

MINUTES REGULAR COUNCIL
REYNOLDSBURG CITY COUNCIL
September 27, 2004

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

Members of Council present: Eric Gilbert, Antoinette Newman, Lane J. Beougher, Ron Stake, Preston Stearns. Brett Baxter arrived at 7:34 p.m. Councilman Mel Clemens was absent.

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

Minutes of the regular Council meeting held September 13, 2004 were approved without objection.

Minutes of the special Council meeting held September 20, 2004 were approved without objection.

The agenda was approved.

Reports- -Mr. Hills set an Appeal Hearing on the BZBA denial for a front porch (Bowsher) for October 4, 2004 at 7:00 p.m.

Safety/Service Director Sharon Reichard reported on various topics (list attached) and said her goal was to continue to report on specific projects to Council the last Council meeting of each month. Notations made in addition to those on attached report:

Sanitary Televising and Cleaning Project was to have been completed by last Friday, but there are just a couple more areas to do and they will be finished -hopefully- this week.

The Main and Graham project is ready to go. Some of you, you may have received the e-mail that went out today that we will be closing Graham and Main intersection beginning next Monday and it will be closed until the middle of December. We are personally notifying all the churches in the area, everyone who, and the school system, COTA, everyone who uses that intersection on a regular basis. We will also be closing down the left turn lane going west on Main Street so that people will not get caught unawares and try to turn left, get in that lane and bingo, they can't turn. So Larry and the Street Department will be taking care of that.

Mr. Hills: Mrs. Reichard, just for clarity.

Mrs. Reichard: Yes, sir.

Mr. Hills: The Main and Graham intersection, the Graham Road portion is what's being closed to traffic?

Mrs. Reichard: Yes, sir. It's the Graham Road on the south side.

Mr. Hills: Graham Road, south side only.

Mrs. Reichard: Yes.

Mr. Hills: The Waggoner part of Graham Road, the north side is going to be...

Mrs. Reichard: Yeah. It will be closed from Main Street to the alley. I think it's called Broad Alley. Okay? That will be closed. Now it could possibly not take quite to the middle of December, but that's what we're anticipating because SBC has to go in there for 10 days. And what they're doing is, they're lowering the conduit and replacing it and they have to shut it down first. So what they're doing is coordinating their efforts with Columbus Asphalt who is doing the work on the realignment so that as soon as SBC pulls out, Columbus Asphalt can come in and start their work.

Mr. Hills: So Graham Road from Broad Alley to Main Street is going to be closed.

Mrs. Reichard: That's correct.

Mr. Hills: There will be traffic allowed on Graham Road if it can divert itself off _____ to Main Street.

Mrs. Reichard: That is correct. It will be for local traffic only. They're getting all the signs out beginning tomorrow so everyone will be notified as to that.

Mr. Baxter: Is that the electronic sign that will be saying the dates for closure?

Mrs. Reichard: I'm sorry Mr. Baxter, I can't answer that. I'll have to find out.

Mr. Baxter: And one last question if I might. The signs are going to be both on 256 coming into Graham Road as well as the other direction so people know both ways and they won't have a big backup there heading toward Main Street?

Mrs. Reichard: Yes. That's correct.

Mr. Hills: There'll be a big backup for a few days.

Mrs. Reichard: Yes, there will be until people get, there's another closing further on down that I'll be telling you about.. that will probably cause another..

The Sidewalk Program, Phases IV and V, the sidewalks have been completed. They are currently putting down topsoil and grass seed and we've had a lot of complaints because there are some really major weeds growing up. I've had our inspector check with McDaniel's today to make sure that they get on top of all of these weeds. I mean, there are some areas that really look very bad where they have put in the soil and allegedly put in grass seed. But it is just, all we're sprouting is very high weeds. We had also asked them to, and they had agreed to, in the areas where they were disturbing the lawns, especially where they put in the new wheelchair ramps, that

they would put a flyer at each one of those homes to let people know sort of, what I call the care and feeding of that, of the area where they have seeded. Because I think a lot of times when people, when that happens they think, well the city's going to take care of it or I shouldn't touch it because somebody else is in charge. Where in fact we really want them to help us with those. You know, whether it's watering or mowing or whatever. So our inspector Joe Wolery is on top of that and we expect to see some results very soon.

The Main Street Resurfacing has been completed. We found out that Kokosing was waiting on paving the Rosehill and Brice Roads north and south of Main Street, on either side of Main Street to make sure that all the utilities have been taken care of. That Complete General would not be coming back out there and tearing up those intersections. So it is my understanding that they're now ready to come in and do that resurfacing.

There has also been some repairs as you all know with the major water main break that we had last Sunday morning on Main Street in front of the United Dairy Farmers. It was quite a blow out in the pipe. It was quite large. I think Mark is saving it for posterity because it was a piece about that big that blew out of that and it actually made the street go like this. So there were a lot of problems. There was a lot of flooding. But they handled it with dispatch and we informed the merchants along the street, those who were going to be without water for the day and they were very good about it. So I really want to publicly thank the Water Department and the Street Department who came together to not only get the pipes fixed and get the break fixed, but those who closed up the street and made it passable again.

The Streetscape Phase I report will be ready soon. I know that I had said several months, or a couple of months ago, 3 or 4 months ago, that I would have that information to you. There has been a lot that has happened between then and the final walk through. And now there are landscape issues that need to be attended to. We're working on the final punch list. I need to meet with Jim Nolan once again to look at any areas that need to be taken care of. We are, the Auditor's Department is working on the funding part of it. It appears at this point, I'm going to give you an approximation, I think it's going to be higher, but let me just low ball it for the moment that we're going to be under budget \$300,000. And before we get stars in our eyes about how we can spend that money, please understand that we still have the Speedway issue to take care of. At this moment, with our Attorney Tom Young from Porter/Wright who has been, we talk through him to Speedway, what it comes down to ladies and gentlemen is, that Speedway is unwilling to move forward. I mean we've tried to meet them out there and say, what exactly do you want with this wall? What will make you happy? They are unwilling to do that. Unless we pay all their fees which are legal fees, billed and unbilled. And this amount is non-negotiable with Speedway. They want \$48,012.05 and it's climbing. We don't believe, if this goes to court, we don't believe that the court would uphold that. That they would make us pay those fees. I don't really know where we are going with it at this moment. It's very frustrating. Because they're really holding hard and fast. I know members of the community have written to them. I know members of the community have stopped doing business with them and have let them know it. But they are standing hard and fast and it looks pretty trashy out there. I think you all know that. My thought has been to go to the higher corporate's and see if they know what's going on here locally to see if that's the kind of thing that they want to see for Speedway. If that's the way they want one of

their stations to look.

Mrs. Newman: That sounds like a good idea.

Mrs. Reichard: Yeah. It is. It's just a bad issue. You know, they didn't want to be involved in this project in the first place. And I think they're really showing that now. So all I can tell you is we're working on it. At some point we've got to do something out there and we're going to need money to do it. And so we've had to non-perform a lot of things with Complete General. The \$300,000 figure I gave you does not include the, whatever we non-perform with Complete General. So this has to do with the fact that OPWC has picked up 40% of the cost for the utility that we were very concerned about. I said if we had to pay it we're going to be in the hole. If we didn't, we were going to come out ahead. And that's exactly what's happened. So I don't know where the Complete General contract is going to end up. It was over 4 million dollars. But we have not closed out the project yet. We're hoping to do that very soon. But again, there are irrigation issues. There are lots of landscaping issues. And also I should publicly thank Paul Walsh and his staff. Primarily Paul Walsh for really taking a hold of the landscape issue and working with Complete General and their sub-contractors and making sure you know, really watching out for us. And there was a huge amount of detail, detail in that contract that I don't think any of us really realized. And Paul found it all and is really holding their feet to the fire to make sure that we get the best product we can possibly get.

So you will be getting a more complete, obviously detailed report on the Streetscape Phase I. I apologize it has not gotten to you before now but this has turned out to be far more complicated than I ever would have guessed. So we're watching out for the city's best interest and we hope you'll be a little bit patient with us and so that we can get you the correct information. I'd rather get you the correct information than fast information.

Mr. Hills: Before we go any farther, are there any questions for Mrs. Reichard on that? (No response). Mrs. Reichard, you used the term non-perform hasn't been computed yet. For a layman, what are we saying?

Mrs. Reichard: Well, non-performed work is the work that for example, with Speedway. We didn't complete the wall. We didn't put up the sign.

Mr. Hills: I think you used the reference _____ Complete General Construction.

Mrs. Reichard: I'm sorry, what?

Mr. Hills: I think you used it in reference to Complete General Construction.

Mrs. Reichard: That's correct. So when we tell them to non-perform something it's like, I know you contracted to do that, but don't do it. So consequently, they don't expend the dollars. They don't draw them down.

Mr. Hills: We haven't computed those into your number yet which would be a saving from the original amount.

Mrs. Reichard: That is correct.

Mr. Hills: Complete General's supposed to get 4.2 million or something.

Mrs. Reichard: Yeah. But what I'm saying, it's going to be somewhat lower than that. Okay? Yes.

Mrs. Newman: Can I ask Mrs. Reichard? What happens with the remainder of that work then? I mean, that's just going to fall out of the contract so to speak...

Mrs. Reichard: That's correct. We will have to contract that otherwise when we get some sort of settlement. When we can move forward.

Mrs. Newman: Alright. Thank you.

Mr. Hills: Any other questions? (No response). Certainly Mrs. Reichard, I thank you for that and I'm sure Mr. Underwood will give us more information on Speedway once he's put his twist in it.

Mrs. Reichard: Okay. State Route 256 and I -70 began on Saturday, August 21. We all know the congestion's been extremely bad. Extremely bad. September 20 they began installing the traffic light at Farmsbury. We met with the business owner's in the, out at the Taylor Square, in the Taylor Square area and they are very frustrated. I know some of the business is down since the construction started. They know that it's going to help them but right now it hurts them and so we're really trying to speed it along. I believe there is a great incentive for the contractor's to get that work completed as soon as possible. Right now the date we've heard is by Thanksgiving. But what ODOT has agreed to do, I spoke with Peg Hadum who is the engineer on the project and she has agreed to begin sending me updates every week starting this week. Because I think for a lot of owner's, it's just a matter of not knowing what's going on. And so they have agreed to do that. So we're pretty happy about that. But you know, it's even hard to ask people to be patient coming through that intersection. I know the lights have been re-timed trying to hold traffic going south as it dumps out of Taylor Road Southwest. I know I've tried it a couple of times just to check it out pulling out from Taylor Road Southwest onto 256 to turn south. What is happening is, motorists are clogging that intersection. They're pulling out so they can get through because they don't like waiting for the light and so what's happening now is the traffic at the light on 256 going south is holding that traffic until the intersection clears out. So it's working a little better but it's still very difficult to maneuver there. And it's just a matter of getting the work done and getting out. We've tried having police officer's down there. You can't have, you can't have just one officer. You can't get it done. You'd have to have a whole brigade down there to try to you know, and it's very dangerous. It's very, very dangerous. People tend to be very hostile and it's very difficult. It's a difficult situation that we're trying to work through.

Mr. Hills: Mrs. Reichard, a question on that. They closed the eastbound lane Friday morning at 6 a.m. I believe at getting off 70 east to turn onto 256 north.

Mrs. Reichard: Right.

Mr. Hills: They closed it Friday and I know it was opened up today but, were we aware that at 2:00 today any way and that's what I don't know, if anybody's been out there. That loop is back open again. However, you run into a stop sign that doesn't run and blend in to 256. Now you dead end into a stop sign and turn right against all the northbound, with the northbound traffic. I know it was that way at 2:00 this afternoon. They had barricades up so I assume it was that same way this evening. And if anything, I would think that maybe that's what has to be there. But I would think that we're going to back up 70 quite a bit if we can't even get a blend in flow.

Mrs. Reichard: Okay.

Mr. Hills: The northbound traffic on 256 used to have theoretically, come off 70 and go straight up through the light.

Mrs. Reichard: Right.

Mr. Hills: As of 2:00 today when I came home, you came to a dead stop sign, temporary stop sign, forcing you to turn right on 256. And I just didn't know if this is, were we aware that this was in the plans? And I don't know if the police _____ reports about backups this evening. But I know ODOT is always concerned when they back up traffic on their own interstate. Because they _____ a liability problem at times.

Mrs. Reichard: I'll check on it. I was unaware. I will check on it though. Okay. Thank you.

The other closing I think most of you have heard about, but if you have not, Etna Township is closing Taylor Road Southwest tomorrow. That's from Palmer Road, they're closing Taylor Road from Palmer to Taylor Road Southwest. And that's to fix the pot holes.

Mr. Hills: That is not the earlier report you'd given about 48 hours for some connector to a sewer line? They're not doing that at the same time? Is that going to be another closure we've got coming up?

Mrs. Reichard: That I can't answer. But I can just tell you that the comment we received, we were unaware that this was happening. We saw the sign. Made some calls. And were told that they're closing the road, the township had decided to close the road and fix it, fix the pot holes that the citizens of Reynoldsburg had caused.

Mr. Gilbert: Did you say fixed or make more pot holes?

Mrs. Reichard: Fix the pot holes that Reynoldsburg residents had caused.

Mr. Gilbert: Now, if I could Mr. Hills.

Mr. Hills: Go ahead, Mr. Gilbert.

Mr. Gilbert: Etna Township did not contact you about this?

Mrs. Reichard: No, sir.

Mr. Gilbert: And when did the sign go up, do you estimate?

Mrs. Reichard: Last Wednesday morning. It was the morning after their Tuesday night meeting.

Mr. Gilbert: They're closing it when?

Mrs. Reichard: They're closing it tomorrow.

Mr. Gilbert: Tomorrow? I'm just recalling the venerable Trustee of Etna standing back there offering his olive branch several weeks or months ago. I don't recall that. I think actions will speak louder than words here.

Mr. Hills: Mrs. Reichard, if I could ask, because I think it was your, I think you gave us a report before we went on break in July as a status of a number of things. And if memory serves me right, you told us that Taylor Road was going to have to close for two days because of the water connection necessary for the school.

Mrs. Reichard: Right. And then I talked with Mark Kipp and he didn't believe that that was going to be necessary.

Mr. Hills: Okay.

Mrs. Reichard: And I believe he was going to be talking with the schools, their engineers. But I have not heard any more about that.

Mr. Hills: So my wishful thinking...

Mrs. Reichard: This is also going to be, stop the construction traffic into the school site for tomorrow.

Mr. Hills: There's not nearly the number of people using Taylor Road today because of the 256 intersection that they used to use. Okay? So certainly there is, any time you have construction traffic, it's rather heavy traffic.

Mrs. Reichard: Which will now be reverted to the newly paved Slate Ridge Boulevard.

Mr. Hills: Well, unfortunately people like to use new things when they get them. But maybe it

shouldn't have been new quite yet. But hind site's better than 20/20 too.

Mrs. Reichard: Yes.

Mr. Hills: But I made the assumption when I got your e-mail last Thursday about the road closing that it was for the school. But I want to make sure it is not.

Mrs. Reichard: No, sir.

Mr. Hills: And we have had no notice from Etna Township?

Mrs. Reichard: No, sir.

Mr. Hills: Other than we...

Mrs. Reichard: No, sir. We thought we had. But Mary Burcham had called them and they said they had alerted us. We had talked with the Chief of Police and the fire department, etc. and no one had been notified that we could find. So, but we notified everyone. So everyone knows.

You've heard the Building Department tonight talk about the, as you have for the last couple of weeks, talk about the permit review. They are also working on reviewing and updating the property maintenance code and the single and multi-family dwelling codes and their fee schedule which you will get later this fall.

The Street Department personnel have begun trimming trees in residential areas. They'll be doing that for a 30 day period of time. They started September 15. They'll be working until October 15. I have to tell you, I went over and looked at some of the, oh the street is escaping me, where they started northeast of Rosehill Road where some of the oldest trees in the tree lawns are that were overhanging the streets that were causing problems and destruction to some of our equipment. Both our snow plows and our street sweeper, etc. I think for what they've had to work with, they've done a really wonderful job. These are not professional tree trimmers but it is the best way that we can protect our equipment. I know there are many other communities who do this. I know we're doing it on a shoestring and a prayer. But I think we're doing a good job. Again, we'll be doing a 30 days in the fall and 30 days in the spring trying to take care of some of these areas in the community that have had a lot of growth on those trees. We've also found that there are a lot of homes in our community that have no numbers on them. They're not on the mail box, they're not on the house, they're not on the garage, they're not any where. Letters went out to those folks very recently citing the code and they have been complying. So we're very happy about that.

We also have had a couple of meetings about the smart community's anti-litter project that we're working on and that we're proposing. We brought together business leaders from the city

staff, from business, and from schools to look at an anti-litter program. One of my major concerns has been, like especially in the Streetscape areas where you notice it the most because there's not a lot of clutter there to take your eye somewhere else. And when you, and I think another part of this is as communities ban smoking inside, the outside and the streets have become giant ash trays. So we have a lot of litter in our streets and I'm quite concerned about that. Because I think it speaks to how people respect their community and/or have a lack of respect for their community. So we've teamed up with SWACO to begin an anti-litter project that today as we met in our committee for our staff bringing Streets, and Parks, and the Building Department and the Service Department all together working with SWACO. You know, what can we do internally to really help this through? So we did some brain storming today. You will hear some time later this fall, a presentation from SWACO about how we can move forward with this project so that you will know more about what they have to offer and what we will be colonnade. But I'm hoping that, it is my goal that one day this will colonnade into Reynoldsburg Community Care Day wherein we go out, you know we have a whole team of volunteers and we go out into the community and do a variety of things. But you'll be hearing more about that as that is solidified.

Also within the building we are looking, I've asked Joe Taggart to get estimates on the replacement of the roof of this building. It's not a nice thought. I know it's very expensive but you all know we've had numerous problems. I think it's something we're going to have to plan on for the future so we might as well know what it's going to cost us. So we are looking into that.

School speed enforcement. We've been working, there have been a lot of problems. A lot of complaints since school started about our youngsters on Livingston, Haft, Graham, Rosehill, and Slate Ridge about a lot of speeding and running stop signs and having all kinds of problems. But I will tell you, it's not all the youth either. There have been 20 warnings issued and 11 citations. We will be doing periodic checks in those areas and try to stay on top of that. It may take some more overtime which we may have to come back to you for.

And the police department, I think you probably all received a copy of the report that I sent down. Mr. Gilbert, that you requested the information on about our overtime costs, etc. for some of our special events.

Mr. Gilbert: Mine was specific to the Mount Carmel Fitness Challenge but the Chief was kind enough to put Mopar and the Tomato Festival on there that really aren't similar. I think those are multi-day events. If I could go back three topics I think to the, is it AED equipment?

Mrs. Reichard: Yes.

Mr. Gilbert: I think it would be in the spirit of cooperation to contact Chief Taylor at Violet Township and the name passed me by with Jefferson now. Help me out Mr. Beougher. Chief Weber at West Licking. We just met with him too. I had spoken with Jefferson Township, Ellen Walker, their administrator in regards to assistance with that sort of thing. I _____ the web site, because I noticed our web page only identifies one fire department that has one tiny write up about West Licking and there are major sections of the city that are covered by these other townships. I think it's important that as we approach these types of things that we are inclusive with the other

departments that provide just as much service, just as much quality effort that might be helpful to expanding that to other buildings in the city with the equipment. Just a suggestion. And if you could maybe look up the information on the web site too as far as how we can expand that. I envision maybe a map that's color coated with the actual districts that maybe you could click on that would bring up the web page for the specific fire department in the area where you reside to give you that contact information just to have.

Mrs. Reichard: Okay. I will look into that. Thank you.

Mr. Gilbert: And I thank you for your reply in regards to the Fitness Challenge as well. Thanks.

Mrs. Reichard: Thank you. And then finally, I only have one more thing. Sorry. I don't want to put everybody to sleep here. We've had some complaints about people jogging in the dark on our city streets. That's after dark and before dawn, and not wearing reflective clothing. It's especially bad in the Rosehill/Brice Road areas. Since this is public forum and I know the newspaper's here and everything, it was a good time to bring it up that people really do need to wear some sort of reflective clothing. Whether it's the reflective tape on there on their running outfits or whatever. But it is very dangerous. There are, especially in areas like Rosehill, and Brice, and north Brice and you don't see them until you're right up on them. But I certainly think the complaints are justified and there's a concern. No one wants to hit anyone else unknowingly. So I would just ask that the public be on notice that they really do need to wear reflective clothing when they're out jogging.

Mrs. Newman: Can I make a comment? In those areas where Brice and Rosehill run through the City of Columbus, perhaps the City of Columbus could be induced to put some street lights in. Because I know people who live in those areas come up into the Reynoldsburg areas to walk all the time in the evenings. But there aren't any lights down there and a lot of places there's no sidewalks. So that really is something that I think for a safety reason, I really do wish the City of Columbus would put some lights in there.

Mrs. Reichard: Okay. Thank you. That does bring one other thing to mind. I did receive late today, notice from the Franklin County Engineer's about Rosehill Road. We thought it was on the agenda for next year and sort of the quote is, 'it's not on their radar screen right now'. So I am going to look into that and see where that takes us. Because I thought we were going to move forward with that project next year. So I will check into it and I will get back to you.

Mr. Hills: I think it's been on their original schedule since '02 or '03 and it moves every other year. They kick it a year or two. Now you're saying there is no set time at all?

Mrs. Reichard: They said it was "not on their radar screen at this time". But we'll see what we can do to move it up to their radar screen.

Mr. Stearns: Thank you, President Hills. Mrs. Reichard, is the Hazardous Waste pickup still scheduled for October 9?

Mrs. Reichard: Yes, sir.

Mr. Stearns: Any information on that as far as drop-offs or whatever?

Mrs. Reichard: I believe that's at the park. Mary?

Ms. Burchum: (Inaudible).

Mrs. Reichard: Yes. It's at the Senior Citizens Center. And that's Saturday.

Mayor McPherson: It's where it was last year.

Mrs. Reichard: Yeah. We're looking to change it to coincide with our spring clean-up next year and it would really be difficult to have it at the Senior Citizens Center in the park because our parks are used. So we're looking for another spot to do that. We're hoping that maybe like one of our local shopping centers. Maybe we can have it there. Like at K-Mart or where the old Big Bear used to be on Livingston Avenue. So we're looking into those issues right now.

Mr. Hills: Other questions? Mr. Beougher.

Mr. Beougher: Thank you, President Hills. You mentioned the Pleasant View Drive Sewer Project, and noticing that Dominion Homes has started their earth moving at the site on Lancaster and Broad. I know, is it Wickliff Drive, or Wickline Drive?

Mrs. Frazier: Wickfield.

Mr. Beougher: Thank you, Mrs. Frazier. I know that the City Attorney, or City Engineer determined that that drive was not able to use that project to get rid of the sewer and saying that we'd have to wait until the site to the west was developed. Now that that's being developed, are we talking with Columbus or with Dominion Homes or anybody about getting easements to access those sewers with a future project?

Mrs. Reichard: That's Mr. Parkinson's question. He said yes.

Mr. Beougher: Okay. Well, that's an answer. I just don't want us to get in a situation where we have residents moved in and they won't grant us an easement to access the sewer line like we have on Broadwyn Drive.

Mr. Hills: Mrs. Reichard, I think we'll look forward to your monthly report, but I suggest you bring the troops because I think your report would generate some questions. I'm not sure everybody's finished but as I heard the word excavation, what's being done on East Main Street across from the Sunoco station? You did about every project going, or has been done, or to be done. The excavation that started on East Main Street, is that the crematory?

Mrs. Reichard: The funeral home is just west of Wheelsports. And that is not the one that we're talking about. The one you're talking about, Mary do you know which one that is? The one

where they're clearing the site?

Ms. Burcham: (Inaudible).

Mrs. Reichard: Across from Sunoco on Main Street. Main Street.

Ms. Burcham: (Inaudible).

Mrs. Reichard: No. There are two projects going on out there.

Mayor McPherson: That's the funeral home that's next to Kiser Slagle. Is that the one you're talking about? Across from the Sunoco station?

Mr. Hills: Right.

Mayor McPherson: That's going to be a funeral home. They have submitted a preliminary plan. At this point, all we have is what it's going to look like. They're getting ready to go through the process.

Mr. Hills: Okay. So they're just in the approval process but yet they've cleared all the land.

Mayor McPherson: Right. Well.

Mr. Hills: They're working hard out there with a lot of equipment. Okay. But we haven't seen anything on Council yet as far as this going through. Right?

Mrs. Reichard: No. But I met with Mr., Mr. Johnson came in today and he told me that his project, which is the funeral home, and gave me a rendering of it, is the one that's just west of Wheelsports. So there are two projects going on out there. Wouldn't there be? There was the one where they're clearing the land which is near Slagle and then one at the corner of Oak Valley.

Mayor McPherson: That's the same thing.

Mrs. Reichard: Same thing?

Mr. Hills: I'd be surprised if it's two different funeral homes.

Mrs. Reichard: As we find out what they are, as they come to us, I could only really substantially report on the things that have actually begun the process with us.

Mr. Hills: Is the owner the one doing the clearing of the land?

Mrs. Reichard: I'm sorry. I don't know.

Mayor McPherson: Yes. Slagle Kiser is the one who's clearing the land. And that is the only funeral home that we're aware of. Now it is west of Wheelsports but it's also east of Kiser Slagle.

And it's on the corner I believe of Oak Valley and Main Street.

Mr. Hills: It's also east of Oak Valley. It's on the east.

Mayor McPherson: It's on the east side of Oak Valley.

Mrs. Reichard: East side of Oak Valley.

Mayor McPherson: And there's only one.

Mr. Gilbert: Is it zoned for that? With that question answered, I know there was some question. I mean, normally we know how much green space to keep, the structure of the building.

Mayor McPherson: Well at this point, they're going through the process. And to be all candor with you, I don't know where they are in the process. I haven't really followed it. Today was the first day I even actually saw a rendering of it.

Mrs. Reichard: It hasn't gotten to me yet.

Mr. Hills: I probably wouldn't have thought about it until I heard all these other things coming up. So I figured, the bulldozer is out there, we might as well know why since it hasn't been up here yet.

Mrs. Reichard: There were a lot of questions as to how can they clear the land. I mean, they can clear the land as long as they don't start building. It's their land.

Mr. Hills: They can clear it if they own it. Any other questions from anyone else on Council?

Mr. Baxter: I just have one question.

Mr. Hills: Could I get Mr. Beougher first? Thank you.

Mr. Beougher: Thank you, President Hills. I think you missed one. You didn't mention the Macedonian Orthodox Church had their ground breaking and their demolishing the two houses on the property north of Rodebaugh on Waggoner Road. So there's another construction project.

Mr. Hills: They had the groundbreaking on Sunday.

Mr. Baxter: That was one of the two I had. Yes.

Mr. Hills: They had a groundbreaking on Sunday. I drove by at 10 and I came back in town at 2:30 and they were still there. So it's one big facility.

Mr. Baxter: I'd like to take Sharon back a ways at the beginning of her report. She mentioned some fire hydrants. That project, is that a city project?

Mrs. Reichard: Yes. We flush all those hydrants.

Mr. Baxter: Why is that not something the fire department's responsible for?

Mr. Beougher: Because they're not the fire department's hydrants.

Mr. Baxter: Is there a difference? Do they have some of theirs versus ours? Do we know what they are? Are they all ours?

Mr. Beougher: No.

Mrs. Reichard: It's always been my thought that we're responsible for those hydrants. The fire department uses them but they belong to the city.

Mr. Gilbert: I know you don't see the fire department as you would see Columbus flushing their departments.

Mr. Baxter: Are they our responsibility to do that? This is done how often?

Mr. Hills: Flush them annually.

Mr. Gilbert: You can call Mark Kipp.

Mrs. Reichard: I want to say once or twice a year.

Mr. Baxter: Okay.

Mr. Gilbert: He has it all.

Mr. Hills: He has the schedule.

Mr. Baxter: Okay. I'll do that. I'm just surprised to hear. It's like wow, I didn't know we did that.

Mrs. Reichard: You can check if you'd like or I can check with Mark Kipp.

Mr. Baxter: No. I'll check. I'll do it. Thanks.

Mr. Hills: Okay. Other questions? Anything else, Mrs. Reichard?

Mrs. Reichard: No. That's it. That's enough. Thank you.

Consent Agenda items:

Clerk read each of the following items by title. Disposition results listed at end of each title.

for first reading: ORDINANCE APPROVING FINAL PLAT OF SUMMIT RIDGE SECTION 8- -item referred to Service Committee.

for second reading: ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT AN APPLICATION FOR ANNEXATION OF 3.2+/- ACRES IN TRURO TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF FRANKLIN, STATE OF OHIO, TO THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO (Harrison W. Smith, Jr., agent for petitioner, Paul F. Smith)- -item referred to Service Committee.

for second reading: ORDINANCE APPROVING SPECIAL EXCEPTION USE PERMIT - 7354 East Main Street; proposed use of land/structure: retail, motorcycle assembly, storage, sales; AND REPEALING AND REPLACING ORDINANCE NO. 9-04 PASSED FEBRUARY 23, 2004- -item referred to Service Committee.

Mr. Gilbert moved approval of the actions on the consent agenda; Mrs. Newman seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Baxter "Yea"; Mr. Gilbert "Yea"; Mrs. Newman "Yea"; Mr. Beougher "Yea"; Mr. Stake "Yea"; Mr. Stearns "Yea". Motion passed; disposition listed above.

Regular Agenda Items:

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY- - (Franklin) Clerk read resolution by title for the one required reading. Mr. Stake moved adoption. Mr. Beougher seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Baxter "Yea"; Mr. Gilbert "Yea"; Mrs. Newman "Yea"; Mr. Beougher "Yea"; Mr. Stake "Yea"; Mr. Stearns "Yea". Motion passed; Resolution No. 95-04 adopted.

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY- - (Licking) Clerk read resolution by title for the one required reading. Mr. Stake moved adoption. Mr. Gilbert seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Baxter "Yea"; Mr. Gilbert "Yea"; Mrs. Newman "Yea"; Mr. Beougher "Yea"; Mr. Stake "Yea"; Mr. Stearns "Yea". Motion passed; Resolution No. 96-04 adopted.

ORDINANCE TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM CLERK OF COURTS DEPARTMENT TO CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION IN ORDER TO HAVE SUFFICIENT MONIES FOR SELECTION/TESTING EXPENSES FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2004 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY- - Clerk read ordinance by title for the one required reading. Mr. Stake moved adoption. Mr. Gilbert seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Baxter "Yea"; Mr. Gilbert "Yea"; Mrs. Newman "Yea"; Mr. Beougher "Yea"; Mr. Stake "Yea"; Mr. Stearns "Yea". Motion passed; Ordinance No. 97-04 adopted.

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CONTRACT FOR AUDIT OF HUMAN RESOURCES RELATED AREAS FOR THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG AND TRANSFERRING FUNDS TO PROVIDE MONIES TO PAY FOR THE AUDIT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY- -

-Clerk read ordinance by title for the one required reading. Mr. Stake stated that Mayor McPherson requested that this item be referred back to the Finance Committee to be tabled indefinitely. Mayor McPherson said that they reduced the time frame from 6 months to 3 months; they have the funding available and won't need to move the legislation forward for transfers or anything. Item referred to Finance Committee.

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT APPLICATION TO THE FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT FOR COMMUNITY BLOCK GRANT/HOME FUNDS FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS THE "REYNOLDSBURG MAJOR COMMERCIAL CORRIDORS STREETScape PROJECT - PHASE II" - -Clerk read ordinance by title for the second reading. Item referred to Community Development Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

William L. Hills, President of Council

Nancy C. Frazier, Clerk of Council

Monthly Report to City Council

Sharon L. Reichard, Safety/Service Director

September 27, 2004

- Pleasant View Sanitary Sewer Project.
 - o The Restoration Committee has been formed and has met.
 - o The punch list for Savko has been completed except for the blacktop work which is scheduled for the week of September 27, 2004.
 - o Five people have hooked up to the sewer to date.
 - o Upon acceptance, the legislation for the assessment process will be coming to Council.
- The sanitary televising and cleaning project was to be completed Friday September 24, 2004. There was no structural damage found that needed repaired.
- Completed inspection and flushing of the fire hydrants (September 13 – 24).
 - o There are approximately 1600 fire hydrants.
- All the Plans (Stream relocation, Sanitary sewer, Plot Grade & Utility, and Taylor & E. Main St Imp) for Kroger's have all been signed and we will be having a preconstruction meeting so they can start.
- Main & Graham project is ready
 - o AEP has completed their work.
 - o Preconstruction meeting was held
 - o Beginning next week, the intersection will be closed down for SBC to begin lowering and replacing their existing conduit and then the realignment.

- Columbus Asphalt will follow
- Closure of Graham Road to Broad Alley: October 4 through December 17
- 2004 Street Program has been completed and we are currently working on the punch list to correct problems.
- Sidewalk Program Phases 4 & 5
 - All sidewalks have been completed
 - Currently putting down topsoil and grass seed
 - Working on the punch list
- Main Street resurfacing has been completed.
 - Kokosing is returning to mill & pave Rosehill & Brice Roads north and south of Main Street.
- Streetscape Phase I report will be ready soon.
 - Meeting with Jim Nolen to finalize what yet needs to be done
 - Another final walk through
 - Working with Paul Walsh on maintaining the area (more about that later)
 - Under budget (approximately \$300,000)
 - Speedway issue
 - Speedway representatives are willing to meet at the site and discuss a mutually satisfactory resolution on all of the issues raised in the lawsuit if Reynoldsburg is willing to reimburse Speedway for all of its costs as set forth above in the amount of \$48,012.05. (Speedway's billed time for legal fees is \$42,712.54; billed costs \$4,954.01; unbilled time \$345.50.) The amount is non-negotiable.
- SR 256 & I-70 began on Saturday, August 21.
 - Congestion is bad.
 - September 20 they began installing the traffic light at Farmsbury Drive.
 - Will begin receiving weekly updates from ODOT to alert us and the business owners in the Taylor Square area

- Etna Township is closing Taylor Road from Palmer to Taylor Rd SW, tomorrow, Tuesday, September 28, to fill pot holes
- Wesley Ridge Parkside Independent Living Apartments and Drury Inns plans are in for the second reviews.
- Major Commercial Projects include:
 - o Elementary and Middle Schools
 - o Chipotle Mexican Restaurant
 - o Dentist office at Main & Jackson
 - o Creekside Apartments
 - o Farmington Condominiums
 - o Addition to 1418 Brice Road
 - o Cugini Classic Hair Salon on Brice Road
 - o Remodeling of the Cattle Club
- Building Department is reviewing to update the property maintenance code, 1/2/3 family dwelling code and their fee schedule
- Street Department personnel have begun trimming trees in residential areas.
 - o Mid September to mid October and again in the spring.
- Letters to addresses that have no numbers
- SMART Communities anti-litter project
- Working with Truro Township for classes on AED/CPR for city employees
- Getting roof replacement estimates for City Hall
- School speed enforcement
 - o 20 warnings issued
 - o 11 citations
 - o periodic check on Livingston, Haft, Graham, Rosehill, Slate Ridge

- Complaints about people jogging in the street after dark and before sunrise with no reflectors for motorists to see them. Especially bad in the Rosehill & Brice Road areas.