

MINUTES REGULAR COUNCIL
REYNOLDSBURG CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY October 28, 2013

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

Members of Council present: Leslie Kelly, Cornelius McGrady, III, Mel Clemens, Barth R. Cotner, Chris Long, Monica DeBrock, Scott A. Barrett.

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

Approval of Minutes of Regular Council Meeting held 7/14/13 and Special Council Meeting on 7/21/13.

Approval of Agenda.

Addition to the agenda under item 9, Reports, State Representative Heather Bischoff, and item 10, Reynoldsburg Housing Council has vacancies and are meeting early November to fill those vacancies. Two members seek re-appointment and a third vacancy will be sent to Finance Committee.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS AND REQUESTS

None

COMMUNICATIONS

No communications to report

REPORTS

Joe Brown, Park and Recs Director: Recognizing Brian McGuire, Grounds superintendent that started April 1st, 2013. He recently gained his Certified Playground Safety Inspector's Certification. Certification isn't easy and the attrition rate is fairly high. It is a real testament to Mr. McGuire. He takes pride in what he does and Mr. Brown is proud of what he does.

Mr. McGuire: I would like to develop a comprehensive program where we would maintain, inspect and repair as needed and try to create the safest playgrounds that we can.

Mr. Barrett: How long did it take to get this certification?

Mr. McGuire: It was a 3 day intensive course that required pre reading of the material and covered several areas of specification as well as a directive of the CPSC that playgrounds have to be in order to be safe and accessible and requirements for handicap accessibility and general guidelines that aren't federal mandate but good rules to follow.

Mr. Barrett: Thank you for your efforts.

Ms. Ginny Bennett, Marabar Heights Garden Club: I wanted to present this check to our helpmate for \$250 from our plant sale that we had this last spring. We usually do it at the Livingston House parking lot and so we're happy to be able to present the check to our big helper. She has always come through with plants and extra little things which we appreciate so much. Marabar heights garden club is over 50 years old, meets here in Reynoldsburg at Messiah Lutheran, we've been to Reynoldsburg United Methodist but they're under such renovation they kind of kicked us out. We try to learn something new. We're not a coffee clutch, we learn about, one of our members here just had us over she raises bees. 72 jars of honey, we learned about butterflies, if we don't take care of that part of our nature, we won't have food. So we're learning wonderful things every Thursday night. We have fun and we learn and our next fund raiser is going to be in the spring at Messiah Lutheran and we're going to have a homemade bake sale, plant sale and also wonderful display of florals from everybody with different floral expertise. Keep your calendars pinned for the 17th from 9-2 at the Messiah Lutheran and who knows what our check will be next year.

Mr. Joseph: Our third report is from State Representative Heather Bishoff.

Representative Bishoff: Greetings from the Statehouse, it's so nice to be here. There's a lot of things going on at the state house now, I thought I'd give you three different items and if you have any questions or if there is information you'd like me to pass on I'd be happy to do so. First of all, Medicaid, what a tough topic. Last week it was accepted into the state of Ohio through an uncharacteristic format. There are people that are very grumpy with the state because it's part of Ohio and there are people that are grumpy because of the way the Governor got it done. It absolutely was taken away from the Legislature and we absolutely did not have the ability to vet that and round that piece of legislation out so me, as your State Representative, I would like to be a part of that discussion, that vetting process that we go through with every single bill that comes through committee. With that being said let's look at the silver lining here, number 1. It brings 11 billion dollars to the Ohio economy over the next 7 years. Number 2, it covers 275,000 Ohioans, 52,000 of which are veterans and their families. Coincidentally, the 11 billion dollars is the same amount removed from our economy over the period that the government was shut down. Second, I met with Joe Brown earlier this year and he's got a lot of energy and wants to find money and grants and opportunities for him and the city to improve the quality of life here. I just over the weekend, was reading, the Capital Budget comes out next year, there's a deadline of mid- November, but there's that empty space over in the Kroger building across from the fire station, and I've heard from private investors here in Reynoldsburg too that maybe that would be a good space for a community center. Another way to make that area of Reynoldsburg thrive and improve. I think, there may be some ways that we might be able to come together with a state agency to apply for that money and it's absolutely worth a try. Final thing: HB 5. Ohio is the only state where each city files a return that doesn't look like all the other cities in the state of Ohio. So if you could imagine a small business owner doing business in Reynoldsburg and then going to Gahanna and Canal Winchester, they have to pay a CPA, let's say \$100, \$200 per, even if that filing only results in a \$10 income tax payment to each city. So as you can imagine, small business owners really want to see HB 5 passed. With that being said, our municipalities are not as excited. The timeliness of the issues is probably the biggest thing that's in question. If you look over the past decade, tangible property taxes have been taken away, estate taxes, local cuts to government, property devaluation with the downturn in the economy in 2010, so there's a lot of different things going on. Specifically with HB 5, I think the biggest issue I'm hearing from our mayors here in the 20th is that the net operating loss, everyone has a different one. So some cities have 0 years on their net operating loss. Which means the small business can only show a net negative in the same tax year. They can only capitalize the loss in the same tax year. However, if they max out on what

they're allowed to write off, and they still have a carryover amount, some cities allow them to carryover that amount for 5 years. Others are at 0 so if the next year you make money, you pay taxes on that money and all across the state of Ohio mayors and municipalities are weighing in on this particular issue. I've heard from 4 of 6 mayors and they are opposed to this in the 20th district. So I'd love to hear from Reynoldsburg and make sure that whatever your concerns are with this piece of legislation, that we're absolutely representing those concerns. So with that being said, I don't have anything else that I need to share. I'd be happy to answer questions.

RE-APPOINT BRUCE SOUL AND EDWARD AMAYA TO THE REYNOLDSBURG HOUSING COUNCIL. Motion by Mr. Cotner, Second by Mr. Long. With the roll called, members voted: Mrs. Kelly "Aye"; Mr. McGrady "Aye"; Mr. Clemens "Aye"; Mr. Cotner "Aye"; Mr. Long "Aye"; Mrs. DeBrock "Aye", Mr. Barrett "Aye". Motion passed.

LEGISLATION REQUIRING ONE READING

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF CITY'S HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE WITH AETNA INSURANCE FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2014 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. --- Clerk read ordinance by title for first reading. Mrs. Kelly seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mrs. Kelly "Aye"; Mr. McGrady "Aye"; Mr. Clemens "Aye"; Mr. Cotner "Aye"; Mr. Long "Aye"; Mrs. DeBrock "Aye", Mr. Barrett "Aye". Motion passed. Ordinance No. 72-13 adopted.

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF CITY'S VISION INSURANCE COVERAGE WITH VSP INSURANCE FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2014 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. --- Clerk read ordinance by title for first reading. Mrs. Kelly seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mrs. Kelly "Aye"; Mr. McGrady "Aye"; Mr. Clemens "Aye"; Mr. Cotner "Aye"; Mr. Long "Aye"; Mrs. DeBrock "Aye", Mr. Barrett "Aye". Motion passed. Ordinance No. 73-13 adopted.

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF CITY'S DENTAL INSURANCE COVERAGE WITH DELTA DENTAL FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2014 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. --- Clerk read ordinance by title for first reading. Mr. Clemens seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Barrett "Aye"; Mrs. Kelly "Aye"; Mr. McGrady "Aye"; Mr. Clemens "Aye"; Mr. Cotner "Aye"; Mr. Long "Aye"; Mrs. DeBrock "Aye". Motion passed. Ordinance No. 74-13 adopted.

LEGISLATION FOR FIRST READING

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

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CITY ATTORNEY HOOD TO EXECUTE LETTER AGREEMENT WITH OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY. THIS

AGREEMENT IS BEING SUBMITTED TO THE OEPA IN FULFILLMENT OF THE OEPA'S DIRECTOR'S FINAL FINDINGS AND ORDERS IMPOSED ON THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG IN 2009. ---Clemens. Service.

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

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

LEGISLATION FOR SECOND READING

ORDINANCE PROVIDING THE CONSENT FROM THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG FOR ODOT REPAIR AND RESURFACING PROJECT FOR SR256 (PID 92960) AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY.---Long. Safety.

ORDINANCE REQUESTING CITY COUNCIL AMEND CHAPTER 160.02(a). THIS WOULD ALLOW CITY COUNCIL TO EMPLOY ONE FULL-TIME ASSISTANT CLERK OF COUNCIL. CURRENTLY, CITY COUNCIL IS AUTHORIZED TO EMPLOY TWO PART-TIME ASSISTANTS. THIS CHANGE WOULD CONSOLIDATE THE TWO PART-TIME POSITIONS INTO ONE FULL-TIME POSITION.---Cotner. Finance

Adjournment 7:51 p.m.

Doug Joseph, President of Council

April L. Beggerow, Clerk of Council