamation urging all of the people of the United States to observe November 7 through November 13, 2004 as National Veterans Awareness Week. Now therefore, be it resolved that the Senate designates the week of November 6 through November 12, 2005 as National Veterans Week and too, encourages the people of the United States to observe the week with appropriate educational activities". And I'd like to take just a minute to read the Proclamation that the President did in fact, proclaim on November 2. This is a Proclamation by the President of the United States of America. "Americans owe a great debt of gratitude to those who have sacrificed

for our liberty and for the security of our nation. We express deep appreciation to our Veterans, the men and women, who stepped forward when America needed them, triumphed over brutal enemies, liberated continents, and answered the prayers of millions around the globe. From the beaches of Normandy and the snows of Korea, to the mountains of Afghanistan and the deserts of Iraq, our courageous Veterans have sacrificed so that Americans and others could live in freedom. As we mark the sixtieth anniversary of the end of World War II this year, we remember the millions of Veterans who crossed oceans and defeated two of the most ruthless military forces the world has ever known. The freedom that the children and grandchildren of these Veterans now enjoy as a monument to their fallen comrades and the generation of patriots who have served our country. Through their commitment to freedom, American Veterans have looked at millions of lives and made our country and the world more secure. They have demonstrated to us that freedom is the mightiest force on earth. We resolve that their sacrifices will always be remembered by a grateful nation. With respect for and in recognition of the contributions our service men and women have made to the cause of peace and freedom around the world, the Congress has provided that November 11 of each year shall be set aside as a legal, public holiday to honor Veterans. Now therefore, I George W. Bush, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim November 11, 2005 as Veterans Day, and urge all Americans to observe November 6 through November 12 as National Veterans Awareness Week. I urge all Americans to recognize the valor and sacrifice of our Veterans through ceremonies and prayers. I call upon federal, state, and local officials to display the flag of the United States, and to encourage and participate in patriotic activities in their communities. I invite civic and fraternal organizations, places of worship, schools, businesses, unions, and the media to support this national observance with commemorative expressions and programs. In witness whereof, I here into set my hand this 2nd day of November, the year of our Lord, 2005, and the independence of the United States of America, the 230th. George W. Bush". I bring these two things forward today because sometimes we think of Veterans Day as just another day off. And Veterans Day is not just another day off. And this year, I kind of decided to start our recognition of Veterans Day here at City Council. Because what better place to talk about Veterans and freedom. So each day, I'll be sending out an e-mail, probably toward the afternoon some time, that will tell people something about Veterans Day. And I think we can all learn a little bit more about Veterans Day. And I know I can sit here and see several Veterans on Council. And it's just a very significant day in our daily lives. And we do need to remember the Veterans. And we need to remember the Missing In Action individuals. And the Prisoners Of War that are still missing. And Prisoners Of War from some of these previous wars. So if you have your computer on in the next few days, you know, look at it some time in the afternoon, and I'm going to give you a lot of, just little tidbits about Veterans Day and about Veterans in America. And I would encourage everyone in the City of Reynoldsburg to do as the President of our United States has said. Let's honor our Veterans and keep them in our prayers. Because there's still a heck of a lot of them over there in these foreign countries. So, thank you very much.

Mr. Beougher: Thank you, Mayor McPherson. Item number 4, Discussion of a Liquor Permit request at Camilles Columbus 1 Ltd., dba Camilles Sidewalk Cafes, 8086 E. Broad St., Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068. I received a memo from the police department that this is outside of the City of Reynoldsburg, even though it has a Reynoldsburg mailing address. And there was some second guessing of that decision right before our meeting. But we think that it's on the

north side of Broad Street, which would be in the City of Columbus. So this doesn't have to be back until next Monday. So I would ask Lieutenant Nuesse to confirm that. And if there's something that needs to happen, give me a call and we'll, I guess could meet a special meeting of Council or something. But any way, we'll dispense with that item and _____ the Clerk with no action at this time. And I am told that a letter has been sent to the Department of Liquor Control stating that it is outside of our jurisdiction.

So moving on to item 5, Discussion, Authorization of contract for highway rock salt (2005-2006). And Mayor McPherson, are you going to address this?

Mayor McPherson: Sure. Thank you. I'm sorry. I wanted to make sure we had the right form here. Mr. Ward's informed me that this is for the salt. It's primarily for the 2006. There is one mistake on the original document that was sent to City Council. On the original page, you'll see that it says 'Unencumbered Funds available in account number', and it says 'General Fund'. That is incorrect. If you read up in the body of it, this will come from the Street Department account and the State Highway Fund account. And this is just to keep salt.

Mr. Beougher: And this is from the 2006 appropriation which we begin discussing tonight in Finance Committee.

Mayor McPherson: That's correct.

Mr. Beougher: So I had a discussion with Mrs. Reichard this evening before I left work. And I think what we'd like to do, what I'd like to do is, send this forward for its first reading and try to time it so that it passes right after the 2006 appropriation request with emergency language so it goes into effect immediately, but still getting at least three readings.

Mayor McPherson: That should be absolutely no problem. And just for information of all Council, our salt storage is full. We have it full. So this will...

Mr. Beougher: Unless we get a major storm in the month of December.

Mayor McPherson: Yeah. We should be okay.

Mr. Beougher: Okay. Any questions from the members of the Safety Committee for the Mayor on this item? (No response). Members of Council? Mr. Baxter.

Mr. Baxter: Just a question. When you say full, we have the new barn and everything full of salt right now?

Mayor McPherson: That's correct.

Mr. Baxter: And what is our average usage over the year? I know you've told us a couple of times. But just for the record.

Mayor McPherson: There really is no average usage. It just depends on the weather for the winter. There will be some storms we'll use maybe 600 tons. They'll be others where we only use 150 tons. So I just can't give you that information.

Mr. Baxter: And a follow up question, Chairman of the Committee?

Mr. Beougher: Sure.

Mr. Baxter: Follow up question is, is there a better time to purchase the salt other than during the season as we are now? If that's the case, would we want to hold off on this purchase if we could until we hit that season?

Mayor McPherson: Actually, the season is really not real relevant. We're part of a consortium. And as that consortium finds the lowest price, they go out and search for the lowest price, then we tag on to that consortium bid. And so, you know, Mr. Ward has bought salt here for probably 10 or 15 years. And he feels that this is the right time to get the appropriation and get it ready. And I rely on his expertise.

Mr. Beougher: Thank you, Mr. Baxter.

Mr. Baxter: If I could have one more follow up, sir?

Mr. Beougher: One more follow up. Sure.

Mr. Baxter: I'm sorry. I'm being a pain here. So therefore, if it's approved, what would be our lead time for having the delivery? If we're full already, what do we do with it?

Mayor McPherson: It would be, we call them when we need it.

Mr. Baxter: That's what I wanted to hear. Okay. Thank you.

Mr. Beougher: And Mr. Baxter, I would point out that the estimate on the legislative request is 2,000 tons. And I think Larry indicated to me at one point, we usually use between 1500 and 2500 tons. And we've got I think, 1500 in the barns right now. And this locks us in for a one year contract. And as you'll recall, right before the end of October, we purchased enough to fill up the barns and made a supplemental appropriation. So this should get us through the year and refill the barns for next season hopefully. Unless it's a severe winter. Anyone else have any questions or comments? Mrs. Newman.

Mrs. Newman: Thank you. I remember when this subject came up that there was some talk about Mr. Ward getting this bid done so late that he may not have received a very good price. Now what is this going to do? Is he going to have to bid this next spring again for next winter? And will it have to come out of, more salt even, have to come out of the '06 budget? Or what?

Mayor McPherson: No. And you know, I don't know where the fact came that he was getting in

late. Because that was not a fact.

Mrs. Newman: Well, somebody brought that up.

Mayor McPherson: Well, they apparently _____.

Mr. Beougher: Mr. Hills.

Mr. Hills: If I could add, and Mayor, correct me if I'm wrong, what this is, is the yearly contract that's entered into. And the contract price, which was the low bid that we're a member of the consortium, is \$45.21 for the purchase of salt during the year '06. The salt purchase we just made to fill up the bins, was made off of the old bid price which was somewhere around 37, 38. It was different.

Mayor McPherson: Correct.

Mr. Hills: So we were in the consortium that got the lowest bid that was available out there of \$45.21. There are many other contract that are high now. So we are going to be paying during '06. And I don't think we could have gotten into that bidding process, except when it was open. And so then they bid in at 45.21. Larry's done a good job of getting this in at the most appropriate price. But this is the consortium we're tied with, and for this year again, we're paying more than we did last year. But it is less than a number of cities will be paying for their salt.

Mayor McPherson: And much of that salt increase was because of the increased price on trucking that was built into this, and fuel. So we did get a very, very good deal. Larry did. By going with the consortium.

Mr. Beougher: Alright. Thank you, Mayor McPherson. Any other questions? Mr. Baxter. That's number four.

Mr. Baxter: Yes, it is. And I was letting other people answer so I wouldn't be taking over the conversation. Thank you. This is for a year long contract. Is that mean we're already within a year long contract? And if we wanted to, we could order 500 tons right now using the \$35 price? Or whatever that number was.

Mayor McPherson: As long as you guys appropriate the money.

Mr. Baxter: So if that's the case, could we save money.

Mr. Beougher: No. No, it's not.

Mayor McPherson: We can always order more salt.

Mr. Beougher: When we passed the supplemental appropriation, we passed it as an emergency because the contract was running out that week. And so Larry was making the order for the salt.

He had to place the order before the end of the week, and they would deliver it as they got to us. But that contract as I understand it, has expired.

Mayor McPherson: Well, I thought you were talking about the 2006 contract.

Mr. Baxter: I'm talking about 2005. The one we're presently in.

Mayor McPherson: Oh. I'm sorry. No. No. We have to order from the 2006 contract once it starts.

Mr. Baxter: Very good. Thank you.

Mr. Beougher: Any further questions? Mr. Joseph.

Mr. Joseph: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mayor, how many tons did we use last winter? And how did that compare with the previous years?

Mayor McPherson: I don't have those number in front of me. But I would estimate we used about, close to, I'm not even going to say. I'll get that information for you.

Mr. Joseph: Okay. Thanks.

Mayor McPherson: Because I'd just be guessing if I'd tell you.

Mr. Beougher: We did receive a FEMA Grant for the ice storm to help offset the labor and the salt cost. So that was kind of an unusual condition. And any way, I just threw that out. Any further questions from members of Council? (No response). Anyone else? (No response). Okay. Hearing and seeing none. And this is going to be, the funds for this will be in the 2006 appropriation. So it will not need referral to Finance. But as I said, we do want to time this so that it passes at the same meeting that the appropriation passes. If that sounds good to you Mr. Stake. Alright. I will make a motion to send this forward for first reading at the November 14 Council meeting. Is there a second? Second by Mrs. Newman. Any further discussion? (No response). All in favor, signify by saying aye. (All voted "Aye"). All opposed? (No response). Motion carries. This will go for its first reading next Monday.

Item number 6. ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE REYNOLDSBURG DIVISION OF POLICE TO CONTINUE TO ACCEPT "GANG RESISTANCE EDUCATION AND TRAINING" GRANT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE. Did Lt. Nuesse step out? Well, I don't know that we need Lt. Nuesse to discuss this. This has been to Council for two readings. And we've heard what it is and why it's important. And we also, on October 17, received a communication from Sgt. McComb outlining the GREAT Program had reached 584 students who received the training. In addition, there was a GREAT summer camp which had 100 children ranging in grades from K through 7. And we are going to apply for the grant again. And I think there was, did we send this to Finance? Has it been to Finance?

Mr. Stake: I don't remember.

Mr. Beougher: The ordinance gives the account numbers. I think we sent it on the first reading. And we don't have the minutes for that. Susie, do you have a record of that? Alright. I think it wouldn't be in the ordinance unless it had already been to Finance.

Ms. Smith: It was sent to Finance.

Mr. Beougher: Thank you. Excellent. Okay. So, any questions on this item? (No response).

Mayor McPherson: If I could just remind everyone too, that this is a grant. That once we get it, will be used to reimburse the money that we have advanced. So this is kind of like an in and out account actually. It's not going to cost the city anything. It's a grant.

Mr. Beougher: Alright. Thank you, Mayor. With no further discussion, I would make a motion to send this forward to Council on the 14th for its third reading, and with a recommendation for passage. Is there a second? Second by Mrs. Newman. Any further discussion on this item? (No response). All in favor, signify by saying aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Motion carries. This will go forward.

And with that, I will adjourn Safety at 7:49.

Safety Committee

- - -Susie Smith, Assistant Clerk of Council

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SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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Members of Service Committee present: Mel Clemens, Antoinette Newman, Preston Stearns, Doug Joseph.

Other members of Council present: Lane J. Beougher, Ron Stake, Brett Baxter, Council President William L. Hills.

Mr. Clemens: I'll call the Service Committee meeting to order at 7:50.

The first item on the agenda is approval of the minutes of October 17, 2005 Service Committee meeting. Do I have any additions or deletions? (No response). If not, they'll stand approved.

The next item is approval of the agenda. Do we have any additions or deletions? (No response). If not, it'll stand approved.

The next item is a Special Exception Use Permit. We have three of those this evening. And they all fall under 1145.06. "Conditions for Approval and Denial". So keep those in mind as we go through these tonight, or possibly in future meetings. These are what the decisions will be made on. Conditions of approval or denial. Item number 4, Special Exception Use Permit, 6493 East Main Street (restaurant, bar, and nightclub; applicant, Frida Njunchop). Could you give your name and address please?

Ms. Njunchop: The name of the restaurant is going to be Motherland Grill. The address is 6493 East Main Street.

Mr. Clemens: Could you speak a little closer to your mike? We've received your application. And your application for the Use Permit is probably one of the better ones we've ever had really. Quite well done. It does answer the questions that it involves. We have the minutes of the BZA meeting. If you want to give us a little background on what you plan on doing with your business, we'd appreciate it please.

Ms. Njunchop: We plan on running a restaurant, bar and a nightclub. We already have the builders permits. We've had the liquor approval. We've had the quick service and then building approval. We've already fixed up the building. When we came in there it was like an abandoned building that nobody was using for anything. But we came in and fixed it up, cleaned up the place. Brought everything to code on this _____ approval to go ahead with the business.

Mr. Clemens: Okay. I notice in the, and to be fair with you, I have asked the Police Department to do another check on the business and also on you. And it came back and everything was fine. They had no reason to object to the situation. Other than its been brought up, and its been brought up at the meetings, the occupancy of how many you have asked for. Two hundred that you'd like to have in your bar, and at your lounge, and at your nightclub. And as I was reading in the minutes of the meetings that you attended, they felt due to the parking situation, and I did go down and I've counted your parking spaces, and it looks to me the most you can get in there would be 65 to 70 cars at the most on your property. Which you really basically should cut it down to 120 or 130 people as far as your occupancy is concerned. You had mentioned, you had spoke of off site parking, that you had talked to other businesses and so forth. I'm not in favor of off site parking to be honest with you. But I notice that you had discussed with them that you had a possibility of parking elsewhere if it got crowded. I believe that you agreed that 120 at the present time would be enough for your occupancy.

Ms. Njunchop: Yes. I did agree to that. But I did talk to a neighbor who is willing to let us use his space because he doesn't use it for anything. It's an architectural firm. And they don't have a lot of, they have about 75 parking spaces available that he'll let us use. _____ except for to take care of the insurance there when we're parking there. And make sure that we clean the place. Which we don't really hope to use that space. We're just having it for just in case we have an overflow.

Mr. Clemens: Also it was brought up, the lighting situation in which I had looked at that too. You

need lighting in not only the front, both sides, and the rear on a situation like this.

Ms. Njunchop: Yes. We understand that. I know we've already made provision for that. But we were told by the Building Department to wait until after the approval before we can do anything on the outside of the building. And that's the only reason, change the bulbs there. It's just light bulb changing. Everything works. We just need to change the light bulbs, and there's going to be light there. Ample light.

Mr. Clemens: Also, security was mentioned. You agreed on your security. Also, the traffic situation that you felt if need be that you would secure officers from the Police Department for help. And really, we don't want that. I mean, if it comes to that, we don't want you there to start with, if we have to start having policemen out there to let people in and out of your place. I mean, that's not good on Main Street. So I would hope that you can arrange it yourself where we don't have to pull policemen off to help you on a situation like this. But it is, Main Street is a highly traffic, volume of traffic coming down through there.

Ms. Njunchop: We understand that.

Mr. Clemens: So I would hope that you can handle your own traffic situation.

Ms. Njunchop: We understand that. That's why we're willing to have our own security.

Mr. Clemens: As I said, I did have the Lieutenant research the situation, and they found no reason that they had for denial. Are there other questions for Frieda? Yes, Mr. Stearns.

Mr. Stearns: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Clemens. Now your application had mentioned one time about staying open until 4:00. So now, is it, are you in agreement with staying open until 2:30? Is that okay with you?

Ms. Njunchop: Yes. Yes. We have an agreement to open up until 2:30.

Mr. Stearns: Okay. Alright. Thank you.

Mr. Clemens: Mrs. Newman.

Mrs. Newman: Thank you, Mr. Clemens. Both in the transcript of the BZA meeting and just now, Ms. Njunchop says that all that needs to be done as far as the lighting goes is the replacement of light bulbs. Did you find that to be true? Or did you find the lighting to be insufficient?

Mr. Clemens: I found the lighting to be insufficient. I'm speaking of spot lights. Lighting to the ground. Not to bother your neighbors but, you should have lighting not only on your building but on your back poles behind there. I mean, I saw some little ratty ones up there but I mean something decent. So this is something that you'll have to work out with our Building Department. But lighting is the most important thing with that many people. Not only entrance and exits, but anything probably that would happen, we'd expect it to be lit up for our officers

when they show up.

Ms. Njunchop: Yeah. We did pull out electrical permit from the Building Department. And the electric guy was there and checked and said he doesn't see anything apart from changing the light bulbs. _____ we have the permit to do it.

Mr. Clemens: As long as they approve it.

Ms. Njunchop: Yeah. It's approved.

Mr. Clemens: Okay. Are there any other questions? Yes, Mr. Baxter.

Mr. Baxter: Chairman Clemens, thank you. Ms. Njunchop, the questions I have so far is based around the ambiguity to your answers. And the ambiguity I'm getting to is based around 120 to 110 which was accepted during the BZA meeting. But here again, you've come back with saying, "Well, I have overflow". Does that then therefore, imply you plan on having 200 occupancy? Or are you going to plan on having it in the Special Use Permit to have the occupancy identified as 120 or 110? Because even at BZA, they kind of wishy washed on the number. It didn't come down to an occupancy number. What number are you looking for to have in your business for occupancy?

Ms. Njunchop: The occupancy that we're looking for to have in our business is about between 120 to 130. But the 200 number came about from the Building Department because of the size of the room. They said we could have up to 200. But we don't think we're going to have 200 because our seats are like 140 maximum seats that we have available. But they are the ones that brought the 200 because of the size of the restaurant. So we told them if we have any overflow, let's say we have more people _____, we need to stay and dance, that's the maximum we can get. But if we have to do, the most we can get as far as sitting capacity, is 140 chairs that we have.

Mr. Baxter: Okay. Chairman Clemens, a follow up please?

Mr. Clemens: Yes.

Mr. Baxter: With that being said, you had agreed to take it at 120 to 110 on October 20 BZA meeting. Until you received a letter back from your neighbors asking to use their parking lot as an overflow. Have you been able to get that in writing?

Ms. Njunchop: I've been able to talk to one neighbor that is willing to do. But he wanted me to get some insurance arrangement with my insurance company that will cover the lot. And that's what we're working on.

Mr. Baxter: So then you have full intent to have that in writing prior to the exception being permitted?

Ms. Njunchop: Yes. No. I intend to have that in writing. I've already forwarded the

information to the insurance company. As soon as I get it, I'm forwarding it to the neighbor landlord then he will then draft the letter which I'll take to the Building Department.

Mr. Baxter: Very good.

Ms. Njunchop: But before that, I'm willing to _____ 120 maximum which was _____ by the Zoning Board.

Mr. Baxter: Very good. That's what I wanted to hear. Thank you.

Mr. Clemens: What I'd like to do on this is send this one to Council as an ordinance with the requirement that the capacity be 120. And also that this would be under a 6 month review. Which means you will come back in 6 months and we'd review it. At that time, if you feel that you have more parking, or you're able to show where you can have additional parking, and you bring it with you and Council can look at it. Plus, if you've had no problems that we deem that would be detrimental to the city or to your business in that length of time, it will give us a chance to look things over, that you did get the proper lighting and so forth. So I would like to send that to Council for a first reading with the requirements that capacity would be 120, and also this would be subject to a 6 month review. Mrs. Newman.

Mrs. Newman: Is it necessary for us to also add any language concerning the hours?

Mr. Clemens: No. The hours are 2:30.

Mrs. Newman: Alright.

Mr. Clemens: I mean, they can't be any longer than 2:30. If that would be agreeable to the committee, do I have a second on that? Second by Mr. Joseph. All in favor, say aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Thank you. This will go to Council for a first reading on next Monday night.

Ms. Njunchop: Thank you very much.

Mr. Clemens: The next item on the agenda, Discussion, Special Exception Use Permit, 1743-1745 Brice Road (semipublic; applicant, Pastor Craig A. West). And I have a speaker. I don't know, it's Mr. Turner and Mr. West. And I don't know who would like to speak first.

Mr. Turner: My name is Mr. Turner.

Mr. Clemens: Okay, Mr. Turner.

Mr. Turner: I am a part of the Board of Trustees of Jehovah Rapha Outreach Church. This is Pastor West. We are here because of the semipublic, general assembly use to seek approval from the City Council. We're desiring a general assembly use permit, or semipublic use permit I believe is the correct verbiage for it. Right now, once we are able to get into those particular suites, we're looking to have our worship service on Sunday between the hours of 10 a.m. and

12:30 p.m. We're also going to be having a Thursday night Bible study as well as prayer. Which will begin at 6:30 p.m. It will conclude around 8:15 p.m. I don't know if you've gotten a chance to go down to near the corner of Brice and Livingston but, it's in the Astra Center. There are 12 prime suites there. There are 3 non-prime mall suites. But the 12 prime suites have direct access to the parking lot. Their entrances are directly off the parking lot. And the advertisement is directly above their particular store front. We are seeking to occupy two of the non-prime mall suites. And we have indirect access to the parking lot via the mall entrance which we would share with the beauty salon that's there. We are looking to create a win/win situation for both the City of Reynoldsburg and ourselves. And in addition to that win/win situation for those particular retailers in the Astra Center, as well as that corridor there that consists of Brice Road and Livingston Avenue, we currently right now, do not anticipate the church services to create a traffic conflict. The reason we don't is, that the majority of the retail outlets hours of operation actually differ from the hours of operation that the church is. On Sunday, of the 11 retail establishments that are doing business at the Astra Center, one store opens at 11 a.m. Two stores open at 1 p.m. By 1 p.m. we are anticipating being out of the particular suites that we worship in. The majority of the establishments will be closed on Thursday by the time we have prayer and Bible study. However, and this is where the win/win situation comes in, our parishioners will be able to shop at the retail outlets after church service on Sunday. And depending on how early they get to Thursday evening Bible study, they'll be able to shop at those retailers on Thursday. In our application, some of the accommodations that we made reference to, and consideration, if there is a traffic congestion that becomes the result of our being there on Sunday or Thursday, we are willing to retain a Reynoldsburg police officer to assist us in directing traffic. We are, in our application also, we have looked into utilizing an alternative traffic route. Our church is prepared to initiate a monthly car pool. We are willing to establish a security ministry to help direct traffic during Sunday as well as during Thursday. And we're willing to work in conjunction with the Reynoldsburg city police officer. We were willing to establish secondary parking. At our meeting on the 20th of October, we said we would look into having overflow parking if that became an issue with the retail establishment that's directly across the street. We have gotten verbal disapproval from that particular retailer. He is not willing to let that overflow parking into his particular lot which is directly across the street from the Astra Center. But we have gone into discussions with owners of adjacent lots. I believe there's an Arthur Treacher's there. They open up I believe, around 11:00. They have given us verbal approval. We haven't gotten written approval, that they would be willing to let us have overflow parking in their lot. That Arthur Treacher's I believe, is directly south of Astra going along Brice. And then additional information, here again, we do have the Building Permit application on file. And in that file, we have floor plans which will bring the two suites that we're looking to occupy up to the standards that are required by the Americans with Disabilities Acts. We also have in there, electronic improvements, or electrical improvements I should say, that we are going to have on those particular suites to bring them up to code. We also have fire protection plans in the application as well. And we also have plans for exit lights. I will open up for any questions that City Council may have for us.

Mr. Clemens: Mr. Turner, reading your application, and it also is an excellent application. We're not used to these really. That you do a lot of explaining on situations that we need to know. As far as your sanitary issues, which was mentioned in the BZA and so forth, I did go down to the

Building Department and look at the set of plans that's been turned into the Chief Building Inspector. We went over it. You do have the new restrooms coming in, and your electrical plans and so forth. So I'm sure they're sufficient. And he said they would be.

Mr. Turner: Yes. We've gotten every indication from Mr. Hopper I believe it is, that the plans that they have in their possession right now, will bring those two suites up to code.

Mr. Clemens: That's right. At least that's what he told me. The two _____ you're planning on using have been vacant quite a bit. We receive no finance off of them. You are leasing your space in the building?

Mr. Turner: That is correct.

Mr. Clemens: So we will still be receiving the property tax and so forth from the owner of the building. It's no decrease in property taxes and so forth.

Mr. Turner: That is correct.

Mr. Clemens: If I remember right, you say you had 30 some odd people right at the present time, plus 7 or 8 children, and you plan on building it up to maybe a maximum of 90. I think that's what the capacity is if I'm not mistaken.

Mr. Turner: The capacity on the sanctuary side I believe, is around 87.

Mr. Clemens: Okay.

Mr. Turner: On the Rapha Center side, which is a little bit smaller, the capacity on that level is 24 I believe. Talking to the architect that put those plans together, it's my understanding that those numbers are based upon there being no furniture in the room. So when furniture is placed in the room, that occupancy level will decrease. He has given me a number roughly in the ball park of between 40 and maybe 60 on the sanctuary side. And perhaps 12 to 15 on the Rapha Center side. The Rapha Center side, which is the side we do not plan on having the church servicing, used to be a part of the beauty salon. So it's a smaller portion. In those building plans, yeah, those building plans that we have, the city is requiring that we place a door in between the suites, and we are willing to do that. And the contractor that we have set up is telling us that's not going to be a problem. But realistically, to address the question that you just asked, until our church grows, I don't anticipate us having more than 30 people in there at any given time. But here again, as the church does grow, with the furniture that we'll have in there, it will be approximately 68, tops.

Mr. Clemens: With that, and I was down looking at your parking lot, I don't think you'll have a problem with your parking spaces, parking area that's at the Astra Center right now unless you would go over the number that we're speaking of. Now, of course if you expanded, you would have to come back to us and we'd have to go over the whole thing again. If this was taking in a business that was in the commercial section in the front, I would have more questions and be more opposed to it. But since it's not, since you're taking up a space that hasn't been used, and we also have another church in operation back there at the present time I believe, giving away clothes and

so forth, it's close to your section so it falls into that criteria of the situation there. Are there any questions for Mr. Turner of the committee? Yes, Mrs. Newman.

Mrs. Newman: I'd just like to know a little bit about the history of your organization and your church. How long you've been in existence and that kind of thing.

Mr. Turner: I will direct that question to Pastor West.

Pastor West: My name is Craig West. To the Mayor, and to the City Council, the Jehovah Rapha Outreach Church has been in existence for three years now. We originally started out of my wife and I's home having a Bible Study 7 years ago. And since that time, we grew. The design of the church is to restore, or restoration back to the family structure. Meaning that we want family to come back together. And the first step in that is creating family in the community. The move that we're making in pursuing this is all based on our intentions to impact Reynoldsburg. We've had opportunity in the last two years with the small number of people that we have. We've actually impacted and were able to help 24 families. Whether it be their children going back to school and buying the supplies, or the holiday times when they're in need of food, we were able to impact 24 families financially, emotionally, and physically to go help them in whatever capacity. And we want to do that same thing. We want to come to Reynoldsburg and be an impact on bringing, not only business, but bring family back to Reynoldsburg. To create the programs where family can come out and celebrate together. Family can reunite together. Neighbors can be neighbors over like it used to be. And family can be a real big critical issue in our society now. We all need to unite together. Seeing that, it's only been my intentions to be a help to people and not a hindrance. And when we went to Mr. _____, who's the owner of this property, he was well aware of our intentions. He thought it was a wonderful idea. We did talk to some of the owners of the Astra Center. One in particular had wrote us a letter of recommendation that is the Personal Touch Bridal Salon. She wrote us a letter of recommendation. She thought it would be a wonderful thing to have us there. Which again impacts their business and the businesses for us.

Mrs. Newman: Could I ask you one more question?

Pastor West: Yes, ma'am.

Mrs. Newman: You said you wanted to bring family back to Reynoldsburg. Do a lot of your parishioners live in Reynoldsburg? The people you've helped in the past?

Pastor West: I would say, out of the 30, close to 10% including my wife and I.

Mrs. Newman: What did you say? 15%?

Pastor West: Close to 10 or 15% including my wife and I.

Mrs. Newman: So that's not really going to do that much for Reynoldsburg families, is it?

Pastor West: Well, the intentions Mrs. Newman, is that if we can get parishioners from the

Reynoldsburg area to attend our church, to come and be a part of what we're actually doing. And our intention is to go into the community and create community programs to impact the Reynoldsburg community.

Mrs. Newman: Okay. Thank you.

Mr. Clemens: Are there any other questions from members of the committee? (No response).
Members of Council? Yes, Mr. Beougher.

Mr. Beougher: Thank you, Mr. Clemens. Pastor West, Mr. Roberts, you mentioned that you'd have 60 people in the sanctuary side, but in your testimony before the BZBA, you say your architect says that you'd realistically be able to get 40 people in the sanctuary side. Which is the correct number? And to me, it seems like if you have 30 people in your congregation now, that doesn't give you much room to grow. And maybe if you could tell us what your weekly attendance is out of those 30 members that might help us.

Pastor West: Our weekly attendance with our members in our Bible study is, through the week on our Bible study, it's close to 7 attend on the Thursday night. And anywhere between 18 and 21 on the Sunday mornings. As far as the membership is concerned, we're a very small church. Intentions that we have now is that, a small group of people that we've had now, we've made an impact as we start to grow and we have to come back and maybe present this information again. The intention is, we take the core people that we have now to impact the community. So my focus, my secondary focus is on growth. My first is making sure that we're doing what we're doing to impact the community. Now you could do that with the smallest of people if the numbers, when we first started out was 15, our 15 members can impact 24 families then. We doubled our 30 when we were all there. That's 50 other families that were impacted. So I'm looking at how we can impact. And as we grow again, it might be the issue of us coming back and maybe looking at some different kind of concession.

Mr. Turner: I never received those minutes from that meeting on the 20th. I'm not going to question that number 40. But the architect, when I've talked to him, is telling me that number that's on the floor plans is based upon no furniture. If 40's in there, it's 40. But what I want to add on to what Pastor West was saying, in the event that our church starts to grow, what our Board of Directors have looked into is, having more church services during time periods where it won't inconvenience those businesses that are doing business there. For instance, on Sunday, we have it starting at 10:00. We would be willing to have a service that starts at 8. So that would bring us to two services on Sunday. 8 and 10. As the church grows from there, we would be open to having a Sunday evening service that starts somewhere at 6 p.m. on Sunday. If it grows from there, we'd be willing to have a service Saturday evening. (Tape Change). The City Council to understand that as our church grows, we are willing to work with the city and we are willing to work with those businesses so that we're not a detriment to them. But we're a positive impact to them as well as the city. Thank you.

Mr. Beougher: A follow up if I might. So the number of occupants on the floor plans based on the furniture layout is 60?

Mr. Turner: The occupancy level based on the floor plans without furniture, like I said, I believe it's 87. I don't have that in front of me but I believe it's 87.

Mr. Beougher: But with furniture, and I assume...

Mr. Turner: With furniture, he's telling me is 40.

Mr. Beougher: Okay. Thank you.

Mr. Clemens: Thank you, Lane. Mrs. Newman.

Mrs. Newman: I just have another question. Maybe it's impertinent of me to ask but, if you have such a small community, and I know that parishioners or members of a religious community are generally the places you look to for support, how are they going to support this venture? You know, the rent has to be paid, that sort of thing. How is that going to happen?

Mr. Turner: We don't have financial figures in the application but, before we went in to this lease, we definitely crunched our numbers. We are able to pay the lease on those two suites. And we are able to pay the utilities on those two suites from those members of our church who are actively participating in a 5, 8 or 10% tie program. So we will be able to pay the lease. We're not, I'm not going to say we're not told to concern with that. We're not really worried about that. Because right now, as the Pastor said, we have members attending the church now. I see the number of the amount of money that we're bringing into the church, increasing as our membership grows. And as our membership grows, I'm pretty certain we'll have more members who are willing to tie with their income. Here again, 5, 8, 10%. But we'll be able to pay the lease as well as the utilities. We're right now, paying the utilities now and we're not even in there.

Mrs. Newman: Alright. Thank you.

Mr. Clemens: Thank you. Are there any other questions? Mr. Baxter.

Mr. Baxter: Chairman Clemens, thank you. Good evening and welcome. The questions I have are based around your neighbors that you will be working with. You're obviously going to have church services, and you're going to be playing music and those type of things. Is that going to bleed into your neighbors over there? Are they going to be able to hear your walls connected? I haven't seen the location so I can't tell you. Are you going to be interrupting any other businesses in that area as you perform your services?

Mr. Turner: Here again, I don't have the building plans in front of me but the one retailer who borders our suites is the hair salon. Just south of the hair salon is a tuxedo shop and a bread store. When I've looked at the floor plans, our suites don't bag into those two establishments. To address the noise issue, the hair salon is not doing business on Sunday. So we wouldn't anticipate the music or the praising of the Lord to be a detriment to those businesses. But here again, to the best of my knowledge, our suites do not boarder those two establishments that are south of us.

Mr. Baxter: Very good. A follow up if I could?

Mr. Clemens: Yes.

Mr. Baxter: I'm just thinking about what you said. You're looking to grow. And you would love to have Saturday evening, and Sunday evening, and other services that at presently, your schedule doesn't impact those. I'm thinking in the future, you do grow and then they do become an impact. We need to be considering what your best case scenario is as well. And that's why I brought up the issue of noise, and you need to be considerate of your neighbors obviously. The second question, I was heading down that same path is, from a parking situation. You're talking about parking. There's so many parking spots within that entire mall and plaza area, and in your lease I would assume, that you're only allowed to use so many of those. But I'm looking at more from the other businesses taking use of that space, and if you're going to be having evening services on Saturday or on Sunday, when they may be open, that may become an issue. So you maybe want to consider those types of things in the future as you do grow, that it may become an issue for that area.

Pastor West: Mr. Baxter, we'd be willing to address those issues with the other businesses if that occurred.

Mr. Baxter: Very good. Thank you.

Mr. Clemens: Are there any other questions? Mrs. Newman.

Mrs. Newman: I just had a comment. That I supposed everybody knows that I am not in favor of zoning changes from Community Commerce. I don't think it's good for the city. And I just want everybody to know that right now. That's the way I feel.

Mr. Clemens: The problem is with this one, there's been nobody in there that's been paying any rent. It's two vacant store rooms that sits behind the other commercial part of the buildings. So there hasn't been any money coming in on that one. And I agree. I understand, and I feel the same as you do as far as doing away with commercial property. As I said, if this had been one of the store rooms in front that is of commercial value, I would certainly have opposed it. On this, I don't intend to make a motion to send this to Council for an ordinance. Unless any other member of the committee wants to.

Mr. Baxter: I just would like to have one more quick question if I could?

Mr. Clemens: Yes.

Mr. Baxter: As far as how this would work, is this a Special Use Permit for those two suites only?

Mr. Clemens: That's correct.

Mr. Baxter: Are all three suites in the back? Are we going to have to revisit this in the future when we talk about...

Mr. Clemens: No. This is for two suites.

Mr. Baxter: Just two suites.

Mr. Clemens: Yes.

Mr. Baxter: Is that something we've done in the past where we've zoned ordinances to actual suites of a building?

Mr. Clemens: That's correct.

Mr. Baxter: Have we ever done that before?

Mr. Clemens: Yeah. We can do it.

Mr. Baxter: We can do it. Okay. Thank you.

Mr. Clemens: Yes. If any other members of the committee wants to send this to Council? Mr. Stearns.

Mr. Stearns: Thank you, Chairman Clemens. I would like to make that motion to send it to Council.

Mr. Clemens: To send it as an ordinance? I was going to let it go and this be approved by not going to Council.

Mr. Stearns: Oh. Okay. Well, fine.

Mr. Clemens: If somebody wants to send an ordinance that goes through the readings, that's fine. If we take no action, then it becomes approved.

Mr. Stearns: Then I pull my motion then.

Mr. Clemens: And if any other member of Council would like to, they have until Monday night to get it on the agenda if somebody would like to put an ordinance on pertaining to the church. If not, if anybody from the committee wants to take action, fine. If not, they'll be no action taken. Thank you Mr. West, Mr. Turner.

Mr. Turner: Before I leave, no action is being taken at this time?

Mr. Clemens: That means it's been approved. If we don't take action, it's approved.

Mr. Turner: Okay. I just wanted to make sure I understand.

Mr. Clemens: Now if somebody, a member between now and Monday night would put an ordinance before Council, then it would be heard before City Council as an ordinance. As it

stands now, there's no action taken, so therefore, it would be approved.

Mr. Turner: Thank you.

Mr. Clemens: The next item on the agenda is a discussion, Special Exception Use Permit, 6525 East Main Street, tavern. Do we have the applicant here? Would you state your name and address, please?

Mr. Vuticevski: My name's Nick Vuticevski. Owner of the property.

Mr. Clemens: Pronounce that again.

Mr. Vuticevski: Vuticevski. It's okay. You can call me Nick.

Mr. Clemens: Sounds like you're on a soccer team or something. We have received your application. And you, it's not as good as the others but at least you've filled it out. You have met the BZA and they have sent this on as approval. And they had some discussion as far as lighting on your property. And as far as maintaining the private drive. And as far as putting some pavement down, or some type of blocking so that the private drive would have access to the back?

Mr. Vuticevski: Yes. A sign. No parking signs.

Mr. Clemens: Also, I went down and I was looking at your building and looking at your parking spaces. I figure you'd have around 35 parking spaces.

Mr. Vuticevski: That's correct.

Mr. Clemens: If you would have additional parking, you do have a side lot and a back lot that you'd have to improve which would have to be concrete or blacktop.

Mr. Vuticevski: Correct. We don't plan on using the additional on the side.

Mr. Clemens: Well, I just want to make it plain. If you do use them, you're going to be cited because it's going to be blacktop or concrete. So when you start in at that, I want you to know that those can't be parked on unless they're improved. Your lighting also should be taken care of in the back and both sides, and the front.

Mr. Vuticevski: Yes. There's spot lights already in the back that wasn't stated at the first meeting.

Mr. Clemens: Because you know, there's one thing that we want to maintain as proper lighting in case you do have problems. Of course, people ingress and egress, and plus if you do have problems, we have to have officers there and so forth.

Mr. Vuticevski: There's spot lights above the back door that wasn't mentioned at the first meeting.

Mr. Clemens: I saw it. But I don't know whether that would do the lighting for the whole back exterior. And I think you ought to have the proper lighting. So any how, that's something to take up with the Building Department. Would you like to give us a breakdown on what your business is? What you plan on doing with it?

Mr. Vuticevski: Yes. We have a bar now. 1371 Hentz Drive. And we just plan on moving it to 6525 East Main Street. Better location. Bigger. Just want to move it.

Mr. Clemens: Also, to be fair with you, I had the Lt. Nuesse of the Police Department run a check also on your business and so forth. And it came out with no problems. No reason for denial as far as the business is concerned and you're concerned. Are there any questions for the owner from the committee? (No response). Members of Council? Yes, Mr. Baxter.

Mr. Baxter: Chairman Clemens, and again I will jump in here if I could please. A couple of things I just want to make sure we're clear. As I read through the minutes, I noticed there were two issues there. One was the lighting and I heard you state that you saw the lighting across the back, response lights. It was also discussed that they were looking, they being the BZA, for top down type of lighting in the back for security purposes. Is there top down lighting?

Mr. Vuticevski: There's not now. No.

Mr. Baxter: Is it your intent to have top down lighting installed then? If the Building Department requires it.

Mr. Vuticevski: Yes. If it requires it, we will add it. Yes.

Mr. Baxter: Okay. Very good. Second part of that question is reserved to the signage that stated that there were some issues around signage. Are you okay with what was stated in the BZA? It said it includes requirements that appropriate signage be erected that indicates that the area is private drive and do not park. We're talking about the driveway in back.

Mr. Vuticevski: Yes. The 'no parking' signs. Yes. We will add those.

Mr. Baxter: Okay. Very good. Those are my questions. Thank you.

Mr. Clemens: Mrs. Newman.

Mrs. Newman: Yes. With regard to lighting in the back. Looking at the minutes, Mrs. Sharp had remarked during the meeting that there were three houses apparently adjacent to this lot. Now are the lights going to cause the same problem that we've experienced before in another place where the lights on an adjacent business were so bright that it really detracted from the residents enjoyment of their back yard because of all the glare?

Mr. Clemens: I think there should be directional lighting.

Mr. Vuticevski: Yes. And I'd like to add, there's a lot of land behind there and there is trees. So

the houses that are back there are far back in there. They're, I'd probably say, a quarter of a mile back.

Mr. Clemens: There is quite a distance between your property.

Mrs. Newman: Even when the leaves fall off, they still won't have lighting in their yard?

Mr. Clemens: Are there any other questions? (No response). What I'd like to do with this one also, I'd like to send this to Council as an ordinance to make sure to put on the restrictions that we want the lighting must be provided in the rear of the property and approved by our Building Department. And the directional signals must be erected to maintain the integrity of the private drive. And also that I'd like to have this in for a 6 month review to see how everything's going. To see that we have no problems and so forth. This gives us a situation where we have two liquor establishments next to each other.

Mr. Vuticevski: That's understandable.

Mr. Clemens: And I think it's important, for not only you, but for the other business owner, that we hold down our problems. And therefore, if we bring this in for renewal in 6 months, we can see how your place is operated, how they've operated, if there's been any problems, or there needs to be anything that we need to correct. Or if it's been bad, we'll take it away from you. Just so you understand that.

Mr. Vuticevski: Okay.

Mr. Clemens: But any how, it gives us a chance for review. It gives us a chance for you to come in. If things have been fine, then we can pull the 6 month, that's the end of it. If things have been a little shakey, we can continue it another 6 months. But I think it's important that we do have a review on it after 6 months. We owe that to the public. Both of these are going to be on Main Street and we don't know what the traffic situation's going to be. So I'm going to send that to Council with those recommendations, and also that it be a 6 month review. Do I have a second? Second by Mr. Stearns. All in favor, say aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Thank you.

The next item on the agenda, Discussion, Authorization for Mayor to execute the Modification and Partial Release of Easement and acceptance thereof. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor McPherson: Actually I think this is Mr. Underwood.

Mr. Clemens: Oh, I'm sorry. Mr. Underwood.

Mr. Underwood: Thank you. Actually, these next two are, some time ago, we did some work to get the new Victoria's Secret Distribution Center. And on The Limited property, they had storm sewer easements and done work in the past. And to get the new building on there, and to accommodate the new building, because there's two counties involved, they had to re-engineer

storm sewer easements and easements. And that means releasing some of the old work and doing some new work. And that's what these two are about. They want to release one and do new ones. And that's what the two of them are. So they can build their new building, the state of the art distribution center and put the people in there so the easements go around the building and not under the building. That's what it is in a nut shell.

Mr. Clemens: And you want these as an emergency, Bill?

Mr. Underwood: Please. They want to get going and build.

Mr. Clemens: Okay. Alright. Do we have any questions for Mr. Underwood on this subject? (No response). Members of Council? (No response). If not, I'd like to make a motion that we send this to Council for approval as an emergency. Do I have a second? Second by Mrs. Newman. All in favor, say aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Thank you.

The next item, item number 8 is an acceptance of a storm water easement, .136 acres and 1.420 acres. This is the same that Mr. Underwood just explained, falls under the same reason why it's being done. Are there any questions for Mr. Underwood on this? Members of the committee? (No response). Members of Council? (No response). If not, I'd like to send this to Council for approval as an emergency. Do I have a second? Second by Mr. Joseph. All in favor, say aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Thank you.

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A "MASTER SERVICES AGREEMENT" WITH INTERSTATE GAS SUPPLY, INC. FOR PROVISION OF RETAIL NATURAL GAS SERVICES FOR THE GOVERNMENTAL AGGREGATION; AND REPEALING AND REPLACING ORDINANCE NO. 81-03 PASSED OCTOBER 13, 2003; AND ALSO REPEALING AND REPLACING ORDINANCE NO. 96-03 PASSED NOVEMBER 24, 2003; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. It was sent for an emergency but read for the first time 10-24-05. John, are you handling this, Mr. Brandt?

Mr. Brandt: Thank you, Mr. Clemens, members of Council. This is the replacement agreement for the expiring agreement that we had previously in place to serve the residents that were subscribers of the city's natural gas aggregation program. The main difference if you will, between the previous agreement and this agreement, was the last agreement provided for a percentage off. This agreement provides for cents off. As we discussed at the previous meeting, the natural gas market is probably more volatile in both price and burning capacity than the gasoline market this day and age. To that end, we brought forth this agreement. We have approximately 3500 to 4,000 residents currently subscribers. This program was merely additional program to augment those programs that were offered via the apples to apples program that's provided by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio. There's a number of cities in Central Ohio that got into aggregation. We were probably the first one that did both gas and electric. Electric at this point hasn't brought the enthusiasm or interest by the providers based on pricing etc., that's currently in the market place. However, I did have the opportunity to attend the Ohio Consumer Council meeting last week and they indicated that possibly some time next year, we may be here discussing the opportunities for electric as well. With respect to the gas project or

program, Mr. Sloan's here with us this evening as well to answer any questions. He's with AmpOhio. AmpOhio, for those of you who are new to this situation, is American Municipal Power which is the _____ organization by the cities in Ohio that have their own electric utility division. They also provide consulting service on gas aggregation to a number of communities throughout Central Ohio, and some beyond the Central Ohio scope. Questions?

Mr. Clemens: Thank you, John. Any questions?

Mr. Brandt: Mr. Hills did have one as far as amount as to the average estimate.

Mr. Hills: Right, Mr. Brandt. And I'd like to thank you for having somebody come out. It was just a matter for clarification. Because this contract was changing from a percentage discount to a cents off. And I'm not, when I read it I said, okay, exactly what did that mean? So one of my concerns was, and I asked if it could be explained is, what is the net benefit going to be? Now since that time, and certainly if you'd like to address that, I'd love to hear it. I understand that because of the volatile nature right now of natural gas, no one is entering into these percentage discounts. Is that a correct statement?

Mr. Brandt: What I'm told is, we were one of the few that got an offer of this nature. And I think if we look back...

Mr. Hills: An offer of which nature? The percentage discount two years ago?

Mr. Brandt: Yeah.

Mr. Hills: Because we were about the first in this area.

Mr. Brandt: Right. But I think if we look back, we discussed the situation whether to take, or seek a fixed price or take the percentage off. And the Council's wisdom at that time was to take the percentage off versus the fixed.

Mr. Hills: And I think that was, certainly because they're all participants within the program are receiving some discounted price. We enter into a fixed, and all of a sudden the market drops, then all of our consumers look at us and say, why did you pick it that way? So I think this is the way. And that was one of the things I wanted to clarify. If the percentage discount is not available, in this contractual period, the only guarantees other than the fixed was a cents off. And so I was curious, is there going to be, what's the savings? How do they relate? I'm not sure. You refer to the apples to apples. I'm not so sure but I'm asking an oranges to apples question. I'm not sure that there is a direct answer other than whatever happens to the market, our customers who are enrolled in this program will pay a certain amount of the discount as to cents off. Correct?

Mr. Brandt: Cents off of Columbia's GCR rate.

Mr. Hills: Okay.

Mr. Brandt: Which is the market rate if you have not subscribed to any other service or opportunity

that...

Mr. Hills: And those customers who don't want to go as a group, certainly they can go enter into a contractual relationship with the gas utility on their own any way.

Mr. Brandt: Right.

Mr. Hills: Okay. I do appreciate that. Is there anything you'd like to add? Why you're the best deal in town or whatever it may be.

Mr. Sloan: I don't know that we're the best deal in town. But we have been with the city for two years since the inception of the program. This is the original deal with where the city chose to go with. IGS. They were one of 6 suppliers back then that we did solicit offers from. They were the only supplier at that time who were willing to give us a guaranteed savings from the utilities price. At the time, Columbia Gas of Ohio was on a three month gas cost program. Every three months their GCR, their gas cost recovery price would change. That has since changed to a monthly. So it changes monthly now. That's one of the reasons that IGS this time, would only offer a, they were trying to cap their exposure. They have a harder time figuring what the utility was going to, what their rate might be in any given month. The savings, I think Mr. Hills, your question about savings, the first year the average savings was about \$40 a customer for the aggregate. It was about \$160,000. Second year, prices were higher for gas. We got the same discount so a 5% discount on a higher price was a little more savings. It was about \$50. My guess on this one would be about \$40 per customer. Two years ago when the city chose to go with the guaranteed rate it was certainly less politically risky. There was less opportunity for someone to second guess the decision because it was going to be better than the utilities rate. Some of the other communities here in Central Ohio with a fixed price and with varying degrees of success, they weren't all the same, we've had some communities that have saved a lot of money. We represent about 34 communities across the state. We've had some that didn't save any money. As a matter of fact, they wound up not as good as you suggested. You set a fixed price, you have price certainty but if you get a mild winter, and we would generally like to see a mild winter, everybody's bill would be less. But rates drop and the utilities rate can drop. All of the suppliers, including IGS, would like to get away from the guaranteed offers. But IGS, since they had offered this program to the City of Reynoldsburg, it was the only city in Central Ohio they continue to offer this option to. So there may have been some other cities that would have wanted it this second two year period. It was only offered to Reynoldsburg and also some of the communities in the Toledo area. So that's where we are today. I think kind of in a condensed version. Any additional questions?

Mr. Hills: That's fine for me. Thank you, Mr. Sloan.

Mr. Clemens: Yes. I had asked John a couple of questions today and he answered most of them. But I did ask one John. Does this take a, for renewal, does it require a vote of approval? Or we don't have to?

Mr. Brandt: The program, the inception of the program is what required the vote.

Mr. Clemens: The renewal doesn't have to?

Mr. Brandt: No.

Mr. Clemens: Are there any other questions from the committee for Mr. Brandt? (No response).
Members of Council? Mr. Beougher.

Mr. Beougher: Thank you, Mr. Clemens. If I could, what are the current price per million cubic feet of gas right now? And can you give us a little bit of history where that was this summer and where it's likely to go this winter?

Mr. Sloan: Columbia Gas of Ohio's gas cost recovery rate for the month of, the billing month of November, is approximately \$12.90 per MCF, or per thousand cubic feet. And that's approximately per a million BTU's. That's up probably by 50% from this same time last year. Big driver in that was a warm summer where a lot of gas was being used for power generation. And then the real big kick was hurricanes had knocked out a lot of production in the Gulf of Mexico. So we were probably, that price was probably \$10 in the middle of the summer. We were actually higher in October. It's started to come off a little bit as production is coming back in the Gulf of Mexico. We've had a relatively mild start to the winter season which generally is November 1. So I think prices have a chance of coming down over the winter if we get relatively mild temperatures in November and December. If it gets cold, I don't know, I would say it's, don't be lulled to sleep by what you see at the gas pump. This is a different animal. And I know we've seen prices really drop from \$3 down to about \$2 on gasoline. Natural gas, different. Cold winter could really send these prices sky rocketing.

Mr. Beougher: And we're being offered 35 cents per thousand cubic feet off of Columbia Gas' price. And that's a percentage of roughly...

Mr. Sloan: I'm not sure of the percentage.

Mr. Beougher: Conservatively less than 5.

Mr. Sloan: It's probably 3%. Something like that.

Mr. Beougher: 3%? Okay. And what are they offering as a fixed contract at this point?

Mr. Sloan: Well, fixed price contract is a little bit different. What you negotiate there with suppliers, which we have already gone through that process. And I could send that information to you but what you're really negotiating with suppliers there is, what's their cost of doing business? How much are they going to charge to move the gas from the purchase point in the southwest at the point of purchase to the city gate of Reynoldsburg for Columbia Gas to _____ to the homes and the businesses. After you've gone through that process, _____ supplier, you know what their added cost on top of the commodity cost they would purchase on your behalf, then it comes down to picking a date to trigger the gas. So I guess bottom line, we don't have a fixed price offer. We have fixed _____ price, and then you lock in and this is what the other

communities are doing at this point. They're locking in on a given day. And you hope you pick wisely on that today. Trigger point.

Mr. Beougher: I guess my question is, at what point are most of the other communities locking in? Were they somewhere between the current price and previous price? Or are they maybe above the current price even in anticipation of increased cost down the road?

Mr. Sloan: There's a target price that the other communities have that they would like to trigger. But the market has not gotten to that point yet. So at this point, they are looking, if they've made the decision within the past couple of months that if they don't see a fixed price offer, or they don't see prices such that they can lock in for a year and have a fixed price for a year for their residents, they would just go on a month to month basis without a guarantee that the City of Reynoldsburg has.

Mr. Beougher: So the market hasn't risen to that level yet?

Mr. Sloan: It hasn't got to the point where they're ready to trigger? That's correct.

Mr. Beougher: That's useful information. So by doing the cents off program, we're realizing the savings whereas the other communities are not at this point?

Mr. Sloan: You're all under, your existing contract's through December. So the new program would start for Reynoldsburg, and Dublin, and Bexley, and the others, January 1. But if they lock today, it would be higher price than Columbia's current GCR. But you don't know what the market's going to do in January so you really can't say at this point whether it's going to be better or worse than the utilities.

Mr. Beougher: Bottom line is, this is the best deal we can get.

Mr. Sloan: It's the best guaranteed deal.

Mr. Beougher: Okay. Thank you very much.

Mr. Sloan: The hindsight, it may not be.

Mr. Beougher: I appreciate the information. Thank you, Chairman Clemens.

Mr. Clemens: Are there any other questions for Mr. Brandt? (No response).

Mr. Brandt: Mr. Clemens, he's got some graphs that he did that he'll give the Clerk to pass out just for information for you.

Mr. Clemens: Okay. Fine. We appreciate that. This has been asked to be an emergency. So I'd like to send this to Council for its second reading and be passed as an emergency. Do I have a second? Second by Mrs. Newman. All in favor, say aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No

response). Thank you.

The next item, ORDINANCE ACCEPTING UNRECORDED GENERAL WARRANTY DEED FROM JOHN M. BIRCH AND BONNIE J. BIRCH (.165 ac.; Taylor Road right of way donation). First reading 10-24-05. Is there any discussion from the committee? (No response). Members of Council? (No response). If not, I'd like to send this back to Council for its third reading. Make a motion to go back to Council for its third reading. Do I have a second? Second by Mr. Stearns. All in favor, say aye. (All voted "Aye"). I want to change that. It's going back to Council for its second reading if that's alright.

Next ordinance, ORDINANCE ACCEPTING FOUR UNRECORDED DEEDS OF EASEMENT (sanitary sewer, water utility line) (Board of Education of Reynoldsburg City School District). It had its first reading 10-24-05. Are there any questions from the committee pertaining to this? (No response). Members of Council? (No response). If not, I'd like to make a motion to send this to Council for its second reading. Do I have a second? Second by Mr. Joseph. All in favor, say aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Thank you.

At that, I will end the Service Committee meeting at 8:55.

Service Committee

- -Susie Smith, Assistant Clerk of Council

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FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

November 7, 2005

Members of Finance Committee present: Ron Stake, Mel Clemens, Lane J. Beougher, Brett Baxter.

Other members of Council present: Antoinette Newman, Preston Stearns, Doug Joseph, Council President William L. Hills.

Mr. Stake: I'd like to call the November 7 Finance Committee to order at 9:56.

The next item on the agenda is approval of the Finance Committee meeting held October 17, 2005. Are there any changes to those minutes? (No response). None being heard, they'll stand as submitted.

Item number 3 is approval of the agenda. I have a request by the Safety/Service Director Mrs. Reichard to add Supplemental Appropriation for the Police Department. Are there any other changes to the agenda? (No response). Then I make a motion that we add the Supplemental Appropriation for the Police Department. All in favor, state aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Motion passes.

And the next item, 3a is Supplemental Appropriation for the Police Department. And Mayor, Lt. Neusse, I don't know who'd like to address this.

Mayor McPherson: Thank you. This request came to us probably a week, week and a half ago. We looked through all the accounts that we could possibly look through. But the bottom line is, we're going to run out of money in these accounts. The three are Uniforms and Equipment, \$8500. Gasoline, \$27,000. And Prisoner Care, \$30,000. We had hoped to be able to stretch it to the end of the year, which as you're all aware, during December, the Auditor brings accounts to you that we need to move around and perhaps transfer some other accounts. In this particular case, we don't have any place to get the money. Whether we wait until December or not, well we can't wait until December. We have bills that we have to pay this month. And so we're requesting that that money be appropriated from the unappropriated General Fund to the accounts that are listed on the request, and that an emergency be added because we have bills that are due. Such as, gasoline bills that are due within a week to 10 days.

Mr. Stake: Mayor, so if this passes next Monday night, that would be enough time?

Mayor McPherson: Yes.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Do we have any other items from the Police Department that we're going to need to fund before the year's over?

Mayor McPherson: Not that we're aware of right now, but I'm not going to say we're not going to. The Acting Chief and Lieutenants and I are sitting down going over a lot of the various accounts that we have over there as we speak. I met with Mike Turner to go over some of the accounts also and I would, I don't think we're going to need any other supplementals other than the one that comes in December. The appropriation where they change all the various funding around in the various departments. But I think we'll be okay as far as actually needing unappropriated General Fund money.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Any questions from members of the committee? Mr. Clemens.

Mr. Clemens: Yes. When you're checking that over, you better check the Overtime Account as far as supplemental appropriation is concerned. You better look at the Overtime Account.

Mayor McPherson: That's one of the ones Mike and I have been working on trying to make a determination. But again, what we try to do is, not take it from other accounts. We're trying to see how the 100 accounts are going to end up. And if anything, we may have to transfer from one 100 account to another 100 account. But we're doing everything we can to avoid having to either go into another, like a 200, 300, 400 account. Or ask for an appropriation from the unappropriated General Fund. But we'll know that this month.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Go ahead, Mr. Clemens.

Mr. Clemens: To follow up on that, once again, I understand we have to pay some bills but, once again, we get into an emergency situation again. I know we're having a change of administration over there but, these kind of things you look ahead on. I mean, somebody's checking this stuff out as you go. I mean, I would think. And know that we don't come here with \$27,000 for

gasoline and \$30,000 for prisoner care. I mean, we come as an emergency.

Mayor McPherson: Well, I can say this, that at the beginning of the year, I think everybody was perfectly aware that we cut our budget as much as we could possibly cut it. We never anticipated gasoline going up almost \$3 a gallon. And even at what it is now you know, you're still talking on average probably \$2.20 a gallon.

Mr. Clemens: I'm not criticizing for the additional money and I know what your budget was. But I mean, what I'm kind of complaining about is, it's an emergency. We knew this a month ago. Gas was up a month ago. You know, you look ahead. That's the only thing I'm trying to get. I'm getting tired of emergencies. I want to tell you that. So we just want to start looking ahead on some of these things. And this is not the only one I'm going to bring it up on.

Mayor McPherson: Well, one of the things I asked today to check on some of the reasons for some of this. When the State Auditor was in here a couple, three months ago, they found some areas that they didn't like in certain accounts. To give you an example, some of the money was moved into a fund account. Into a 240 account. Some of that money, we moved \$200,000 out of our PERS which is a 100 account that had to be moved into a fund account. So there's been a lot of things happen in the past 2 months that we didn't count on. And really, that's you know, I don't like bringing emergency legislation to you any more than you like having it.

Mr. Clemens: That's an explanation and I accept it. I mean, that's all I do is ask for a reason and it sounds like a good reason.

Mayor McPherson: Yeah. And you know, what I, I'm going to try to do in the future and the Lieutenant and I talked about this today, is try to bring you some of the details of why we had to move that money, or why the money isn't there at the end of the year. And trust me, we don't want to bring emergencies to you any more than you want to hear them.

Mr. Clemens: That's why I said check that overtime account.

Mayor McPherson: Well, yeah. Absolutely. Well, especially now that we moved \$200,000 out of there.

Mr. Stake: Well, and it seems that many of these emergencies are for money too and we'd like to have that before the public for a little while so we can do that. Just if I could just follow up on what Mr. Clemens said. On our next item here, the 2006 Budget Appropriation, I think what I'd like to see is less moving money around and more money being put in the proper column for these things foreseeing this year that we need this. I hope we've accounted for that in our appropriation request here. If we haven't, maybe we need to do that. So we have less of that, less moving money around in the future.

Mayor McPherson: Yeah. Yeah. Well, that's clearly my error. This year I did not keep track of the monies that was being moved around. And I can assure you, now that I have seen some of the transfers that have happened, we have a new process in place that won't allow that to happen again

without the director or myself knowing it.

Mr. Stake: And I know Mayor, I know Mrs. Reichard had mentioned that you'd been looking at this and questioning some of these things and that's why it was held up I think for a little while.

Mayor McPherson: It is clearly my fault. Because I did not know some of these transfers were going on. So I'll take the full brunt of Council. If you want to throw darts at somebody, throw them at me. Because I did it. I did not follow up on the budget as well as I should have.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Any other questions or comments from members of the committee?

Mr. Baxter: Yes, Mr. Stake.

Mr. Stake: Mr. Baxter.

Mr. Baxter: Well, I'm going to throw a couple of darts here Mayor, but not intentional to hurt your feelings or anything else like that. But I have to question, how the heck did we end up having a 30% increase in our prisoner care? There's got to be a good reason for it.

Mayor McPherson: We have written probably twice the number of tickets that we wrote last year. And the courts took that other 50% extra on the prisoners and put them in jail. And when you put them in jail, you gotta pay the bill for them. We are up at least...

Mr. Baxter: But I don't think, we don't keep anybody more than a day. Is that not true?

Mayor McPherson: Pardon me? I'm sorry?

Mr. Baxter: Because when I spoke to the Chief about this, she had said, well we don't keep anybody more than a day. Are we keeping people longer?

Mayor McPherson: No. What she was talking about was how long we hold people in our holding cell. We only hold them for 4 hours. Okay? But the court, either the Mayor's court or the municipal court, locks people up. They put people in jail. We pay the bill. We have no control on whether a Judge puts somebody in jail or not. But we are responsible for paying that bill which I believe right now is about 70 or \$75 per person per day. And as our incarcerations went up, our prisoner care went up.

Mr. Stake: Well and if I could, Mr. Baxter, in reading some of the documentation that was provided with this legislative request, it looks like there's been some medical care expenses that are forthcoming as well. And I think that adds to it.

Mayor McPherson: And on the medical care, you need to understand, we try to track down every prisoner that we have to send for medical care. We try to get insurance if there's any possible way to get it from them. But I can assure you that the bulk of the people that go to jail do not have hospitalization. And we're responsible from the time we arrest them to paying their medical bills.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Thank you. Mr. Baxter, any other questions?

Mr. Baxter: Just one question if I could. Are these prisoners being held in our jail that we're paying for?

Mayor McPherson: No. No. We don't hold people in our jail. Four hours. That's it.

Mr. Baxter: Okay. So why do we have a jail then?

Mayor McPherson: Well, you have to lock them up when you bring them in. If you bring 3, 4, 5 people in, you know, you line them up, then you do the breathalyzer, then you do all the other things that you have to do. But again, we're only like 4 hours tops. And then they go to the county, and then the county you know, if we take them in there say on a Friday, it may be Monday, Tuesday before they actually even have their bond hearing. And so we're paying for that the whole time.

Mr. Baxter: Okay. That makes sense.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Any other questions? President Hills.

Mr. Hills: One question. And I've heard the four hours a couple of times. When the jail was built, it is built that it can keep someone longer than 4 hours. It's a 24 or 48, isn't it?

Mayor McPherson: Well, we can hold people....

Mr. Hills: But we don't staff it. We staff it for 4 hours so they can be moved to their appropriate county facility which has the staff to maintain them on the 24 hour day basis.

Mayor McPherson: If we do it on a 24 hour basis, we have to have jail personnel there 24 hours a day. We have to provide meals. We have to provide medical, nursing. All kinds of things that we just don't have the ability to do.

Mr. Hills: Our goal is not to have someone here over the roughly 4, or whatever hours are necessary to get them to the county.

Mayor McPherson: That is absolutely our goal.

Mr. Stake: Mr. Stearns.

Mr. Stearns: Yes. Thank you, Chairman Stake. Mayor, when we have to pay for the hospitalization when someone gets sick or they have to go to the hospital, is there any decisions that can recover this fund? No way?

Mayor McPherson: Most of the people that are down there are indigent in all seriousness. I mean,

they just, we have trouble getting fines paid. You know, the bulk of our files in there on people that owe fines are because people want to pay you \$10 a month. And that's all some people can afford to pay. And there's actually times when you just write them off because it's too expensive to keep maintaining them. And you know, they'll not pay for two months. You're \$20 behind then you have to issue a warrant. Then you have to arrest them. Then you put them in jail. Then you pay \$75 a day for them sitting there. You know, there's a lot of things that you know, you have to look at when somebody comes into court and says you know, I'd like to have my fine waived, or I'd like to have a payment program, or I'd like to have something like that. You have to look at their financial condition. So, and before, and I'm trying not to speak to the Magistrates but, the Magistrates have to evaluate that. They have to evaluate whether or not they have the ability to pay the fine. And whether or not they can put them on a payment program. But you know, if they're indigent, we can't collect. You know, we just can't collect.

Mr. Stake: We're not fortunate enough to catch wealthy criminals.

Mayor McPherson: Well, it seems to be a problem. But it's not a problem just for Reynoldsburg. I can assure you that most of the communities have the same problem that the people end up going to jail for the most part, the people that also can't afford to pay the fine.

Mr. Stake: Usually a reason they're committing crimes. Exactly. Yes. Any other questions?
Mr. Baxter.

Mr. Baxter: On the other account that we're talking about here which happens to be the uniforms account. I show that you get up to 18 different (Tape Change). And things that we're not seeing.

Lt. Neusse: (Inaudible. Speaking off mike).

Mr. Baxter: Right. So we've replaced all the vests or something like that?

Mayor McPherson: The vests are much more expensive than that. They run close to what, \$4,000? The good vests, and you know, they're going to run you, and an example right now, you know, we're having to replace them because of that zylon. And we had hoped that the vests that we bought would be part of the Attorney General's law suit and they weren't. So the vendor that we got our vest from that we're going to have to replace all of our vests, were not a part of that law suit. Now that doesn't mean we're still not looking to find ways to replace those vests. But the bottom line is, we've got to pay for it up front. And again, as Mr. Stake said, I started looking into some of these things when I started seeing all the changes that came through. And the account that you're talking about had a transfer made on February 5 of this year transferring, I don't know, 10 or \$12,000 out of it for some other expense. And so now we're needing money in it. And that's what I say. Shame on me for not realizing some of that money was going to different things. But now I know, and I can assure you that there is nothing transferred in those accounts now that I'm not aware of. I can't remember what it was but it was clearly an expense that took it out of the clothing. And now we need it for the clothing for the new officers. We have two new officers that are going to be starting _____. That's why it's needed.

Mr. Stake: Mr. Beougher.

Mr. Beougher: Thank you, Chairman Stake. Mayor, have the new vests, the replacement vests been purchased? Or this is to fund the account so that they can be purchased?

Mayor McPherson: It's so they can be purchased.

Mr. Beougher: Okay.

Mayor McPherson: Yeah. We do not have them. I think, do we have any ordered yet, do you recall?

Lt. Neusse: (Inaudible. Speaking off mike).

Mayor McPherson: Right now we have none. They're all on the next years budget.

Mr. Beougher: So that part of this is a critical need. I mean, if somebody gets injured and we have not replaced those vests, we're in deep...

Mayor McPherson: Absolutely. We have had, Chief Miller and I when she was here and the Lieutenant, have had a meeting, a labor relations meeting with the FOP, and we have an agreement on the vests and we're working to replace them. You need to understand, one of the things that we talked about with the FOP was also the age of the vests are also a determining fact on how quickly you need to replace them. And we are in agreement that if we get the funding in the '06 budget, that will be and adequate timing based on the age of our vests.

Mr. Beougher: Okay.

Mr. Stake: Any other questions for the Mayor? Mr. Baxter.

Mr. Baxter: I just want to make sure I understood correctly Chairman. So the 8,000 we're asking for is not to replace the vests? That's in the 2006 budget?

Mayor McPherson: That's correct.

Mr. Baxter: We're asking for 8,000 for what then? Because it implied we're buying two uniforms, full uniforms.

Mayor McPherson: Uniform replacement. Two full uniforms for two new officers including all the...

Mr. Baxter: Everything on the list.

Mayor McPherson: Yeah. For everything.

Mr. Baxter: Thank you.

Mr. Stake: Any other questions, comments? Yes, Mr. Stearns, go ahead.

Mr. Stearns: Due to retirements and situations like that, and an officer is being replaced by new officers, equipment like that, is anything that they can turn over like their revolvers and pieces of equipment? What happens to those pieces of equipment?

Mayor McPherson: We reuse as much equipment as is possible. That's not worn out, that fits. Things like this. Typically, a new officer comes in, we want them to have the new equipment because they're going to be here a lot of years. But whenever there's replacement or a piece, you know, it's torn or needs replaced, if we have something in our little locker room, they get that. So we try to utilize, as a matter of fact, I think Lt. Nuesse is putting together a new program for our procurement of uniforms and equipment right now. She's also looking into the list of things that we're required to give to our police officers as to whether or not it's needed. So I think next year you'll see a pretty significant change in our equipment needs.

Mr. Stearns: I guess what I was really referring to are the firearms.

Mayor McPherson: Firearms are kept and turned over.

Mr. Stearns: They're reused then.

Mayor McPherson: And we reuse them. I will tell you that there has been a policy in the past on a retirement. Somebody that's been here 25 years, when they retire, we retire their firearm also, and they get to keep it. But we haven't actually had retirements. We've had a lot of people leaving but not retiring.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Any other questions or comments for the Mayor? (No response). Okay. I guess we're talking about \$65,500 in total here. I'll make a motion that we make a supplemental appropriation from the unappropriated General Fund in the following accounts: Uniforms and Equipment, 110.111.5241, \$8,500. Gasoline, 110.111.5251, \$27,000. And Prisoner Care, 110.111.5375, \$30,000, as an emergency. Do I have a second? Second by Mr. Clemens. Any further discussion? (No response). All in favor, state aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Motion passes.

Mayor, you probably want to stay up there.

Mayor McPherson: What's next?

Mr. Stake: 2006 Appropriation. This is a big one. Everybody's received their binders and had a chance to look at them?

Mr. Clemens: I've looked at them but I think it'll take a little more time than that.

Mr. Stake: Yeah. It's going to take a little time. Mayor, I don't know if you just want to give us

a quick overview tonight. And I know in the meeting that I had, and Mr. Beougher had with you, you mentioned that if there's any questions, you could have the Council members get with the appropriate directors to get those addressed, you'd like that to happen on an individual basis.

Mayor McPherson: Right. What I would like to do, is obviously to coordinate it because it still, I'm responsible for the budget. But if you'd like to sit down with any of the directors, any of the supervisors, anything like that and go over any specifics in their budget, just give me a call. I will arrange to have a meeting set. And I think, because I've told Lane and also Ron, it doesn't matter if it's weekend, if it's evenings, if it's mornings, we are very, very serious about the budget. And whenever you need to set as a time, we're available. And all you need to do is call me. And actually, my secretary Sharon will coordinate everything and make sure that you have ample opportunity to sit down with whoever you want to sit down with. And we'll all just sit down and go over the budget. One of the other things that I've made available in years past and this year, if there's anything, you want to just call me up and you don't feel like coming in but you want to ask me or talk about, just give me a call. Now I don't take this home with me any more now that we've got it ready. But if you want to call me in an evening, just call me during the day and tell me you're going to call me in the evening and I'll take it home with me. And I think everyone here knows my cell phone number. It's 205-4400. That is on 24/7. Never is turned off. Even in the middle of the night.

Mrs. Newman: It's not always answered, but it's never turned off.

Mayor McPherson: If for some reason I don't answer it, I can assure you, I'll get back to you. I don't think any here, I have not returned a call on my cell phone to anybody unless I was really ticked off that day or something. I just believe, the budget is that serious, that if you want to meet in the evening or weekend or whatever, I'll make it happen. I think, and I've told everybody, and I'll say it again, we have a balanced budget again this year. Our budget that we turned in to you all for 2005 is going to be extremely close to the exact numbers as we turned in. As you go over it, you're going to see that. We feel that the numbers that we've turned in this year are also going to be extremely close at the end of this year. And I've said this before and I'm going to say it again, this budget, given the current situation with our revenues, will be the last balanced budget that I can submit to City Council. We have cut our budget. We have done everything we can do now. This will be the fifth year. We don't have anything in the budget any more to cut out, save starting to do lay offs. And I'm sure that no one here wants to do lay offs. I don't want to do lay offs. But there comes a point when your expenses are outpacing your revenues. That's been happening to us consistently. And we now are in a position that we have to start talking about revenue enhancements. How we're going to increase the revenue to the City of Reynoldsburg. And one of the things that, come the first of the year I'm going to have to present to you is, if we don't do something to increase our revenues for the next coming year, we're going to be in serious trouble. I think everyone's also aware, because we sent everybody a packet regarding the needs of the Police Department as far as personnel goes. That is being updated as we speak. And within the next week or two, I'll have it complete updated. What the needs are for the manpower at the Police Department. I think the one you have in front of you that we turned in a couple of years ago was through '04 and part of it was through '03. That will be updated and we'll get it through October of this year so you can all see you know, we're going to show you the increase in

our arrests, or increase in stops. We're going to give you everything that we can give you to show you why we need additional police officers. And so that's critical. And again, there is no way in this budget, or in any budget that I could present to you, that we can hire the number of police officers that we need to insure the safety of the citizens of the City of Reynoldsburg. We just can't do it. And so I'll be presenting my recommendation to you after we get through this budget. Because you know, this is going to be dealing with next year and next year on. We can balance the budget next year. But when we come to you with the request for additional safety forces, there's no money in here to pay for those safety forces. So that's where my recommendation is going to come. And I don't think it's any secret because I've said it for the last 4 year in our meetings. I think it's time that we seriously look at the tax credit. And right now, we're crediting a percent and a half of our, and probably 75% of the cases is everybody that works outside the City of Reynoldsburg and lives here, are not paying the city income tax. My recommendation, and all the numbers that I'm going to be presenting to you, are based on us reducing that tax credit by ½%. And I'll give you all the hard numbers on that. But I'm just explaining this to you now because we have to talk safety courses. And we have to talk hiring additional personnel in order to keep our safety forces going. And I'll show you on there what our response times are, what they have been, what they're going to. And these are all things that we've tried to keep you all informed. And I think you all know that we sent these to you in your packets on many, many occasions. We are at the point now that we need to start talking about the ½% tax credit reduction. And let me say this in a public forum, if anybody wants to accuse anybody of raising taxes, it is my suggestion as the Mayor. Blame it all on me, because we need it. And I'm going to stand here, if it means the people say, I'm not going to elect you in the next term, well then so be it. But I still believe that we need the safety forces. And the only way to get those safety forces is to increase our tax revenue somehow. But again, right now we're dealing with this budget. And I just encourage everyone to take your time, go through this. We have worked, my department heads, my supervisors, everyone, has worked very, very diligently, and very, very hard and long hours to get this budget put together. And when you look through it, you're going to find, there's not a lot of increases in any of the budgets, save some of our safety force things.

Mr. Stake: Mayor, I would just, as I said earlier, I would just ask that the, in the budget, the money is budgeted in the appropriated areas so that we don't have the transferring of money around.

Mayor McPherson: And I have stood here and said, it's my fault that this hasn't happened because I didn't pay close enough attention to where these transfers were going. But I can assure you that what you have in front of you is in the correct departments. And come January 1, or February 5, we're not going to be transferring that money around any more.

Mr. Baxter: Get them transferred now, right?

Mayor McPherson: If it's not transferred, it's not transferring, period.

Mr. Stake: Are there any questions or comments from members of the committee? Mr. Clemens.

Mr. Clemens: Yes. Mayor, I want you all to know that we appreciate it. I think there's not a

member on Council that doesn't realize that we need to have more policemen and supply the Safety Department with more personnel. I also am not afraid of taxes. And I have my own thought, my own suggestion which will come up later on how we can _____ revenue for the next 5, 10 years. Only for additional personnel and not through the General Fund, but through the Police Department.

Mayor McPherson: That's correct.

Mr. Clemens: So there's way to do. But I agree that some type of taxes will have to be. But I agree with you, and I'm not afraid to stand up and say it either. Because that is what has to be done. It has to be done and I think most of Council agrees.

Mayor McPherson: You and I have never been afraid to stand up and say things though.

Mr. Clemens: I think most of Council agrees just on how we do it.

Mayor McPherson: Well, and I think that's why when I come forward with it, I'll have perhaps three or four different options. But then I'll give you the one that I think is the best option. Because we, probably all of us at one time or another, or the majority of us have sat down and talked about, how are we going to fund this stuff? That's the typical conversation when we start talking about budget. How in the world are we going to fund this? Or how can we do without that another year? Well, we do without it because we have to do without it. We don't have the money. And so when we all sat down, you know, I'm really looking forward to sitting down with everybody and brainstorming on this. And I'm even encouraged that when we get to this point, you know, we've had work sessions before, and perhaps that's what we need to do again. Is have a work session where we sit down and say, guys, when we walk out of here today, and ladies, that you know, we need to have some sort of resolution on how we're going to move forward on this. And I think work sessions are very, very productive in that area.

Mr. Stake: Well Mayor, we'll be looking forward to your proposals after the first of the year. But in the meantime, I think we need to concentrate on this years budget now. Mr. Clemens, did you have another question?

Mayor McPherson: Well, I think if you just pass this and say it's okay, it'd save a lot of time and energy on everybody.

Mr. Clemens: Something to do with the budget, and I'd like to have Mr. Stake look into it. We received a memo from the Auditor to the Mayor and to members of Council on an increase, a pay increase for the Mayor and the City Attorney for this year from 3.8 to 5.2. And I have no problem with that because that's how it was set up. The part I would like Mr. Stake to look into is, we have the elected officials on here as Mr. Underwood, our City Attorney, and as the Mayor. We don't have the Auditor on here and we have three elected officials. And I don't know why it wasn't done when we did it. I don't know why. Maybe it was in mid-term or whatever the reason was. I don't know. But we do have three elected officials. And since we had passed that ordinance where they do get this increase each year, I think it ought to be looked at too so we do it before the

first of the year. But the other elected officials, that the Auditor would be included in the same situation that our City Attorney and the Mayor is. Since we have three elected officials.

Mr. Stake: Mr. Clemens, I'll be happy to look into that.

Mr. Clemens: If you would please.

Mr. Stake: Yes. Sure.

Mr. Hills: And I do believe Mr. Stake, if I could add, I do believe that it would have been mid-term at the time that the CPI adjustment was done for the Mayor and the City Attorney. They were on the ballot prior to that. Anything done after the first of the year becomes an in-term raise. And that's why nothing was done with the Auditor. Because anything done until the next commencement of the term would have been an in-term raise and ineligible.

Mr. Clemens: And that's why we should look at it now before the first of the year.

Mr. Hills: Yes. Yes. To make any adjustment by January 1. Yes.

Mr. Clemens: That's correct.

Mr. Stake: Thank you, President Hills. Any other questions from members of the committee?
Mr. Baxter.

Mr. Baxter: Thank you, Chairman Stake. Mayor, on this point here with the budget, I have been looking at it quite heavily myself over the last week and I want to thank our Auditor's Department for getting that information to me electronically which makes it a little bit easier to look at. But one of the things that make it very difficult, is to be able to go back and say, okay, here's an account. There's 'x' number of dollars put in it. How is that dollar spent? You can see it was spent up to a certain point today. But with the purchasing systems today with open ended purchase orders where things can hit it all over in different directions, that makes it very difficult to be able to go back and say, this is what the intent was. This is why I budgeted it. Was it actually used for that purpose? Which comes into place also with the transfers. I don't think there's anything in appropriate transfers. It was expected and it was needed. So when you look at the transfers, I've gone through every one of them that the department had and gave to me and looked at. You can see why it's being done. But you can't see for what purpose. You can see it going from account 'a' to account 'b'. And you can recognize the need in that account as it has been drawn down. I don't know how though I can look at that account and determine, was that budget appropriately set? And if not, what should be for 2006. So that if I'm to make a recommendation, at this point, the only recommendation I can make is, yes, that looks good and with no fact behind it. So we're talking about how do we get there. So I will take you up on your offer. I would love to sit down with you. I think it'd be a great idea to have a sit down and go through a few of these accounts and say, this is how it was spent down. It did make sense in 2005 to set it at this point. Therefore, it makes sense in 2006. So, thank you for that offer and I accept it. And so I'll be contacting you to do just that.

Mayor McPherson: One of the things you might want to look at, every month, you get a balance by department. Every one of the accounts that are in this book are also in here. And it tells you what their unexpended balance is for the year. That tells you they haven't spent it yet. The encumbered balances. And on the final column it says, combined amounts that are encumbered. If those amounts are encumbered, that means that's going to be spent out of that account. So it's really simple if you get this, to start looking through there. And we've tried to compare everything that you really need for budget on here. We put in any adjustments to the budget. So let's just say, and I'll just pick one out of here, Minor Equipment. There was an adjustment of \$1848 in that account. We originally only asked for \$200. So that means we needed at least 2,000 in that account. So when you look, this year it should have at least \$2,000 in the request if it was an ongoing expense and not just an unusual expense.

Mr. Baxter: Right. And that's what you can't tell from that....

Mayor McPherson: And you really can't tell unless you go through and start pulling out all the purchase orders. And what I do, is I rely on my directors that are filling out the budget, to tell me. Do I need \$2,000 in that account? Or do I need \$200 in that account? And typically, unless, as I say, it's an ongoing expense, it'll go back to \$200. It won't be \$2,000. And so, I use this very heavily. And the closer you get to the end of the year with this, the better you can tell what your numbers are and what they're going to be. But obviously, when you're doing a budget 2 or 3 months ahead, you just don't know what that final number's going to be. But you can get a pretty good handle when you start looking at the monthly departmental budgets. Because it goes from January through, in this case, the last day of October. So that'll help you before you want to come in. Give you a handle on it.

Mr. Baxter: Well, I've been looking at those at some point. I just can't tell why.

Mayor McPherson: And you really can't unless you go to the Auditor's Office and sit down with the guy that does the PO's in there and start pulling purchase orders for all the accounts.

Mr. Stake: Would the directors know why?

Mayor McPherson: Yeah. Or the supervisors should know why. But again, that's why, the only reason we look at this at this point is to make sure that we haven't missed anything. The director didn't miss something in the big document. And that's also, in this particular document, if you go through page by page, we summarize every department by page. And you can get a real good handle on whether or not, if you look at it.

Mr. Stake: There are work sheets that are placed in the binder behind the spread sheets.

Mayor McPherson: Yeah. The sheet that you'd get the spread sheet, behind those spread sheets is every single account. And that tells you what they're spending money on, and it gives you an idea of what type of purchases they're going to make out of that. And it tells you what is budgeted to be spent in 2005. Not necessarily what we request but what we figure we're going to spend. And then you look at the 2006, and then you see, is it the same? Is it different? And in this

particular case it was office supplies, 2005 is expected to spend \$2,000. If I go to this, it's probably going to be pretty close to that. And the request for 2006 is nothing extra. Just \$2,000 again. So we try to make it, we're trying to make it as understandable as we can for everybody to understand where the money's being spent, what we're buying with the particular budget, account number. But just because it's 5201, Office Supply Account, there's a lot of things that fall under office supplies and you can't list everything or you'd be going on forever. So we try to list what we're actually spending the money on. And then again, if there's any questions in what's being spent by a department, or what it was spent on, when we sit down with the individual meeting, we'll just ask the individual department head. What was this actually spent on? And they should be able to tell you.

Mr. Stake: Any other questions from members of the committee? (No response). Members of Council? Mrs. Newman.

Mrs. Newman: Yeah. I'm just concerned about how we get our questions answered now. We had a meeting last year. Was that the work session you referred to?

Mayor McPherson: That was the workshop.

Mrs. Newman: I found that very, very helpful. And it was nice to yell at Mr. Clemens. He yelled back a couple of times.

Mayor McPherson: If you want to have a workshop, I have no problem with having a workshop. I think that's something you need to work out with your Finance Chair and it's whatever you guys want to do.

Mrs. Newman: I just feel that it might be more efficient, then we could all get together at the same time and have all of our questions answered.

Mayor McPherson: I'm open 24/7 so whatever you decide to do is okay with me.

Mr. Stake: If that's what the committee or Council would like to do, that's fine with me. I don't think we need any legislative action for that.

Mayor McPherson: If I'm being kind of directed to go that direction, I'll go ahead and get one set up.

Mrs. Newman: I'd like to do that but I don't know how everybody else feels.

Mr. Stake: Well, that's not a bad idea as long as we do focus on questions and answers and not, I don't want to be selling a tax package for next year.

Mayor McPherson: Tax package comes in January.

Mr. Hills: That's the only disadvantage to one. It needs to be an overall presentation, now here's our budget. But Council needs to have had the opportunity to look through it, formulate some

questions, so that it becomes a question and answer in an open discussion. Not just a presentation.

Mr. Clemens: We don't want any song and dance. We don't want any music.

Mr. Stake: Or what we could do is have a special Finance Committee meeting I guess to discuss it and have everybody here at the same time.

Mayor McPherson: If you want to do that, we could just do it some evening. Schedule a Finance meeting.

Mr. Stake: Let me see what the members would like to do and we'll get with you, Mayor.

Mayor McPherson: Whatever you want to do, you just call me Ron, and we'll accommodate you.

Mr. Stake: Mrs. Newman.

Mayor McPherson: We'd prefer to do it during the day if you could because our overtime budget is really high right now. If I call everybody in, they're going to be on overtime. So if we do it during the day, it's not overtime. Just a suggestion.

Mrs. Newman: Well, it would be full Council, right?

Mr. Stake: Oh, yes. Yes. Sure.

Mayor McPherson: Pardon me?

Mr. Stake: She asked if it would include the full Council, and I said yes.

Mayor McPherson: Yeah. We have to give public notice that you want to do it and give everybody the opportunity to come in. We usually, the only people that come are the press which is very depressing. Because you see people come in here and you know, they'll flood the place for a tree that's you know, fallen over a sidewalk or something. But you talk about a \$25,000,000 budget, and nobody shows up. Sometimes it gets very frustrating. But not because I'm explaining it to you guys, but because there's not enough public interest in where we're spending our money.

Mr. Hills: Mayor, you talk about the transfers this year and you'll have a crowd.

Mayor McPherson: Oh, boy. You don't even want to go on the transfers right now. That's not a real good subject with me right now.

Mr. Stake: Any other questions or comments from members of Council on the budget at this time? (No response). I think what we could do if it's okay with the members is to move this on for its first reading. And then we can work on the questions in that meeting. So I'd like to make a motion that we move this on to Council for its first reading. Do I have a second? Second by Mr.

Baxter. Any further discussion? (No response). All in favor, state aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Motion passes. Thank you, Mayor.

Next item is yours as well. The 2006 - 2010 Capital Improvement Program.

Mayor McPherson: Okay. Again, not repeating what Ron said but, this is 2006 - 2010. The easiest way to follow through the book is just to turn to the table of contents. The table of contents lists, by description what's in your book. Many of these items, if you go back to your '05 to '09, a lot of these are going to be in there. The revision, the ones that are revised, you're going to see in section 2 of your table of contents. And again, this is our book of not necessarily projects that we are absolutely going to do, but this is our book of projects that we anticipate needing to fund during the next 5 years. So because something's in, I can just grab any of them, the first one says 'Service Department Building'. The project estimate on that is for 2009 and beyond. Now that's obvious, we're talking about a 4 million dollar building. We know we need it. But we also, we have to go through this book and prioritize things. And that is not a high priority item. As you go through and you look at when we think we're going to do it, the project date, that's how you determine, if it's got 2006 on it, that means it's probably a priority. If it's got 2007 or 2008, it's a priority but a lesser priority. So that's how you read through this book. Again, all of the departments meet. I think Council representative was there. And we try to keep this book running every 5 years to give everybody a handle on what we're going to need in the city for the next 5 years. Some of these things, the ones that are 2009 and beyond, we know we need them but we also realize that we're probably not going to be able to fund them in the next 5 years. So as you go through the book, if you have any questions on this, again just feel free to give me a call. I can pretty much answer all the questions on these. We don't need to bring a supervisor or anything in on overtime because again, these are our project need list if you will. But it's prioritized for the next 5 years, and then beyond.

Mr. Stake: And Mayor, if I could add, I believe a portion of our income tax revenue is dedicated to CIP. And then we fund also from other sources. Bonds, and grants, and loans.

Mayor McPherson: When you look through here, you will see funding sources listed on the projects that we think are going to be moving along fairly quickly. It will tell you where the funding's coming from. I just grabbed one here, Deerfield which is something that is already done, or in the process of being done. But the funding sources listed there were assessment, Sanitary Sewer Capacity Fund. So you know, we had an idea how it was going to be funded before we actually submitted it as a project. That is a project now and you'll see when you look at that, it's going to be way out before we actually get to that portion of the Deerfield project. But it's going to be an assessment project just like the other ones were that we've done. Like on Seneca and places like that. But as you go through, we try to list all the funding sources that we know of at the time. And there will be some where there will be no funding sources listed. And that just merely means it's probably too early to even worry about funding on them. Because we just don't have it. You'll see some in here that will be CDBG Funds. Some that will be grant. Some that will be zero interest loans. Some that will say Street Fund. So we've tried to summarize as best we can, the projects that are within the next 5 years. Or actually within the next year or two, where that funding's going to come from. This is to help City Council and the

administration understand that there are projects coming down the pike. Everything in this book before it's a project, comes to you. This is not a project book. This is a what we'll be bringing to City Council when we find the funding, or when the funding's available.

Mr. Stake: I know that, myself and Councilwoman Newman attended the meeting on October 4 along with Assistant Clerk Ms. Smith and Nancy Frazier, our Clerk of Council. Is that the only meeting? How many meetings do you have?

Mayor McPherson: We have one meeting a year to set the Capital Improvement Budget. Anybody can call a meeting that have a different meeting. I think this year we probably had two. I'd have to go back and look. But I can assure you that when we start getting in tight financial conditions, we don't have as many meetings. And the purpose of this book is to plan for the 5 years. You really only need to have a meeting if you're going to change something in here or you're going to try to move a project up, then we would have to change this book also before we bring it to City Council. So really, the one big meeting that you attended is the one that that's where the decisions are made. That's where everybody comes in and we all talk about the projects. And you probably notice, I think every department and every division was represented. And everybody commented on their project as to whether it should be this year or 2009 and out. It's a very, talk about a work session, that is a very good work session that we do internally to try to set our 5 year plan.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Are there any questions or comments from members of the committee? (No response). Members of Council? Mr. Beougher.

Mr. Beougher: If I could just address a specific project real quickly. And it's one that is a safety concern. And I've told Chief Weber to not traverse it if at all possible, is the Summit Road bridge. When do you think, in 2006...

Mayor McPherson: Which?

Mr. Beougher: Summit Road bridge.

Mayor McPherson: I think that's on this years, isn't it?

Mr. Beougher: It's for 2006.

Mayor McPherson: That's one we plan to do right away.

Mr. Beougher: I'm just trying to get a feel for when legislation will be coming to us to initiate the engineering for that project.

Mayor McPherson: The first quarter of the year I'm sure. Again, it depends on the budget. But I can't imagine it not being one of the projects we bring forward.

Mr. Stake: Okay, Mr. Beougher. Any other questions or comments? Mr. Stearns.

Mr. Stearns: Thank you. The Rosehill Road Improvement Project, when is that scheduled?

Mayor McPherson: It should be in '06 and '07 I believe. Okay. '07. And that's based on our funding from the county.

Mr. Stearns: From the county.

Mayor McPherson: Well, we figure we get everything in place and get that started. But it will be '07 before we actually do anything. And again, that depends on whether or not we get the funding. We've submitted for it.

Mr. Stearns: If you get the funding, that should be a definite job then? It should happen right? If the funding comes from the county, then it should proceed?

Mayor McPherson: Assuming we can get whatever we need for a match. I don't say positively any more than anything's going to be a project. Just because we have the year on it. It just depends obviously, if we get the grant that's great. But I think we have what, a million and a half dollars or so matching funds on that. And you know, then we have to look, do we have the matching funds in '07? Because matching funds are not that easy to get a hold of sometimes. Especially when, our CIP now is what, 2 ½%, or 2%? Something like that. I don't recall exactly. But it's not a significant amount. But we still get the street funding and we still get a lot of the other funding that we can use.

Mr. Stake: Mr. Clemens.

Mr. Clemens: We better have the funding. Because we're not going to let you spend it because it comes out of that fund that we get on our tax money that we said that we have been saving for years. And that's what we're going to save for that.

Mayor McPherson: I think we had to take that into the Storm Water Fund.

Mr. Clemens: I don't think so. You probably did...

Mayor McPherson: You agreed to loan the money.

Mr. Clemens: No we didn't either. That money you can't transfer.

Mayor McPherson: It'll be coming back maybe in January.

Mr. Clemens: Yeah, right. That money I will keep an eye on. I know Sharon likes to get a hold of it.

Mayor McPherson: Well, I still think you've got it in your back pocket. I can't find it any place.

Mr. Stake: But, we are waiting for approval on a grant, aren't we?

Mayor McPherson: Yeah. On Rosehill Road.

Mr. Stake: Any other questions or comments from members of Council? (No response). Mayor, do you just want this to go through the regular process?

Mayor McPherson: Regular process is fine. It doesn't have to be put into place until January '06.

Mr. Stake: Okay then. I will make a motion that we send this forward to Council for its first reading. Do I have a second? Second by Mr. Baxter. Any further discussion? (No response). All in favor, state aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Motion passes.

The next item on the agenda is Discussion; Contract for City Insurance. I believe this is our property/casualty insurance. Mayor, correct?

Mayor McPherson: Yes. This is property/casualty insurance. As you can see by the legislative request, it's the same coverages as we had before. The same premium charges as we had before. You will see an increase, wherever there's been an increase in cars, or buildings, or something like that. But the rating structure and how it was put together, you should have received that. That shows everything that we had on last years proposal, on this years proposal. We are recommending we go with this. As most of you know, we have been in some legal issues over this past year. And for an insurance company to quote us the same rate, I don't think we can get a better deal any place. I have talked with Mr. Stake who is in the insurance business, and I'll let him speak for himself. But I think we're pretty much in agreement that this is a really good deal for the City of Reynoldsburg and we need to move forward on it.

Mr. Stake: If they're not going to change their rates, I think there's really no reason to shop at this time. But, do we have that in writing from them as of yet?

Mayor McPherson: Yes.

Mr. Stake: From the insurance company?

Mayor McPherson: Well, yeah. Well, we got it from our agent. And that was the proposal that you got probably Thursday or Friday.

Mr. Stake: He doesn't have any, I guess he's saying that the rates should remain flat, but there's not rate...

Mayor McPherson: There are no new renewal premiums.

Mr. Stake: Do you recall what we had, what we paid last year?

Mayor McPherson: Yeah. It was like a hundred and forty some thousand dollars. I'll look it up. We're still waiting on them to provide the actual dollar amount.

Mr. Stake: I thought it was more like 180 something. You're asking for 212,000. And that

would be, the increase would be due to additional items being listed on the policy. Correct?

Mayor McPherson: That's correct. And I think it was like 190 some. You're right.

Mr. Stake: I think it was close to _____.

Mayor McPherson: I'll have the exact number for you next week.

Mr. Stake: Okay. That would be fine with me.

Mayor McPherson: And I'm hoping to have the exact number on the new one. We're just, they're trying to put everything together and get the insurance company that the agent represents to give them a hard, fast number. But we need to get the policy itself, moving.

Mr. Stake: Well, let them know we're going to need that before we're going to pass this.

Mayor McPherson: They're very aware of that. And I had actually asked them to have it by today. But obviously, we didn't get it today.

Mr. Stake: Okay. So you're asking for 212,000, not to exceed 212,000. Any questions or comments from members of the committee? (No response). Members of Council? (No response).

Mayor McPherson: And I will send that dollar amount to you.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Thank you, Mayor. Then I will make a motion that we send this on for its first reading. Do I have a second? Second by Mr. Clemens. Any further discussion? (No response). All in favor, state aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Motion passes. Thank you, Mayor.

Item number 7 is Discussion, Authorize Mayor to execute funding agreement (CDBG). This came to us over the weekend. I did get a call on this and was asked if I would add this to tonight's agenda and we did. Mayor, do you want to address this? Or Mr. Brandt?

Mayor McPherson: John's really up on it. He briefed me today so I know how smart he is about it.

Mr. Brandt: Thank you, Mr. Stake. This is merely a housekeeping item. Inasmuch as when the original application was made, it was kind of a new experience for us inasmuch as the city hadn't received any CDBG Funds previously. When it was determined we were eligible to apply, the process was initiated and we submitted our request and successfully were awarded funding. Subsequent to that, a contract was issued by the county via the federal agencies that fund these projects. After reviewing the legislation and discussing it with the Mayor and the City Attorney, it was determined in that the best interest of all parties, that we also have a piece of legislation that authorizes acceptance of the funds. So this, as opposed to most items earlier this evening, money going out, this is money coming in. So this one should be a little easier to digest. But be it the

same, it's still a contractual obligation, and the original legislative request did not have in it, a language to include authorization to sign the agreement with the Franklin County CDBG program. And they are closing out their books the end of the year, towards the end of the year, and it also does have to go on to the Commissioners. So that's why we forwarded it to you for your approval and ask for its timely approval as well so it could be returned to the county for the County Commissioners vote in the affirmative.

Mr. Stake: Okay. But the grant has been made, right?

Mr. Brandt: Conditioned upon signature.

Mr. Stake: Of us accepting it?

Mr. Brandt: Right.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Any questions from members of the committee? (No response). Members of Council? (No response). We sure can use the \$250,000.

Mr. Brandt: Yes. It's towards the Main Street Duct Bank Project. On Main Street, the funds will be used solely for, in with that project. For that component of the project.

Mr. Stake: The only other thing I might add since we're talking about, I guess a two step process in doing these grants. If maybe we could, in legislation in the future, I don't know how the Council feels, but maybe in the future if we could combine the legislation when we authorize you to apply for a grant, that once the grant is obtained, then you have the ability to also collect the monies and do whatever needs to be done. I think Council would just like to be informed of when that is and what accounts the money's going into and those kinds of things. Does anybody on Council have a problem with that? Do you have a problem with that, Mr. Baxter?

Mr. Baxter: Only if you answer this question based upon, do we know the funding dollars? Because you're going to authorize them to take funds out of the General Fund to pay for it until the funds come back in. And I really don't like the idea of authorizing payments coming out of General Fund without knowing it and when it's going to happen. So unless you know what the dollar amount is ahead of time when you apply for the grant, i.e., it's going to be 45,000 or whatever it is. If you knew that going in, I don't see an issue with it.

Mr. Brandt: We knew on this one.

Mr. Stake: Excuse me, Mr. Brandt. But I think we'd have all that information so that we can make the decision at that time.

Mr. Baxter: I would be willing to do that as well.

Mr. Stake: Okay. That's just a suggestion. If anybody has a problem with that, let me know. But I think that would simplify things a little bit. I do know that Council and myself, especially would like to know that if we are applying for grants, when we get them and where is the money

going.

Mr. Brandt: Sure.

Mr. Stake: If we could just be kept up to date on that. Any other questions or comments for Mr. Brandt? (No response). And I believe this is going to be added to the special Council meeting this evening. Then I will, if there's no further questions, then I will make a motion (Tape Change) that we authorize the Mayor to accept and execute the funding agreement for grant number B-05-UC-39-0002 in the amount of \$250,000 CDBG for Reynoldsburg Phase II Main Street Corridor Duct Bank fiscal year 2005 and declaring an emergency. Do I have a second? Second by Mr. Beougher. Any further discussion? (No response). All in favor, state aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Motion passes.

And the last item on the Finance Committee agenda is ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATION FOR FIRST PAYMENT ON \$8,055,000 capital facilities bonds, series 2005 (Commercial Corridor Revitalization Phase II, and Taylor Road Reconstruction). It had its first reading on October 24. And this comes from Dr. Whitney. And you're requesting an emergency on this. We do need to make a payment, I believe by December 1, correct? Mr. Whitney: (Inaudible. Speaking off mike).

Mr. Stake: And it has had its first reading. This will be the second committee meeting, we could send it for council. If members of the committee would like to do that, we could send this forward for next weeks second reading and pass it as an emergency at that time. Are there any questions or comments from members of the committee? Mr. Baxter.

Mr. Baxter: This is a pretty straight forward piece of legislation. The question I think that we're going to ask here, at least I am, just for clarification, why we are asked to make the first payment on something that we've already agreed upon doing? I thought it would be pretty much like you just said a moment ago, why would we ask for legislation for something we've already agreed upon paying?

Mr. Stake: Because we would be making an appropriation of \$148,260 from the unappropriated General Debt Retirement Fund. And it had not been budgeted in this years budget.

Mr. Baxter: Just for clarification, why we're being asked to do this?

Mr. Stake: Am I correct, Dr. Whitney, on that?

Mr. Whitney: Basically, I agree with Mr. Baxter's question. The bond ordinance which you passed, authorized us to issue the bonds. _____ in that, I would have to assume, would be the fact that we would be making payments on it.

Mr. Stake: Well, and I guess I wonder why you brought this to us.

Mr. Whitney: An afterthought. I don't know. I don't know. This came to my mind a couple of

weeks ago.

Mr. Stake: Okay. But we are making an appropriation. Are we not?

Mr. Whitney: We are appropriating from the unencumbered Debt Retirement Fund. Yes.

Mr. Brandt: But in our legislation, did we not say we were....

Mr. Clemens: It's an 8 million dollar afterthought.

Mr. Stake: Does the City Attorney have any opinion on this?

Mr. Underwood: Thanks for just dropping it on me all at once. Normally we appropriate funds out to make payments. It's sitting in a fund, in a debt fund, and we would normally appropriate the funds to make the payments. And I think that's the proper way to go. That's the way we've done it for years, and years, and years. So you've got an audit trail to appropriate the funds. We don't just go willy, nilly taking funds out of here and there. We have an appropriation by Council of the funds that are in the account.

Mr. Stake: So you're saying that we should do this?

Mr. Underwood: I think we ought to appropriate the funds out of the account and make the payment.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Well, and I apologize for dropping this on you. I mean, I value your opinion and you are our City Attorney and that's why I asked you.

Mr. Hills: Mr. Stake, maybe we're documenting one of those prior transfers by doing it this way.

Mr. Stake: Mr. Baxter.

Mr. Baxter: Are we going to do next months payment this way?

Mr. Stake: I don't think it's a monthly payment. I think it's....

Mr. Baxter: I think you're getting my point. Is this going to come up every year to be done this way? If that's the case, then why not all bills this way?

Mr. Underwood: We pay debts twice a year. Is that not right? July and December. We have debts that we pay out of the Debt Retirement Fund. Interest at one time, principle and interest at another time, and we do appropriations to pay those debts on our bonds and notes. And we always do an appropriation so you've got an audit trail. We don't just reach in and take money out of our accounts. Do the appropriation so we've got the money and you can track it.

Mr. Stake: Mr. Baxter.

Mr. Baxter: That's a great point. So is this the only bond we're paying? Or are we going to hit with a whole bunch more before the end of the year, we show payments on. Because I thought there was a Streetscape Project somewhere.

Mr. Stake: Are you addressing that to me or Dr. Whitney? Because I wouldn't, or the Mayor?

Mr. Baxter: I think that's a question to everybody. I'm not sure. It sounds like there should be...

Mr. Stake: Mayor, do you have...

Mayor McPherson: Yeah. At the end of the year, you'll get an appropriation request that will list all kinds of payments that we're going to appropriate money for. You get that every December. So yes, you're going to be asked to make some more payments in December.

Mr. Baxter: Okay. That makes sense then.

Mr. Stake: But this one needs to be paid by the 1st of December.

Mayor McPherson: That's a different one. Yeah.

Mr. Baxter: Makes sense then. Thank you for your time and patience.

Mr. Stake: I'm glad you understand it. Okay. So I guess from what our City Attorney has said, that this is the way we've always done it, or been doing it for quite a while. And it does provide an audit trail. Which are two good enough reasons for me. Okay. Then I'll make a motion, are there any other questions or comments from members of Council? Then I will make a motion that we appropriate \$148,260 from the unappropriated General Debt Retirement Fund to account number 310.991.5424 as an emergency. Do I have a second? Second by Mr. Beougher. Any further discussion? (No response). All in favor, state aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Motion passes.

And I will adjourn the Finance Committee at 10:06.

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- - -Susie Smith, Assistant Clerk of Council
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