

MINUTES REGULAR MEETING
REYNOLDSBURG CITY COUNCIL
October 23, 2017

President Doug Joseph called the meeting to order at 7:45 PM

PRESENT: Joseph, Clemens, Cotner, Long, Skinner, Cicak, Luzader, Spalding

ABSENT:

Invocation - Councilman Barth Cotner

Approval of Minutes

- a. City Council – Regular Meeting – October 9, 2017

RESULT:	ACCEPTED
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Approval of Agenda

Community Comments and Requests

Chris Shook, 572 Hunnicut Dr: What I wanted to address this evening was the City Attorney Budget. I became intrigued by what we were spending our money because I'm an attorney and I practice out in Newark, Ohio and I spend a lot of time in Licking County Municipal Court as a defense attorney, special prosecutor, as an acting judge and I know we have quite a few cases out there, but I've never actually seen our City Attorney in the Licking County municipal court and so I wonder what we were doing with those cases. It turns out that the Newark Law Director's office actually prosecutes those cases for us and in reviewing the Ohio Treasurer's online checkbook, it turns out that we actually pay the City of Newark more than \$40,000 in the year 2016 to prosecute those cases. Now the problem with this is two fold. First, it's an expenditure of money that I've been led to believe that we can't afford because we haven't had the money for our comprehensive plan, we needed to look for money to afford that and yet we have this money going to the City of Newark. But the second problem is accountability. We have a City Attorney who should be prosecuting our cases, and unfortunately, it's the City of Newark that is prosecuting those cases for us. That's not anything against the City of Newark prosecutors, they do a good job, in fact, if you get a drunk driving in the City of Reynoldsburg, don't get one in Licking County. But this is money that we need to start taking a closer look at and if it's a matter of man power in the City Attorney's office, that they just simply don't have the time to prosecute these cases, then they should be using this money to hire a new Assistant. It's not just Newark, we spend almost \$10,000 in 2015 to the City of Lancaster, and we spent over \$12,000 in the last 2 years to the Law Firm of Eastman and Smith to handle legal services for our City Attorney's office. Now, I wonder what that work was, now one of those cases was a pit bull case that was argued in the 5th District Court of Appeals by Eastman and Smith and not by our City Attorney, and then I noticed that Eastman and Smith, just in August threw a fundraiser for our City Attorney and that starts to look a little bit like a pay for play type of situation and that is concerning and that should be concerning for everyone up here. I hope that the next time you take a look at the City Attorney budget, that you take a look at these items. Thank you.

Mr. Joseph: Thank you very much. Comments from Council? Ok.

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Representative Richard Brown, 7559 Bruns Ct, Canal Winchester: Thank you Mr. Mayor, Council, for allowing me just a few moments of your time to address the Council. I just wanted to introduce myself to you. I am the new State Representative to the 20th district which includes Reynoldsburg. I'm replacing Heather Bishoff who resigned in April. I was appointed on June 29th and will serve the remainder of her term which ends November, 2018. I just wanted to introduce myself to you, I'm a lawyer, I've been a lawyer 35 years, I reside in Canal Winchester where I've lived with my wife and children since 1996. 3 adult children 4 grand children, my wife was born in Whitehall actually, grew up in Groveport so we've been members and residents of this district for quite awhile. I own a small practice in Canal Winchester where I've had my practice since 2010. I just, I'm going around to all of the City Council's throughout the district and introducing myself so you can put a face with the name, letting you know who I am. I'm anxious to work with the Council in any way possible and if I can be of any assistance, please call upon me and thank you for your time.

Mr. Joseph: Questions from Council?

Mr. Cicak: Welcome Representative Brown.

Communications

CLERK OF COURT REPORT

The Clerk of Council read the Clerk of Court Report for September 2017 into the minutes.

Reports

None

LEGISLATION FOR EMERGENCY ADOPTION

116-17

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RENEW AN AGREEMENT WITH RUMPKE OF OHIO, INC. TO BE THE SOLE PROVIDER OF SOLID WASTE, RECYCLABLE MATERIALS AND YARD WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES FOR WASTE GENERATED BY RESIDENTIAL UNITS, MUNICIPAL FACILITIES AND DURING SPECIAL EVENTS IN THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. --- Cotner. .

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RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Barth R. Cotner, At Large
SECONDER:	Mel Clemens, Ward IV
AYES:	Clemens, Cotner, Long, Skinner, Cicak, Luzader, Spalding

LEGISLATION FOR FIRST READING

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO PURCHASE TELEX DISPATCH CONSOLE AND RELATED EQUIPMENT FOR THE REYNOLDSBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT; APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.M --- Cotner. Finance Committee.

RESULT:	REFERRED TO COMMITTEE	Next: 11/13/2017 7:33 PM
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ORDINANCE MAKING TRANSFER OF FUNDS AMONG VARIOUS GENERAL FUND DEPARTMENTS. --- Cotner. Finance Committee.

RESULT:	REFERRED TO COMMITTEE	Next: 11/13/2017 7:33 PM
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ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A SHORT TERM LEASE AGREEMENT WITH TAYLOR SQUARE OWNER, LLC., FOR STOREROOM B-12 LOCATED AT 7639 FARMSBURY ROAD; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. --- Cotner. .

RESULT:	REFERRED TO COMMITTEE	Next: 11/13/2017 7:33 PM
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ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH EMH&T FOR THE ENGINEERING, PLANS, AND PREPARE BID DOCUMENTS FOR THE 2018 STREET PROGRAM, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. --- Cotner. Finance Committee.

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ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION FOR A RECTANGULAR RAPID FLASH BEACON, CONCRETE SIDEWALK PANEL REPAIR AND RESTRIPIING; APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. --- Long. Finance Committee.

RESULT:	REFERRED TO COMMITTEE	Next: 11/13/2017 7:33 PM
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ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH SPECTRUM BUSINESS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF POINT TO POINT LINE BETWEEN REYNOLDSBURG AND GAHANNA. --- Cotner. Finance Committee.

RESULT:	REFERRED TO COMMITTEE	Next: 11/13/2017 7:33 PM
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LEGISLATION FOR SECOND READING

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH DONALD J. SCHONHARDT & ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR MANAGEMENT CONSULTING SERVICES. (FIRST READING 10/09/2017). --- Cotner. Finance Committee.

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ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH OHM ADVISORS FOR PROFESSIONAL COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN SERVICES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE. (FIRST READING 10/09/2017). --- Cicak. Finance Committee.

RESULT:	REFERRED TO COMMITTEE	Next: 11/13/2017 7:33 PM
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ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CITY AUDITOR TO REMOVE EQUIPMENT FROM THE CITY'S FIXED ASSET LIST. (FIRST READING 10/09/2017). --- Cotner. Finance Committee.

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ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM UNAPPROPRIATED INCOME TAX FUND TO AN ACCOUNT IN THE CITY INCOME TAX DEPARTMENT. (FIRST READING 10/09/2017). --- Cotner. Finance Committee.

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LEGISLATION FOR THIRD READING

117-17

ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO: AMENDING SECTION 1305.03 COMMERCIAL FEE SCHEDULE AND SECTION 1305.12 STATE FEES OF CHAPTER 1305 PERMITS AND FEES. (SECOND READING 10/9/2017). --- Long. Safety Committee.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Chris Long, At Large
SECONDER:	Brett Luzader, Ward II
AYES:	Clemens, Cotner, Long, Skinner, Cicak, Luzader, Spalding

118-17

ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO: AMENDING SECTION 1301.01 DEPARTMENT ESTABLISHED; DUTIES OF BUILDING OFFICIAL OF CHAPTER 1301 BUILDING DIVISION AND SECTION 1325.03 DEFINITIONS OF CHAPTER 1325 RESIDENTIAL CODE OF OHIO FOR 1, 2, AND 3 FAMILY DWELLINGS. (SECOND READING 10/9/2017). --- Long. Safety Committee.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Chris Long, At Large
SECONDER:	Marshall Spalding, Ward III
AYES:	Clemens, Cotner, Long, Skinner, Cicak, Luzader, Spalding

119-17

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH THE DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT, AND FRANKLIN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH FOR HEALTH SERVICES FROM JANUARY 1, 2018 TO DECEMBER 31, 2018. (SECOND READING 10/09/2017). --- Cotner. Finance Committee.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Barth R. Cotner, At Large
SECONDER:	Chris Long, At Large
AYES:	Clemens, Cotner, Long, Skinner, Cicak, Luzader, Spalding

120-17

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH EVANS, MECHWART, HAMBLETON & TILTON, INC., ("EMH&T") FOR GENERAL CONSULTING AND PROFESSIONAL DESIGN SERVICES. (SECOND READING 10/09/2017). --- Cotner. Finance Committee.

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MOVER:	Barth R. Cotner, At Large
SECONDER:	Dan Skinner, At Large
AYES:	Clemens, Cotner, Long, Skinner, Cicak, Luzader, Spalding

121-17

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CT CONSULTANTS, INC., ("CT") FOR GENERAL CONSULTING AND PROFESSIONAL DESIGN SERVICES. (SECOND READING 10/09/2017). --- Cotner. Finance Committee.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Barth R. Cotner, At Large
SECONDER:	Marshall Spalding, Ward III
AYES:	Clemens, Cotner, Long, Skinner, Cicak, Luzader, Spalding

122-17

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH AMERICAN STRUCTUREPOINT FOR GENERAL CONSULTING AND PROFESSIONAL DESIGN SERVICES. (SECOND READING 10/09/2017). --- Cotner. Finance Committee.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Barth R. Cotner, At Large
SECONDER:	Mel Clemens, Ward IV
AYES:	Clemens, Cotner, Long, Skinner, Cicak, Luzader, Spalding

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING OR IMMINENT COURT ACTION
Adjournment

Doug Joseph, President of Council

April L. Beggerow, Clerk of Council