SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
REYNOLDSBURG CITY COUNCIL
October 3, 2011

Members of Safety Committee present: Mel Clemens, Chris Long, Nathan Burd. Councilman Fred Deskins, Jr. was absent.

Other members of Council present: Doug Joseph, Barth R. Cotner, Council President William L. Hills. Councilwoman Leslie Kelly was absent.

Mr. Clemens: I'll call the Safety Committee meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The first item on the agenda is approval of the Safety Committee meeting held September 19, 2011. Do I have any additions or deletions to the meeting? If not, they'll stand approved.

Item No. 4 - 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- - -second rdg 9-26-2011. Are there any questions for members of the Committee, to our City Attorney, Mr. Hood pertaining to this subject? Members of Council? If not, I'd like to send this to Council for its third reading, as an emergency, with motion for adoption. Seconded by Chris Long. All in favor vote "Aye". (All voted "Aye") Opposed. (No response). That ends the Safety Committee meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Safety Committee
- - -Nancy C. Frazier, Clerk of Council
October 3, 2011
(Transcribed - S. Cochran, Ass't. Clk. of Council)

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
REYNOLDSBURG CITY COUNCIL
October 3, 2011

Members of Finance Committee present: Doug Joseph, Mel Clemens. Councilman Fred Deskins, Jr and Councilwoman Leslie Kelly were absent.

Other members of Council present: Barth R. Cotner, Chris Long, Nathan Burd, Council President William L. Hills.

Mr. Joseph: Okay, I will call the Finance Committee to order at 7:32 p.m. Item No. 2 is approval of the agenda. Are there any additions, deletions or changes to the agenda tonight? Seeing none, the agenda will stand approved. I will note that we are operating as the Committee of the Whole tonight since we have two members of the Finance Committee that are not here, so every member of Council will be able to participate fully on the Finance Committee tonight.

Item No. 3 is approval of the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting of September 19, 2011. Any additions, deletions or changes to those minutes? Seeing none, they stand approved.

Item No. 4 - Discussion: Potential reduction of expenditures to meet revenues - 2012 (1.3 million dollar reduction)- - - -topic was included in Mr. Hills' memo, along with topics contained in [9-19-2011 Finance] agenda items 4. and 5. and topic was listed at my direction and on 9-19-2011 it was held for two weeks. We'll start with Mr. Harris. I know he has some comments to make tonight.

City Auditor Harris: Thank you, Chairman Joseph, members of Council. One thing I would like to do - I did some research over the last week and there seems, I want to make sure there's no confusion among Council as to what the city's problems are financially, and we're going to go over this packet I gave you here. To start out with, I want to read a part of the Ad Hoc Committee Report, about a paragraph that's going to cover what we're going to talk about tonight: "The City of Reynoldsburg has been balancing its general fund budget for a number of years by working off accumulated reserves and reducing funding for capital improvements. Auditor Harris reported to the Committee that the city historically devoted as much as 15% of income tax revenue to its capital improvement fund. In order to balance its operating fund, the City has gradually reduced the allocation of income tax revenue devoted to capital improvements to its current level of 2%. The practice has enabled the City to "kick the can down the road", but that option is no longer available. Not only is the option of reducing the income tax allocation to capital improvements no longer available, but the City must ultimately address its capital needs and the deferred maintenance that has accumulated over the past several years. The City must find a balance between funding general fund operations at an acceptable level and maintaining and expanding its vital infrastructure."

And basically, the first piece of paper there on top is going to show you where the money came from over the last ten years in order to support the operating budget. The first couple, if you look at it, shows the ending balance from 2001 in a number of different funds, and the 2010 ending balance, and the difference, and I'll just go over them real quickly. The General Fund is down $1.5 million. There was a fund called Employee Compensated Absences that was, had $508,000 - it has all now been expended. The General Debt Retirement had a balance of $1,538,000 - it's now down to $136,000 - a decline of $1.4 million; and the Capital Equipment Fund had $200,000 - it now has zero, but the most important one is the next line. There was $10,400,000 in those years diverted from the CIP in order to fund the operating budget and that comes from, it's about $1,300,000 for eight years which comes up to $10,400,000. That's $13,981,000. Also, along with that there was $1,000,000 excess in Streetscape, which we put into the General Debt Retirement in order to shore that up, and the budget that was turned into the County on the Tax Budget calls for transfer from the CIP to the General Fund of $2,000,000. You may or may not need to make all of that and obviously depending on what happens with the levy, you may not have to make any of it, but as you turn to the second page on this, I've started a list, what Mr. Sprague was talking about here, in some of the capital needs of the city and basically, we're going to talk about computers, buildings, street repairs, park and rec projects, and the capital equipment.

The first one is the computer needs, and you can see in there, this is over a five-year period, there's about fifteen of the Tough Books that the Police Department uses; those cost about $3,800 a piece. There's about 80 desktop computers, those are about $750 apiece; servers need to be replaced about every 5 or 6 years, the estimate from the computer person is that it is $50,000. Laptops, there's a certain number of those that, between the Police Department and this building, there's about twelve; the average cost on replacing those is about $950 apiece; that's $11,400; and to redo the web site's about $20,000. A total of that's about $98,400. The municipal building, this building was built in 1987. There's a number of things in here that do need replaced. The roof is over 25 years old, it has a warranty of 20 years. There's been a number of patchwork done to it at some point in time. That's going to have to be addressed. That's about $40,000. The HVAC controls for both the boiler and the chiller haven't worked for about two years. It's all done manually now instead of through the sensors and everything. To replace that system's about $50,000. The boiler's about 25 years old. It's going to need replaced in the next few years. That's about $50,000 and it's about $12,000 to upgrade the fire system so that it meets code. The total on that's $152,000.

Then we get into some of the bigger money. From working with the Service Director, we listed a bunch of projects here that will probably have to be undertaken here in the next five years. The first one is the Taylor/Main intersection. We have an agreement, a kind of contractual agreement with ODOT that, at some point in time, that intersection's going to have to be expanded. The cost of that will be about $2 million. We've talked a number of times about the resurfacing of Lancaster Avenue; that's going to be about one million dollars. Last year, we put in for OPWC money for Brice Road; it was not approved. The cost of that project's around four million dollars. Taylor Road resurfacing, this is between Broad and Main is about $1.3 million. That road is close to twenty years old and it looks like it. New Taylor Road, which is the area down by the Wal Mart store is $1.6 million for resurfacing. Livingston Avenue probably towards the end of that five years will need to be redone. It's a very long street with a lot of lane miles. The estimate on that was $4 million. Also, the Service Director had put forth back to the Ad Hoc Committee a plan not including these, there's about $1.8 million per year of improvements that need to be made to streets to make sure they last twenty years. This is not only resurfacing, this is crack sealing, slurry sealing, and other maintenance type items. Total on that is $22,900,000. The Parks and Rec Department, the biggest problem they have is the lots, the parking lots at all the parks need some major work. Kennedy Park, if you've been in that one lately, I mean, if it gets much more, cracks gets much bigger in it, we're going to have to mow it because the grass is coming through it; $1.6 million replacing both the restroom building and the concession stand over there and has been on the CIP for a number of years. That's $140,000. The bike path over the city needs a number of maintenance items done to it annually, everything from creek erosion where it runs along the creek, to normal asphalt sealing, which they haven't done for a number of years. He figures it's about $30,000. JFK Park, those fields have not had anything done to them since the park was built in the mid '70's. A number of those need new back stops and fencing and dugouts and dugout benches and all those kind of things. He has those all listed on there. Spangler Field is $35,000. The tennis courts in Kennedy Park are starting to come apart. They've had somebody come out and look. The four tennis courts would be $40,000 apiece to resurface them. That would be $160,000. The basketball courts, both at Civic Park and at Kennedy park have spalled; they're coming apart. The cost on that was $80,000. So that's an additional $2,249,000.

The last group of pages is all of the capital equipment between the Street Department and the General Fund Departments. They got everything for the Building Department, there's a few cars on there; the Police Department vehicles, which include everything from police cruisers to a SWAT van, to all the different things that they have. Also, included in that is the Street Department and those are kind of interconnected because of the fact that the Street Department, any money not used in the Street Department, could be used to do street repairs, but if we have to use it to buy vehicles, obviously that cuts down that amount that could be used. There's a total of 115 items on this list. The average age of the equipment is 10.14 years. The total initial value of that was $2.2 million, so at some point in time, that is also going to have to be addressed.

If you look at the sheet at the back at the beginning where it says things that they will have to consider over the next few years, computerization needs for the municipal building was $198,000. The total of the whole thing is $27,700,000. If you look back at the first sheet and see that $10.4 million that was diverted to the CIP, from the CIP to the Capital, from the Capital Fund to the General Fund, you'll see that $10.4 million would have made a large difference in this. That with the $3,000,000 that's currently in there, would get us to the point where we were somewhere close to probably where we need to be. I think Council also needs to realize with this, that this is not just the problem with the operating budget of $700,000 or $800,000, this is the, as the Ad Hoc Committee said, at some point in time, it's going to have to be addressed and this is not just them telling you this, or me telling you this. A year ago, we had our debt dropped from AA3 to AA2 by Moody's, which is the financial world telling you that we have issues that we need to have addressed. These issues need to be addressed at some point in time. They're not getting any better. We have a lot of old vehicles, we have a lot of old equipment, we have a lot of infrastructure needs that need to be met and we need to come up with a way to take this and work off of this list and start to get some of these things done and that's all I have. Does anybody have any questions?

Mr. Joseph: Questions of Council? Yes, Councilman Burd.

Mr. Burd: Thank you, Chairman Joseph. Dick, can you explain how money gets to the CIP and where it comes from?

Mr. Harris: Most of the money to the CIP comes through the Income Tax Fund. Prior to Abercrombie and Fitch leaving town in 2001, I think it's in Chapter 190 or 191, Council has authorized me to take the income tax proceeds and split it by a particular formula. The current formula that's used now, and has been used since, I'd have to go back and look, 2003, 2004, somewhere in there, it calls for 84% of the income tax money that comes in goes to the General Fund; 14% goes to the CIP, or 14% goes to the Debt Retirement Fund, and 2% goes to the CIP. So currently, we are putting in the CIP with all this that we look at that is going to have to be addressed and we're putting $200,000 a year in it.

Mr. Burd: Okay, I had read recently, and I've been misquoted many times, so maybe you were misquoted, but we have about $2.2 million in infrastructure repairs that we need to be doing soon.

Mr. Harris: Annual, that was an annual number.

Mr. Burd: Right, so it was 27.....

Mr. Harris: Let me tell you where that came from. When the Ad Hoc Committee was looking at this, we, the City Engineer, the Safety/Service Director and I, looked through, and we came up with how much it would cost if the city were going to keep all the streets at a 20-year re-paving and do the proper maintenance in between, and his guess on that, or his estimate on that was between $2 million and $2.2 million, around $2 million a year; and $200,000 was put in for capital equipment. So that's where that number came from, but that's an annual number.

Mr. Burd: And just to be clear, I mean, you know, what I've talked about is, another transfer. It's happened in the past, that's what I've talked about, again, and what we're talking about here, is if the tax increase fails. If it passes, $6 million extra dollars, no need to do any of this, obviously.

Mr. Harris: That's correct.

Mr. Burd: To cover the $1.3 million hole. If that fails, and I don't want to speculate, who knows, but that's what we're talking about tonight. Are you saying that your advice to us would be to, instead of making a transfer, to cut the guts out of the Senior Center and Parks and Recs and the Police Department, that we should cut those items?

Mr. Harris: My suggestion is to Council is, whether you cut those items this year or whether you don't cut them this year, at some point in time, you're going to have to make the decision whether you're going to live within your means or you're going to continue to borrow money and spend money that you don't have. Now, can you do it? We've done it for ten years and spent $17,000,000. Now can we do it again? Yeah, we can, and 2012's not the problem. Next year there's going to be, when you start doing 2013, there's another $500,000 in cuts coming from the

State and, who knows what the economy's going to be, I mean, you've got a number of economists now that think there's going to be another double dip recession. Council is the authority; they can do with the money what they want. I don't want to see the Senior Center close. I don't want to see cops off the street, but we have to come up with a plan at some point in time, that takes care of not only the operating budget, but takes care of these capital expenditures as well, because this is stuff that's not going to go away, guys.

Mr. Burd: Yeah, and I understand that. I'm not proposing that a transfer is a 4 and 5 year fix. I'm talking about getting through 2012 with a balanced budget if the tax increase fails. Is it a little wrong though to say that's living outside our means when the money comes from income tax receipts? I mean isn't that part of our means? The only reason it's there is because we put it there. Some cities don't divert money into a CIP.

Mr. Harris: Let me read to you what it says here in the Ad Hoc Committee report. The committee has concluded that a structural imbalance exists in the city's general operating fund and general capital improvement fund. I have yet to hear anybody say that does not exist, and is it living within your means? It isn't if you consider you should be spending $2 million to $3 million a year on the city's capital needs and you're not doing it.

Mr. Burd: And that brings up one more question. If we have, you know, annually, $2 million in infrastructure needs, is the only reason, and the account started the year with $3.3 million, it's going to end the year with $2.8 million - $2.9 million, why aren't we spending on that? For this very reason, to have money available?

Mr. Harris: Yep, because the problems that we have with the operating budget, which nobody wants to see Police Officers and Senior Center and Parks and Rec problems cut, if we went and spent that money, where would we get the $2 million dollars for the next year?

Mr. Burd: Meaning that it's been part of our plan to do this, if necessary?

Mr. Harris: It has been, it's been the backup plan, at some point in time, and we can take the, Council can take the thing, we're going to spend the money until the last nickel's gone, and then the State's going to come in and tell you what you're going to do, just like they did in Cleveland and that's not pretty either.

Mr. Burd: No. That's all.

Mr. Joseph: Okay. Councilman Clemens.

Mr. Clemens: Yeah, knowing this Dick, and I can understand infrastructure problems, I realize some people don't want to look at it, but, you know, we used to repair streets. This year we're doing none. All you have to do is look at Retton Road here lately and see what's happened to it. Now, if you want a crack seal program all over Reynoldsburg, you think your property values are down now, you wait 'til we get done with the crack sealing programs. Our problem is, our infrastructure has to be taken care of, and I know everybody likes to think about the parks and recreation, and Police Department, all this fancy stuff, but, you know, you have to drive on something, and believe me, our infrastructure's falling apart. Our Service Director could tell you about it. He comes to us about it. We don't have the money to do anything about it because we're spending every nickel we got. This reminds me a little bit of say our President took the Congress to dinner and they have this big dinner and when they're done eating, the guy brings them the bill. They don't have any money to pay it and they don't know how to answer him so they order again and they just keep ordering and they just keep ordering. Nobody can make a decision and they're broke. Now what do they do? The boss says well, we'll print more money. So he takes a printing press and they print more money. We don't have a printing press and we can't even afford to buy one. So I don't want to see the city go broke. I want to see us improve. The whole thing about living in Reynoldsburg is, we want it to improve. We don't want it to go downhill. I mean, this thing of saying let's just hold steady, let's hold steady, let's don't spend any money, let's don't put anymore Policemen on, let's don't put anybody on the Recreation; we've stripped the Mayor of every position he has almost. He's working possibly by himself. He has nobody hardly at all working. Development Director's gone, Chief Building Inspector's gone, HR Director's gone, secretaries are gone, receptionist gone. I don't know how far we can keep cutting and give the people of Reynoldsburg a stable city to live in. You know, I look at it this way, it all depends on what the people want to be. I've been here sixty years and I've seen this city go up. I don't want to see it go back down. You know, and the big point about it is, I'm willing to take cuts if we don't make it in the election. I don't want to have to come back and have to be knocking on you that we're going to take this away from you, take that away from you. You know, I don't believe in that. If this doesn't go, we'll probably have to take away the 100% credit and then people will be upset. I think the important thing is to move Reynoldsburg ahead and we can sit up here and discuss and talk about a few million here and a few million there and like I said, spend everything we've got, just kick it down the road for a year or two and then we are in trouble. We need Policemen. You know, if you lived in my district or some of these districts, you would understand, at night people are afraid to go out and that's the truth. We need more Police in these districts and if we're able to pass this issue, not only will we do the infrastructure, that way, we'll have a much better Senior Citizen center, we'll have a much better recreation program, we'll be staffed here at City Hall, we'll be like every other community is trying to thrive. Not go down hill. Who in hell wants to be another Whitehall? I don't want to be. I live in Reynoldsburg. I want Reynoldsburg to be something to be proud of and I think we have to get this across to the people. We're not speaking about our budget. Our budget's not before us. We're talking about what will we do if the budget comes before us? Now I've raised a lot of children in this town. I got a lot of grandchildren, a lot of great grandchildren. I've always wanted to see them do better than what I did and I think, if you think about it, a lot of us sitting here in this room are senior citizens. Certainly we want to be taken care of, but it's not us we should be worrying about. We got to worry about these people coming up behind us, our kids, our children, our grandchildren. We want this city to be something to be proud of. We don't want to be a cheap place. We want something to be proud of. You know, I don't like to talk, and I talk too much, but I get upset when I think about people wanting to take away and not help the city; and I get tired of people sitting up there thinking about being re-elected and if they go against this or they do that or do the other, people won't vote for them. Who in the hell cares if they vote for them. I think the important thing to do is to get this issue passed and then we'll have more money to do these programs, you know, to improve what we live on. That is the important thing, the important thing is not whether we have, taking two people at the Senior Citizens center, take away five people at the Police

Department, we don't want to do these things. There's not a person up there that wants to do those, but you've got to be realistic. If it isn't this year or next year, it could be completely zero the following year. So you've got to look ahead. You can't be stable and go behind. You've got to look ahead and I'm sorry I talked so long, but that's how I feel.

Mr. Joseph: Councilman Burd.

Mr. Burd: Just to comment, I mean, I assume the re-election comment's made at me. I mean, I'm the only one talking, so I'll assume that.

Mr. Clemens: I don't think so. I didn't think you could run again, really.

Mr. Burd: I'm not on the ballot for several years. I have a job now where I won't be running anyway so, I don't know why it's treated like a political ploy. I don't want Reynoldsburg to have the highest taxes in Franklin County. I believe that on principle. I don't want be Whitehall. They have a 2 ½% income tax. I don't want to be them. You're right, Mel.

Mr. Clemens: That's so true.

Mr. Burd: So, you know, I don't like the insinuation that somehow this is political. Some of us actually believe what we're saying up here.

Mr. Clemens: I didn't say that. I didn't mention your name and you're not the only one running for office, okay?

Mr. Burd: Well, I know. I'm not running for office, that's my point.

Mr. Clemens: If you consider this that I'm speaking of you, then you must have it in the back of your mind because it certainly wasn't and I'm sorry......

Mr. Burd: I'm the only one that's spoken.

Mr. Clemens: ...you took it that way.

Mr. Burd: Okay, fair enough.

Mr. Joseph: Other questions? Okay, that you Mr. Harris.

Mr. Harris: Thank you.

Mr. Joseph: All right, we have a number of speaker slips tonight. We'll start working through these. First up is Marshall Spalding. Come up to the microphone and please give your name and address for the record.

Mr. Spalding: Hi, Gentlemen. I'm Marshall Spalding. I live in Reynoldsburg. I'm here to speak about the Senior Center that Mel and a whole lot of folks have talked about tonight and I really want to thank Nathan Burd for the article that he wrote coming up with alternatives and we certainly listen to a lot of other capital improvement issues tonight and I just thought about it when I heard, you know, you couldn't pave from here to that wall for what they're talking money to keep the Senior Citizen open and keep those two girls hired. I'm telling you, you couldn't pay that far from the dollars I just heard that it will cost to pave anything. So you know, you talked about a whole lot of money that we've got to spend if we're going to drive a car down the road, but you know what, it don't cost nothing to keep the Senior Citizens Center open and keep these people going. You're talking about this much money versus this much money. So don't chase little dimes when you're really worried about dollars and the fact that we need to have this income tax thing. Guys, we all agree with you. You're not getting a lot of argument from any of us, but you've got these senior citizens that will really back you and help you vote. The worst thing you can do is threaten them and that's what you kinda did, all right. So Nathan, thank you so much for your article. I think there are some good alternatives that this Committee ought to really consider. Thank you.

Mr. Joseph: Any questions? Okay. Next is Madeleine McDaniel. Madeleine McDaniel? Please give your name and address for the record, please.

Ms. McDaniel: Madeleine McDaniel, 36 Hampton Lane. Well, I must say, this has been very enlightening. I'm almost 70 years old, I've never attended a City Council meeting and I was certainly enlightened by what is going on here this evening; and yes, I am here to represent the Senior Center, but I want to be proud of Reynoldsburg, too and if there's anything, you know, we can do to get the notice out to people that hey, I drive on these streets. I think Main Street's horrible with those bricks and you know and we do need a lot of work and I want to keep the city going, you know, not only for my, I have children and grandchildren that live here, but like I say, it's been very enlightening and maybe I've changed my mind a little bit, you know, what I thought City Council was all about and the Committees. So I do appreciate this opportunity. Maybe I'll get more involved. I don't want to vote, I don't want to run, but it has been very enlightening and I've really appreciated, you know, hearing everyone's opinion. Thank you.

Mr. Joseph: Any questions? Okay, thank you. Next is Shirley Archer. Give your name and address for the record, please.

Ms. Archer: Shirley Archer, Reynoldsburg. Is that all you need?

Mr. Joseph: That's good.

Ms. Archer: Okay. I'm here representing the whole city. I'm just wondering and I have a lot of questions myself. Have there not been reserves here in the past for some of the things that are being brought up now?

Mr. Joseph: Mr. Harris, could you address that question?

Mr. Harris: Well, as I talked about and when I opened up, we have spent out of the reserves in the last ten years close to $16,000,000 because the shortfall between what we take in and what we spent has been that much. So yes, has there been reserves? Yes. Are they pretty well gone?

Yes they are.

Ms. Archer: It seems him saying it's been ten years, we've been using up our reserves, I guess I'm wondering why they haven't been being replaced in the last ten years. To think we would close one of the busiest places in this town is the Senior Citizens for people who cannot ably work and have already paid their dues. That Senior Citizens place is a very helpful, saving to the people. I am concerned about Reynoldsburg. I've lived here for a long, long time. Things that pertain to the, there's a lot of things that I don't know that pertains to paying to the, that the people here pay for their children. What do we pay for our children here? I thought parents should be paying for their children and their grandchildren to a lot of the extent. Us old folks, we can no longer work, we can no longer hardly even exist. We haven't had a Social Security raise in two years. Everything keeps going up and just like here, we want to support Reynoldsburg, but now you're asking us homeowners to pay the, to pay this. So my question is, seems like so many things now even away from Reynoldsburg goes for so many people that don't want to work. So many people who have children and keep having children. So I'm asking for you really, please do not hurt the seniors of this town. Thank you.

Mr. Joseph: Questions? Yes, Mr. Clemens.

Mr. Clemens: Yeah, I'm sorry. You had asked after we had spent our, spending down our reserve, why didn't we bring in more money. Have you ever looked at your taxes, what you pay Reynoldsburg? We haven't had a tax increase in the City of Reynoldsburg in over 30 years. Your tax increases have been for the school system, for your libraries, for, if you looked down that list on your tax, you'll see that Reynoldsburg is the last thing that you pay and the lowest thing that you pay on the list of taxes that you pay to the State. So that's what's in the income tax, we haven't increased that so that's what Mr. Harris was trying to explain. There hasn't been any additional money coming into the city. The tax evaluation hasn't gone up, it's gone down. So we, that's, we survive on the tax. You don't pay the city anything for your children or anything like that. You know what I'm saying? You're talking more about what you pay the government. You pay your income tax on where you work and you pay your property tax on where you live. That's all we get. They're going to take away our inheritance tax, so if you're going to leave us anything, we won't even get that!

Ms. Archer: No.

Mr. Clemens: So that's where, we've not improved, that's why we haven't, we're working on the same money coming in that we did ten years ago and it's caught up with us. That's our problem. Everybody else, we've given increases, our insurance programs have gone up, we've hired people which we had to improve our Police Department and so forth, and our Recreation Department, things like that and yet, we're working on the same funds that we worked on ten years ago and that's what is really, that's why we haven't got ahead.

Ms. Archer: There's a lot of new businesses in Reynoldsburg the last ten years. Do we not get money from them?

Mr. Clemens: We don't, we get income tax, but most of those you don't get anything off of.

Most of those are part time workers that work twenty hours and they don't pay them anything. You don't get anything off these food businesses. The property tax, where there's a big Wal Mart and all those, that's in Fairfield County. The property tax goes down to Lancaster. We get the income tax, but see that's in Fairfield County and they get property tax. So we don't really have any new buildings. We've got along Main Street or Brice Road, know what I'm saying, we've got these older buildings where people keep moving out of and somebody else moves into them, but like I said, you know, you've got to have $1 million payroll, $2 million payroll to really bring anything in to us. So we're not really picking up off of these little Mom and Pop shops, you know, as far as income tax, because they're not paying them anything. That's our problem right there as far as income tax goes.

Ms. Archer: Thank you.

Mr. Clemens: But as far as your property tax, you look and see, when you go home, look at your property tax statement, half year program, and see where that money goes when you paid your property tax and look what the schools get. They're the number one. Then read right on down the list on who gets your money. Most of it goes to Franklin County, other than the school system. Then there's a little bit of pittance down at the bottom for Reynoldsburg.

Mrs. Archer: Is there anything we can do?

Mr. Clemens: Yes, we can pass this income tax that we're putting on and that will help us start to build back up again and help us to build more police, better things at the Senior Citizen Center, help staff the Mayor so we can take care of the people and improve our infrastructure on the streets and things like that.

Ms. Archer: So what you're saying....

Mr. Clemens: That's why it's on the ballot.

Ms. Archer: All right. So what you're saying is, if we the people here pass this tax, that's going to eliminate one year's problems or is this going over a period of ten years?

Mr. Clemens: No, no. That will take care of us for probably the next ten years. I wouldn't know. Mr. Harris, the next fifteen years?

Ms. Archer: So this tax would be going on forever probably.

Mr. Clemens: Right, it's just like the State and everybody else, when you put it on there, it's there.

Ms. Archer: Once you get it, it don't ever go away.

Mr. Clemens: I'm sorry, but usually, that's what happens. Once you get it, they got it.
Ms. Archer: Thank you.

Mr. Joseph: Mr. Harris.

Mr. Harris: Well, first of all, to this nice lady's concern, when we did this, this money will last the city at least six or seven years. We don't know what additional cuts the State is planning on making so we can't, you seem to be a little confused on something, first of all, this is not a real estate tax. It's not a real estate tax. It's an income tax. The following things are not taxable to the City of Reynoldsburg. You don't have to pay on retirement income. You don't pay on Social Security. You don't pay on interest. You don't pay on dividends. You don't pay on annuity payments, which means probably 80% or 90% of the people don't pay city income tax. This is an income tax that will cost almost everybody in this room nothing. That's why we picked this. It is the vehicle that raises the most money and affects the fewest number of people and certainly not senior citizens who we know have problems with, you know, once you retire and you don't have that steady income raise coming in that takes care of it. That's why we picked this because most senior citizens don't pay it.

Ms. Archer: Thank you.

Mr. Joseph: Any other questions? President Hills?

Mr. Hills: No, my question was addressed. It's just clarifying senior citizen. That doesn't keep you from voting for it, but you don't have to pay it. You didn't pay it at 1 ½%, you're not going to pay it at 2 ½%.

Mr. Joseph: Okay, next is Gary Knapp.

Mr. Knapp: My name's Gary Knapp. I live at 1741 Graham Road and I'm here, I may be one of the few people here that probably will end up paying for the tax and I don't mind paying this income tax; I've been to Council meetings over the last several months and I know what you're saying is accurate and I'm in favor of the income tax. Hopefully, retirement will get here so I won't have to pay it, but the reason I came here tonight is, it's really got my dad upset about closing the Senior Citizens Center and I told him I'd come here and speak. My dad is home with Hospice. He's not doing very well, but he doesn't want to see the Senior Citizen Center closed or those two people laid off and, you know, I'm hear to voice, you know, my dad's feeling, as well as mine. You can raise my tax. I had a no new tax sign in my yard when they did the last school levy because I'm tired of being taxed, okay, and it won't be in my front yard this time. I am in favor of this tax and I just don't, I've just got kind of a spot with me by threatening to close the Senior Citizen Center doesn't do nothing but rile these people up and they don't need to be riled up, okay, and what I'm asking is, get the Senior Citizen Center off the table. You know, let the Police Department, let the Water Department, let the Mayor's office and everybody else take the cut. I'll drive on gravel roads, but get just, I'm just asking you to get the Senior Citizens' people, those two people are all I want over there so these people can enjoy their retirement. These people built this town and there's only a couple of people sitting up there, Mr. Hills is one of them, and I was going to talk to the old guy on the right, that I definitely agree with everything he said. I mean, you guys been around a long time and you built this town; my parents built this town, you know, don't put it on these people, don't take away the only thing they love right now, which is the Senior Citizens Center. Put it on us, put it on my generation, my kids' generation, and the next generation. Let us pay for it. You know, they paid for it, they built it, let them enjoy it, okay. I'll take the hit, I don't have a problem with that and Mr. Clemens, I agree with everything you said, you know, and I appreciate your time, but I'm asking you, get the Senior Citizens Center out of this, please. Thank you.

Mr. Joseph: Any questions from Council? Okay, next is Wanda Harvey.

Ms. Harvey: Wanda Harvey, 2213 Meadowlark Lane. For such an important issue, I have yet to see a yard sign or a bumper sticker for this campaign. Where are they? If you travel to other communities, there's yard signs in almost every yard.

Mr. Joseph: Yes, Councilman Clemens.

Mr. Clemens: Well, we do have a committee. The hard thing is, of course, we have to finance it, but not through city funds; and we've donated personally, and it's not something, we're not going to spend your money to put up signs and such things as that. That's not the proper thing to do. So we, I'm not sure whether there'll be signs or not. We have a committee, they may think what little money we have should be used for something, you know, better. I don't know, we do have a committee and it's not full of politicians. It's full of people, we have people in the city that are active and they wanted to be on it, but as far, like you said, we don't have signs out and so forth because we don't, you know, we're not over-flushed with donations, let's put it that way. We're trying to get the money to help us, you know, as we go along, and we're looking for some to come in, but that's it.

Ms. Harvey: Thank you.

Mr. Joseph: Any other questions? Okay. Next is Frank Bolen.

Mr. Bolen: Welcome seniors. My name's Frank D. Bolen and I'm here representing the Seniors Club. I spend most of my time over there working with the seniors. I spend the rest of the time working with the veterans. You got the veterans, you got the seniors; let's take care of them. I was over there today and I got some information and I didn't realize that we have in 2010 over 74,000 members go through there and sign the books and I've got the books over there in my brief case. It's about that thick. So some of the seniors are there seven days a week. We also have organizations come in there that ask to do things. They put on seminars and so forth and without the two women over there, we're not going to be able to do it. The only thing you can do if you do have to do away with the two women, we're going to have to have volunteers, because there are a lot of organizations and I can show you, I gave each one of you guys and ladies one of our programs, a newsletter, and I would like for you to go home tonight and look at that and you'll see how much activity goes on over there; and I read this here, it says 'SOS' save our senior center of Reynoldsburg, and I read down here where it says we need $1.3 million to operate 2012 and I've been listening to all this money tonight and so forth, and Mr. Clemens brought up a good point. How long will this $1.3 million last if the income tax is passed? Do you have an answer on that?

Mr. Clemens: Yeah, that's what we're talking about. That's why we've got to do something about it. It's going to last until next year, that's how long it's going to last.

Mr. Bolen: But that will last one year?

Mr. Joseph: President Hills.

Mr. Hills: The $1.3 million, that is the anticipated expenditures for 2012 exceeding the revenues for 2012.

Mr. Bolen: Okay.

Mr. Hills: That's where the $1.3 million comes from. Right now, to the best of our judgement, if we look at what it costs to operate 2010 and into 2011 and Mayor or the Auditor, please correct me if what I'm saying is not said the right way, we have, a number of the last ten years, spent more money in a year than we had coming in, in the year.

Mr. Bolen: I agree with you.

Mr. Hills: And when we look at that for 2012, it looks like we're going to spend $1.3 million more in 2012 unless we make changes, than what we have coming in, in revenue. It's to the point, we can't be taking any more money out of savings to fill that $1.3 million. The last ten years, we've taken $1.3 million per year or something like that to equal almost $17 million over the last ten years and what we're saying now, as a city, you need to back up and you need to spend no more per year than what your revenues are coming in for that year. That's that $1.3 million hole and that's where we've said, how do you make up those cuts. You don't fill positions that are vacant right now, you look at other positions of where do you have to reduce those anticipated expenditures. Now I think that's about as simply as I think I can explain it and still see that hole for 2012, if nothing happens, that hole's going to be there in 2013 too because we don't look at revenues going up and your expenses aren't going to go up much more. We're just about a bare bones now. Does that help explain it for you?

Mr. Bolen: Mr. Hills, yes, that is good. I've been here eleven years and when I moved into Reynoldsburg, there was 28,000 people. I think there's probably 35,000 or 40,000 people now?

Mr. Hills: I think around 35,000 or 36,000.

Mr. Bolen: Okay, so you have to, I know you have to fill positions and you have to do this. The only thing, I've been, everybody comes to me and asks questions. There's one thing on here that says $1.3 million and they're talking about capital improvements for city parks, and so forth. Is that about $1 million?

Mr. Hills: Those are two different, those are two different subjects, okay, the $1.3 million is, that's the, we have been supplementing that. We have to put money into the operating account so everything in 2012 is going to be like 2011. The capital part, we didn't buy vehicles in 2011, we didn't buy much equipment in 2011, we're not going to be buying anything in 2012. The $1.3 million hole is there, but what the engineer has told us, as a city, we should be putting approximately $2 million into our streets and our capital projects. We have not been doing that any of the last ten years. We have no money to do it in the future. So that's where part of the tax revenue's coming in. If we get it, it's going to come back, start fixing the roads the way we would have liked to have done over the last ten years and start putting money back into these accounts that we've had to take from just to basically, what I call, open the doors. Now, when I mean open the doors to the city, that's providing your police protection and your street protection and everything like that but is that clear? They're two separate issues.

Mr. Bolen: Okay.

Mr. Hills: And the parks that are included with those streets is capital projects of what needs to be improved, what Mr. Harris pointed out to us tonight, anticipated expenditures over the next four or five years that are needed in the streets and the parks. Correct, Auditor and Mayor, correct?

Mr. Harris: Correct.

Mr. Hills: So they're two separate issues. We've got an immediate $1.3 million anticipated shortfall because our expenses are going to exceed our revenues for 2012. We also have a secondary issue of we need to be spending $2 million a year in addition to bring our roads and parks and our capital structure back into the place it should be.

Mr. Bolen: I understand that; now the only other thing I got is, who furnished the money for the Rosehill project? That's over $2,000,000 and some dollars?

Mr. Hills: You know, that's one of the things, I'm going to sit here and get on the soapbox. It wasn't me, I didn't write the check, but one reason it's difficult when we look around this city, and we say, look what you did, you did Rosehill, you did Summit Road, and other projects. We did, and the engineer may have to say for sure, the Mayor may know, we did $25 million and $30 million and $40 million worth of projects with expenditures of less than $300,000 on behalf of the city. The engineer, Jim, can you say what it cost us for Rosehill?

Safety/Service Director Miller: Yes, Rosehill Road specifically, from our corporation limit up near Broad Street, south to Livingston Avenue, was about $6,500,000 worth of work that we paid $176,000 for because of outside funding that we, as a city, secured from the county, from OPWC and from the AARA funding program. So even though we did $6,500,000 worth of work, we spent out of our own wallets less than $200,000.

Mr. Bolen: Okay, all right. I'm just about finished. How far you guys look ahead for the future like you say you knew you were coming into this, this has been going on for about six months or a year, before you knew you were going to be in trouble with laying off the police and the two women at the Seniors club.

Mr. Hills: You want me to go ahead?

Mr. Joseph: Go ahead.

Mr. Hills: Now if you look back, and Gary Knapp says there's two people, Mel Clemens and myself are older than dirt, who've been around for awhile. You look at this, a good common sense explanation of how'd you get to where you are, there was an entity here in the city in 2001, 2002 started to shut down and take its structure out of the city. There was approximately $2 million a year income to the city that stopped, okay. There are always promises. We're going to get that load back in, it's going to come back, we're going to get all the jobs back and you'll recoup those dollars. Fortunately, the profits we had made, we put into the Capital Improvement Funds and other investment accounts during that time. Then we go from 2002 to 2006 and we're saying, this isn't coming back. We need to go to the ballot and we need a tax increase. That was tried in 2006 and it failed and so we backed up, where do we go now? Well, we changed Administrations then. The Mayor, and I'm not being critical of Mayor McPherson, don't get me wrong at all, but when the tax didn't pass, he said, whoops, wait a minute, I'm not going to run again, I'm going to retire, and so we had a new Administration coming under Mayor McCloud and we looked at it, a new Administration, how are we going to do this? Maybe we can, maybe these things will come back. Promises of the check's in the mail have been going on for about ten years.

Mr. Bolen: I've heard that.

Mr. Hills: It's not back, and so right now, what we've looked at, and I think as a group we've come together and said we have exceeded by spending, our expenditures have been greater than our revenues. It has to stop and we're to the point where, sure you can make a transfer in 2012. You may make a transfer in 2013, but the problem you're going to get into, if it follows the same historical pattern that it has the last four or five years, somebody may make that transfer in 2015 and your services aren't going to get any better because the revenues aren't increasing. The only way you can break even is to get to the point that you are having more money come in than you're expending, and I don't see the businesses coming in. We've got a three story BW-3 being built right now, but that's not going to offset that $1.3 million. So it falls down to the tax increase. The tax increase will allow Reynoldsburg to grow and improve rather than just hold on to the edge of the pool because right now we keep bobbing under water.

Mr. Bolen: I understand that. I'm glad you guys listened to me. I just hope that we can keep the Seniors club open. When will this actually take place? Say, this doesn't pass.....

Mr. Hills: The budget will be approved, generally it's approved in December for the final, for January, but what we're doing here, the Mayor will present the budget and everybody's trying to figure out, where we going to go with this budget? The election is, I believe it's November 8th and if the tax increase passes, I would not, I can't make any promises about anything we talked about where cuts were going to take place, but certainly the issues wouldn't be on the table. I don't think anyone would, any of those things we posted, I don't know why they wouldn't continue and hopefully be improved upon from what they are, because it will provide enough money that our revenue, our anticipated revenues will exceed our anticipated expenditures and we can start making Reynoldsburg a good community and hope to make it better.

Mr. Bolen: Well, I believe that Reynoldsburg is an All-American city and I love living here and I've heard a lot about Reynoldsburg before I moved here and I hope we can get this passed and if I even have to pay the 1%, I'll pay it. I'm retired, but if it comes down to that, I'll help pay it. Thank you very much for listening.

Mr. Joseph: Okay, lastly we have Donna Schiffer. Please give your name and address for the record.

Ms. Schiffer: My name is Donna Schiffer and I'm here for Reynoldsburg's Senior Center to stay open, and the reason is, for the many different programs that I have addressed before and also for the idea that the seniors go there to have their taxes done and there's a lot of places you'd have to pay to have this done, but instead they have it where they can get it done for nothing, and I believe also with having the van, it increases the people's vitality in which they are able to live a healthier life and I feel that even if we had to take and pay $20 or $30 a year for our dues, that it would be worth it and we would be willing, I'm sure that every senior that goes to that center would be willing to pay that amount just to see that their center is open. Thank you.

Mr. Joseph: Any questions? Okay. I also point out that Jenny Walsh is here from the Senior Center in case anyone on Council wants to ask her some questions. No? You want to make a comment? If you'd go to the microphone, please.

Ms. Walsh: I don't want to say much, because I'm just here to support these people and I just want to _______in here tonight and you've given me a great gift tonight. Working with you has always been a gift, but it's lovely to know that everybody's so supportive of what we do and we know that our job is to try to make it look easy like everything just happens, but I know you realize how hard we work and it's for you. You are our family and the most important thing to do is to get everyone out to vote. That's what your job is. You can debate what a budget should be, but if it doesn't pass, it's kind of a moot point. So you need to get everybody, you know, whether it's your family that lives in Reynoldsburg, whether it's friends that live in Reynoldsburg, you need to get them out and vote and we've always been very neutral at the Senior Center and I hate to get in, you know, and raise blood pressures, but that's what your job is, and especially if there's not a lot of funding, you know, for community effort, to get it out, you need to get the word out that it's an income tax, for the people that aren't working, it won't affect you, for the people who live here and work outside of Reynoldsburg, it won't affect you, because you're already paying a higher rate. So I just want to thank everyone that's here and I know that the city will do what they have to do.

Mr. Joseph: Okay, any other questions from Council tonight on this issue? I'm sorry. Did you fill out a slip? Oh, come on up. You can speak and then you can fill one out afterwards.
Ms. Wherley: I'm a resident.

Mr. Joseph: Okay. Please give your name and address for the record.

Ms. Wherley: Oh gosh, the stalkers will really be there. Jeanne Wherley, Redwood Street, by the high school. Again, I mentioned a friend of mine who's from Newark who comes to the Senior Center at least three times a week here in Reynoldsburg, and she could make use of the one in Newark but she prefers Reynoldsburg, and she's got her house up for sale in Newark and she could easily afford to buy in Reynoldsburg, too. This lady's loaded and she's, she was in my writing class that I offered at the Senior Center and then she offered one too and we've been buddies ever since, but what she told me to say was that she will probably come and rent for a while and then find the place exactly where she wants, but she still loves that Senior Center. She said there's no other around like Reynoldsburg and like I say, mostly it's probably because of Jenny Walsh and her cohort, Judy, because they set the ambiance for the place. I mean, nobody gets away with anything there. If you let them go, we'd have a brouhaha every day around 3:00 p.m. and you'd have to send the police over, no, I'm kidding. I'm kidding, but what she tells me is that she drops about $4,000 to $5,000 every year, because she goes grocery shopping, she eats out ad infinitum money, and she said she's not alone. She knows other people that spend a lot of money, too. So that would certainly help with the income tax thing because people would, businesses would be making more money hopefully. I mean, do already, because what I'm trying, my point is, that the Senior Center is really, is a real drawing, has a real drawing factor and not only seniors go there, but also anybody who receives a stipend from the government for disability can go there also, and I don't know if that's widely known, but, and take part in the activities. Okay, and I'm reading for someone else. Let's see. We know this is not personal, it's about money. We want you to know about those who will be hurt by the loss of community support; it will be the people who have served our schools, our community, our hospitals, our country. It will be the volunteers, those who serve in the homeless shelters, the tutors in your schools who serve without pay, the frail who can no longer serve, the lonely who have no one but the center. We have contributed all of our lives, we have built the churches, the schools, the community and I know this is reiterating what someone said before but it's very important. I guess the thing is we've paid our dues and some of us do not drive, others do not see well or move well but our lives are improved every day because of the Senior Center. The center helps to make our lives better and more bearable and what I have to say is that everybody is just so sweet there. I mean, 99.99% of the people, and if they're not sweet and if you treat them well, they will your friend. They will treat you sweetly after awhile. It's like that Cheers song, it's a place where everybody knows your name and it's just, I wish they had centers for all age children, I mean, I could have used a place like this for single mothers when I was trying to raise kids, you know. I think it's all about community and it does take a village and I hear so many people say that they live in a neighborhood and they don't know their neighbors for twenty years and I'm thinking how sad that is, but the Senior Center really brings people together. I just think, maybe I'm being selfish because I'm there every day. People think I work there and I don't, I just take advantage of it. So I just want to say, my best friend is from Groveport. She's here every day, eats out on Main Street every day, so I mean and I could probably find a lot more people. A lot of people bring their food in from the sub shop or wherever. So it's just a, I don't know, I haven't done the math because I don't know what everybody spends, but I know there's a lot of money being put into the cash registers in Reynoldsburg because of the Senior Center. Thank you.

Mr. Joseph: Questions? Okay. Yes, Councilman Clemens.

Mr. Clemens: Yes, I've just got one thing to say, and I think the easiest way for everybody to look at this is what the city is, the city's like a family. You can't have a reliable family unless you have a financial reserve. We do not have a financial reserve. If we pass the tax issue, we'll be able to build up a financial reserve and we won't have to come back and bother anybody. So that's what the whole principle is, financially, that's why this tax is going to be on the ballot to build up a reserve, to keep what we have, to improve what we have, and I hope all of you support us on it, and thank you for being here.

Mr. Joseph: Okay, unless there's any questions or comments, we'll go ahead and put this on hold for two more weeks.

Mr. Burd: Doug, there's a resident.

Mr. Joseph: Oh, I'm sorry. If you could go to the microphone, because you won't show up on the record.

Woman in audience: My question is, there's so many people in Reynoldsburg that work outside of the city, so how much of the revenue then stays in Reynoldsburg, of the 1%?

Mr. Joseph: Mr. Harris.

Mr. Harris: The way the city income tax works, it works differently than what you think. If someone lives here and works somewhere else, we get nothing from them; we give them credit for everything that they pay somewhere else. That's the way Council has passed ordinances to do that and most cities do that. So if someone who lives here and works in Columbus, Columbus is already at 2 ½%. We give credit to those people for what they pay, 2 ½%. If those people vote for the tax, it costs them nothing.

Woman in audience: Because I have had, you know, some people ask that, that don't work outside of the city and I was wondering if that would have any effect. So there would be no change. So where's the money going to, I mean, not that many people work in Reynoldsburg.

Mr. Hills: Well, I think you bring up a good point and that's one thing people need to think about and the income tax is based on where you work, not where you live.

Woman: That's right.

Mr. Hills: And so people who are in Columbus, people who are in Whitehall, their employers are taking 2 ½% out of their check and they're getting credit for Reynoldsburg, you don't owe us any tax because you paid it somewhere else. That's that full credit that we give. So it is confusing, you're right, a lot of people live here and work somewhere else and the conception is, well, I'm paying Reynoldsburg. You're not, you're paying where you work. That's who gets the money and Reynoldsburg does not share in that 2 ½% that they took out of your check. Even though you live in Reynoldsburg and work in Columbus, the 2 ½% goes to Columbus.

Woman: So I think we need to you know, make that a known fact, and so many people you know, don't get the newspaper. They're busy with their kids and families that aren't really aware of that's how it's going to affect them.

Mr. Hills: And that's what this forum could be about. We appreciate you coming in and hopefully we can clarify, and people can understand just a little bit differently and know how the structure works. It's not an easy structure. This is government, we try to confuse you, I guess, but that's not the way it should be, but when you look at it, you wonder, why do I take money for local tax and pay it where I work when it doesn't go to the community I live in, but that's the way it works.

Woman: But people automatically see, okay, they want 1% and it's going to raise their taxes and they're already paying 2 ½% - it won't affect them anyway.

Mr. Hills: Anybody that's living, anybody that's working in an area that they're having 2 ½% taken out of their check for local taxes, can vote for this and it will not cost them anything at all.

Woman: Thank you for answering that.

Mr. Burd: Chairman Joseph.

Mr. Joseph: Yes, Councilman Burd.

Mr. Burd: Just one more question for the Auditor. What percentages of businesses in this city, the people who employ folks and provide services to our residents, what percentages of businesses will pay the extra 1%?

Mr. Harris: Well, the small businesses will have to pay the 1 ½% . Most of the large places like Wal Mart and the national chains, their profit actually used to be considered in the franchise fee, which the State did away with a number of years ago; and one answer to the last lady that talked question, where will the money come from? Sixty percent of the money that this will generate, will be from people who work here and live somewhere else.

Mr. Burd: So, again, businesses, it's pretty much every business, isn't it? I mean, we have an ordinance that says every business pays income tax off their net profits.

Mr. Harris: No, not the national chains, and the other thing is, places like the Limited, who have, who file a consolidated return, they get to take all of their deductions from their non-profitable businesses and charge them against their profitable businesses, so it does affect that, but one of the things about income tax, we've done a lot of TIEFs and stuff over the last fifteen years. Nobody's looking for an income tax reduction. They want property tax reduction. We've had the lowest, one of the lowest, if not the lowest income tax in the state, in the central Ohio area for the last 15 years and we haven't gotten anything big from it.

Mr. Joseph: Anything else from Council on this? We will be having additional discussion on this, so we'll hold this for two weeks.

Mr. Knapp: My question was, who heads up the committee to get this levy passed, or this income tax thing passed?

Mr. Hills: He's sitting right there in the ....

Mr. Knapp: So, on behalf of my dad and the senior citizens here, I want to donate $100 to that guy toward getting this income tax levy passed and I'll give it to you tonight.

Mr. Joseph: Item No. 5 - 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- - -first rdg 9-26-2011. Does anyone on Council have any questions or comments on this item tonight? Yes, Councilman Clemens.

Mr. Clemens: Tell them we’re freezing wages.

Mr. Joseph: This is an ordinance to freeze the wages for most of the elected officials in Ohio, or in Reynoldsburg. Any questions from Council tonight on this? Okay, I’ll make a motion we send this to Council for a second reading. Seconded by Mr. Clemens. All in favor vote “Aye”. (All voted “Aye”) Opposed. (No response). Motion carries.

Item No. 6 - ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO: SECTION 160.09 “Group Insurance” OF CHAPTER 160 EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION- - -first rdg 9-26-2011. This would deal with abolishing insurance for part time elected officials. Is there any questions or comments on this tonight? If not, I’ll make a motion that we send this to Council for second reading. Seconded by Mr. Long. All in favor vote “Aye”. (All voted “Aye”) Opposed. (No response). Motion carries. This will go to Council next week, and that was our last item, and I’ll close the Finance Committee at 8:43 p.m.

Finance Committee (held as Committee of the Whole)

- - -Nancy C. Frazier, Clerk of Council

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