

MINUTES REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
REYNOLDSBURG CITY COUNCIL
October 10, 2011

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

Members of Council present: Leslie Kelly, Doug Joseph, Mel Clemens, Barth R. Cotner, Chris Long, Nathan Burd (present at 7:32 p.m.), Fred Deskins, Jr.

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

Minutes of the regular Council meeting held September 26, 2011 were approved without objection.

The agenda was approved.

Community Comments and Requests:

a. Officer Pickering - presentation to Chief of Police

President Hills: I have two, who have a place here. Item 'a' is Officer Pickering - presentation to Chief of Police. Officer, are you ready?

Officer Pickering: Yes, Sir.

Mr. Hills: Welcome home also.

Officer Pickering: Thank you. Thank you very much. I don't know if you're aware, there's really five Officers in the Reynoldsburg Police Department that serve with the Reserves and National Guard. The Police Department and Chief Suci have been extremely supportive over the years. This flag is what we want to present to him in honor of that support. This is the actual flag that was flown over the Special Ops Task Force in Afghanistan on my last deployment. I'll go ahead and read what the certificate says: "Be it known by all: this flag was flown in the face of the enemy, illuminated in the dark and bears witness to the removal of terrorist forces threatening the United States of America. It was flown with pride over the compound of our nation's elite Task Force, in remembrance of all innocent who have lost their lives in terrorist attacks." Flown on the 4th of July, 2011, Bagram Air Force Base, Afghanistan in honor of the Reynoldsburg Police Department.

Chief Suci: Thank you, Joe.

Mr. Clemens: Thank you.

Chief Suci: Thank you very much. I guess I'll just add, and thanks very much, Joe, it's an honor to receive this; and we'll put this someplace really special in the department. As the son of a military veteran, who was active duty and reserve capacity, and got deployed several times when I was a small child, this was ingrained in me at a very young age. So I fully support the military and of course, the reserves, on their deployments; and again, it's a true honor to receive this on behalf of the Police Department, and I thank you.

Mr. Hills: Moving to Item 'b' - Reynoldsburg American Legion Post # 798 - a presentation, and Timothy Dunn is the Post Commander. Mr. Dunn.

Mr. Dunn: Thank you, President Hills. Good Evening everyone. The post would like to make a special welcome to Mayor Brad McCloud, City Attorney Jed Hood, City Auditor Richard Harris, Council President Mr. Hills, Ward I Representative Mr. Deskins, Ward II Representative Mrs. Kelly, Ward III Doug Joseph, Ward IV Mel Clemens; At Large Representatives Barth Cotner, Chris Long, and Nathan Burd. Also in attendance we have the four attendees of Buckeye Boys State, Mr. Seth Alexander, Mr. Benjamin Kister, Mr. Marcus Andrews, and Mr. Andrew Templeman. The primary of this quick agenda, and I'll get going to make it as quick as possible, because I know the City Council this time of year is quite busy, so we'll make it short. This presentation is for the City, the Council, and Mayor that lead it, and for some of its outstanding youth, one of which was on the front page last week vying for a national merit scholarship. It evolves around the Buckeye Boys State. Many a youth who have had the opportunity to have gone, have gone on to be political and business leaders, professors, scientists, even astronauts, as we know. This is the ground floor level for some of our youth for tomorrow, with our assistance today. First, I would like to make a presentation to the leaders who assisted in getting them a start today. I would like to read a quick blurb from a letter that was given to me, I've got it here, prior to selections being made - 'we noted our future leaders need to be provided opportunities to develop their talents and grow their knowledge. The Buckeye Boys State has provided so many young men this opportunity over the years and we are proud to help send another for this privilege' - respectfully, the City of Reynoldsburg elected officials. Therefore I would like to present a certificate of appreciation to the Council members and elected officials starting with his honor, Mayor Brad McCloud, City Attorney Mr. James E. (Jed) Hood, City Auditor Mr. Richard Harris, if he's available. Thank you Ladies and Gentlemen. I can bring these up and distribute them one at a time, if I read off the names: City Council President William Hills, Ward I Representative Fred Deskins, Jr., Ward II Representative Mrs. Leslie Kelly, Ward III Doug Joseph, Ward IV Mel Clemens, At Large Representative Mr. Barth Cotner, At Large Representative Chris Long, At Large Representative Nathan Burd.

The final presentation of this week will be to the young men that not only the Post, who is the catalyst, as we are every year, supported, but as did the City of Reynoldsburg and the City Council. So I would like to call up the four young men who attended Boys State representing Post #798 and the City of Reynoldsburg. Mr. Seth Alexander, Mr. Benjamin Kister, Mr. Marcus Andrews and Mr.

Andrew Templeman.

Mr. Hills: For those people who want to take pictures, feel free to come up front, if you can get a better angle.

Mr. Dunn: All right. One comment I would like to make, when, also I would like to welcome my Vice Commander, Mr. Pete Margaritas, who is also the Twelfth District Commander.

Mr. Margaritas: And the photographer.

Mr. Dunn: And the photographer. I did invite some other folks, but they didn't show. When we selected these four individuals, I had a lot of 'deer-in-the-headlight' looks, and I'll be honest, because Boys State is a nine-day excursion where you're expected to do more than you've ever done actually in your life, and after their return, some ten to eleven days later, I received letters in an email from each and every one of them, and none of them could believe how much they had gained, learned; and appreciated the opportunity that we provided them to go to Buckeye Boys State; and as you stated Mr. Hills, you've been there yourself, it's quite a learning experience.

All right, Mr. Andrew Templeman, because I've got you right handy here. First of all is a letter I'm going to give you from the Post for a job well done, Sir. Secondly, this is the citizenship training program from the Boys State, for the Boys State sponsored by the American Legion of Ohio. This is a good citizenship citation award for the American Legion Boys State of Ohio presented by the Post #798.

Next I'll move to Marcus. You're getting around quite a bit, aren't you? There's your letter. Thank you. This is your letter of appreciation from Boys State, and your letter from the Post.

And Mr. Benjamin Kister. Here's your letter from members of the Post, letter from Buckeye Boys State, and your letter from the Post. Thank you.

And Mr. Alexander. Here's your letter from the Post and the members, the letter from Buckeye Boys State, and the letter from the Post. Thanks.

At this point in time, thanks from all of us here, to these four gentlemen, who I hope will be your leaders in the near future and they've got a good leg up and a good start thanks to our assistance. Thank you for your evening time Ladies and Gentlemen. I appreciate it. Thank you for your help.

Mr. Hills: And thank you also.

ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO: SECTION 141.01 "COMPENSATION" OF CHAPTER 141 MAYOR; SECTION 147.03 "COMPENSATION" OF CHAPTER 147 DEPARTMENT OF LAW; SECTION 127.01 "COMPENSATION" OF CHAPTER 127 PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL; and SECTION 121.02 "COMPENSATION" OF CHAPTER 121 COUNCIL- -Clerk read ordinance by title for the second reading. Item referred to Finance Committee.

ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO: SECTION 160.09 “Group Insurance” OF CHAPTER 160 EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION- - Clerk read ordinance by title for the second reading. Item referred to Finance Committee.

ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO: AMENDING SECTION 513.01 “Definitions”; and SECTION 513.03 “Drug Abuse; Controlled Substance Possession or Use” OF CHAPTER 513 DRUG ABUSE CONTROL; and AMENDING SECTION 545.05 “Petty Theft” OF CHAPTER 545 THEFT AND FRAUD AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY- - Clerk read ordinance by title for the third reading. Mr. Clemens moved to amend the ordinance to include emergency language. **Mr. Joseph seconded.** **With the roll** called, members voted: Mrs. Kelly “Yea”; Mr. Joseph “Yea”; Mr. Clemens “Yea”; Mr. Cotner “Yea”; Mr. Long “Yea”; Mr. Burd “Yea”; Mr. Deskins “Yea”. **Motion passed; ordinance amended.** Mr. Clemens moved adoption. Mr. Cotner seconded. **With the roll** called, members voted: Mrs. Kelly “Yea”; Mr. Joseph “Yea”; Mr. Clemens “Yea”; Mr. Cotner “Yea”; Mr. Long “Yea”; Mr. Burd “Yea”; Mr. Deskins “Yea”. **Motion passed; Ordinance No. 44-11 adopted.**

Request for Executive Session to discuss pending court action, imminent court action.- -Mrs. Kelly moved to recess for Executive Session; Mr. Burd seconded. **With the roll** called, members voted: Mrs. Kelly “Yea”; Mr. Joseph “Yea”; Mr. Clemens “Yea”; Mr. Cotner “Yea”; Mr. Long “Yea”; Mr. Burd “Yea”; Mr. Deskins “Yea”. **Motion passed.** Mr. Hills said those attending would be Clerk of Council and all elected officials. Mr. Hills said Council would reconvene at the conclusion of the Executive Session. Council recessed for Executive Session at 7:47 p.m.

Council reconvened at 8:10 p.m. With the roll called, members responding were: Mrs. Kelly “Present”; Mr. Joseph “Present”; Mr. Clemens “Present”; Mr. Cotner “Present”; Mr. Long “Present”; Mr. Burd “Present”; Mr. Deskins “Present”.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

William L. Hills, President of Council

Nancy C. Frazier, Clerk of Council