

MINUTES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
REYNOLDSBURG CITY COUNCIL
September 15, 2014

Members of Community Development Committee present: Leslie Kelly, Barth Cotner, Chris Long, Scott Barrett, Dan Skinner, Cornelius McGrady and Mel Clemens

President of Council Doug Joseph was present.

Chairman Kelly called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

Approval of the minutes of the Community Development Committee Meeting held 09/02/2014.

Mrs. Kelly: Discussion of Bullying Resolution from Councilman McGrady

Mr. McGrady: Thank you Councilwoman Kelly. The Bullying Resolution that I bring forth to council will encompass the 5th domestic violence resolution that I mentor in the schools. I am bringing this before council for its support and that it be moved to a committee and move to council as passed as an emergency at its first reading.

Mrs. Kelly: Are there any questions?

Mr. Long: I second.

Mrs. Kelly: Ok, all in favor say aye.

All: Aye 7 affirm Motion carries

Mrs. Kelly: Motion carries and I close the Community Development at 7:31pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:1 p.m.

Community Development
- - -Melissa Hare, Assistant Clerk of Council
September 15, 2014

MINUTES SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
REYNOLDSBURG CITY COUNCIL
September 15, 2014

Members of Community Development Committee present: Chris Long, Dan Skinner, Leslie Kelly, Barth Cotner, Scott Barrett, Cornelius McGrady and Mel Clemens

President of Council Doug Joseph was present.

Chairman Long called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

Approval of the minutes of the Safety Committee Meeting held 07/21/2014

Discussion: Salt Purchase and Salt Supplies for 2014/2015 Winter Season.

Mr. Long: Mr. Burd?

Nathan Burd: Thank you Chairman Long and members of council. I do not have a legislative request for you yet on this topic but I wanted to publicly discuss the situation that we find ourselves in at the moment. Normally this time of year we are finalizing our salt purchase for the upcoming winter but this is not shaping up to be a normal year because last year was such a difficult winter. I gave you a memo that our consortium sent us about the reasons why there is a shortage of available salt. I am not going to go through that point by point but it's a combination of just how heavy last winter was combined with the cities and townships that are desperately trying to replenish their supply into the spring and summer months. The salt suppliers have not yet been able to replenish their supply to a level that they normally have by this time of year. As you know we purchase our salt from a governmental purchasing consortium. There are 101 different government entities in that consortium. Most central Ohio cities are in that as well. Upper Arlington, Powell, Bexley, Dublin, Gahanna, Groveport, Whitehall, Worthington, New Albany, Pataskala, Reynoldsburg. We all buy salt through the same process and we are all facing higher prices and a shortage on availability. Last year our bided price was \$48.72 a ton and it was the lowest price we had seen in 5 years. We knew the price was likely to go up this year but it went up quite a bit more than we even anticipated. It is now \$115.10 a ton. The bigger issue than the price though is that there is really none to buy. Our consortium as whole requires 250K tons of salt. The bid provides for 25K tons. This is to be spread out over all 101 local governments. The math does not add up as you can see. We were told that our likely amount that we can expect is 200 tons and we normally buy 3k tons. Not the best situation. We are not expecting the per ton price to change that much but we do expect we will be able to buy more than we were initially told. The memo referenced that the suppliers are continually working to rebuild their supply. We think as we get further down the road we will be able to get more than we were initially told. We have reached out to county and state sources to see if there are other ways to buy salt. We are finding that working through the consortium is really the best option

that we have available to us. We are still gathering information and it sounds as if the Franklin county engineers' office is likely to be a collection point for all of the salt for central Ohio this year. They will then allocate it out to us so we may end up doing an intergovernmental agreement with the county and getting that salt. We may end up still buying directly from the supplier. We just don't know exactly how this is going to be structured yet. While this is not good news I want to stress to you all and to the public that we are not in a terrible position and we are not fully in panic mode at the moment. We have 1400 tons of salt right now in our salt barns. That is the 2nd highest of any city in our consortium of central Ohio cities. Most have less than 500 so for us to have 1400 is a good thing. We are fortunate to be in that position. In an average winter we use 1900 tons of salt. So if we are able to get another 400-500 tons in which I think will be possible that would give us enough to get through what would consider a normal winter. Last winter was not normal as you all know. We used 4K tons of salt from November to March. We had 56 inches of snow. From November to March. We normally have mid-20s. Last year was the 3rd worst winter that we have ever seen. We are hopeful that we don't have another winter like that. Obviously usage depends on the type of winter that we have. I'm not a meteorologist but I am prepping for the worst. I think we are going to have another difficult winter so we are going to need to plan accordingly. If we run low on salt midway through the year or later in the year we will do the best we can to conserve it and make responsible choices with the resources we do have. Keith our Street Superintendent attended a seminar about a week and a half ago on how to stretch your salt supply and if we get to the situation where we just are not able to buy what we need then we will do the best with whatever resources we are able to get our hands on. As soon as we have more information on how we can contractually structure the purchase I will be back with a legislative request. We will need to act pretty quickly this year. We don't want to have a situation where we are offered 400 tons but we have to wait 5 or 6 weeks before we can confirm that we can buy it. We will come to you with authorization to buy the salt as it becomes available in the near future. I will keep you updated on the situation as it develops. I also will be happy to answer any questions over the next few weeks or tonight.

Mr. Long: Thank you Mr. Burd. Are there any questions from members of the committee? Members of Council? Thank you sir.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Safety Committee
-Melissa Hare, Asst. Clerk of Council
September 15, 2014

MINUTES SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING
REYNOLDSBURG CITY COUNCIL
September 15, 2014

Members of Service Committee present: Scott A. Barrett, Leslie Kelly, Barth R. Cotner, Chris Long, Dan Skinner, Cornelius McGrady and Mel Clemens.

President of Council Doug Joseph was also present

Chairman Clemens called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

Approval of the minutes of the Service Committee Meeting held 09/02/2014

Discussion: Special Exception Use Permit #165994 located at 2990 Ayers Drive. Proposed use: Automotive Sales Business.

Mr. Clemens: The reason that is before council is because I brought it before council because I feel that it does not meet the standards and requirements for a Special Exception Use Permits required by the city. We had our discussion last week and we have helped it for a week and Mr. Robertson do you have something? Would you please give your name and address?

Tom Gilman, 245 Sandusky Street Ashland, Ohio: I am an attorney from Kick and Gillman and I work for Robertson Truck Sales Inc. and the Robertson family. Thank you for giving us the tie to speak and talk about the issues. We will be happy to answer any questions.

Mr. Clemens: Yes will you please speak into the mic because everything is recorded.

Mr. Gilman: Yes certainly. Thank you.

Mr. Clemens: As I brought up the issue. . . The issue I brought up was that it does not meet the requirements of the Special Exception Use Permit.

Mr. Gilman: I'm sorry but could you expand on that a little bit Mr. Clemens?

Mr. Clemens: We have requirements that have to be met for a SEUP to be granted. The BZBA felt that they met it but I don't feel that they did. I don't know whether you have them with you or if you know about them. I can read them off to you if you want me to?

Mr. Gilman: I would appreciate that, thank you.

Mr. Clemens: The first item would be "the proposed use shall be in harmony with the existing and intended character of the district and nearby affected districts and shall not change the essential character of the districts."

I feel that it changes the character of the district because it is a residential area and it has apartments and family homes. There is a Home Depot to the west which is not in the district but it does back up to the district. I feel that requirement is not met. The next item would be the proposed use should not adversely affect the use of the adjacent property and I feel that it does because they are homes and they are apartments and condominiums. The next item would be the proposed use shall not adversely affect the health and safety and the welfare of the persons residing or working in the neighborhood. I feel that safety is an issue because of the traffic that will be coming onto the streets to get to where it is going. The next item would be item M; the proposed use shall not impose a traffic impact which we have spoken of. I don't think it will be a big impact because as Mr. Robertson has said that it would not increase that much and I will go by what he says on this issue. The roads are narrow and it is not commercial roads but neighborhood roads. The other would be that the use complies with. . . It does not comply with the provisions of the standards of the code which is that. The next would be that the proposed use shall not be found to meet the definition and intent of the specially listed as a special exception in the district that it is proposed to be located except as otherwise proposed by the zoning government. The basic ones are the first few but we do have that number of restrictions that need to be met to be a SEUP.

Mr. Gilman: I appreciate that Mr. Clemens and I thank you for. . .

Mr. Clemens: I'm sorry that you did not have a copy. I thought that you. . . .

Mr. Gilman: No thank you that is fine. I did look over some of your zoning materials through your website. They are not altogether unique from the cities and villages that I work with and represent. I am fairly used to this. I often times sit at about that table (indicates where Mayor McCloud is seated) in the meetings. I think we can speak to those issues and let's be very frank at the heart of this is the fact that this is what we would call a "tweener" property. It is between two zoned regions really. It is where two different areas meet. We have commercial properties all down Brice Road. We have the highway and then we have this that sits at the corner where it eventually gets into a residential district. With regard to your first point, you reference the existing and intended use of the property in the district. The existing and intended use was a commercial entity. It has been for years and it still sits as a dilapidated commercial property but a commercial property none the less. That is what it is now and that is what your zoning code has intended it for it to be. It was zoned that way and it was operated as a restaurant that I assure you from my own previous experiences with Mr. Robertson and his company a restaurant that brought in an awful lot of more traffic than this lot is ever going to. A restaurant that literally for one meal seating brought more traffic back on that road than this will in an entire week. That is the kind of numbers we see for this business.

Mr. Clemens: The homes weren't there most the time. I think you misunderstood it. It says the proposed use shall be in harmony with the existing or intended character of the district and nearby affected districts and shall not change the essential character of the districts.

Mr. Gilman: Certainly and again it goes to the idea that these are wherever we have properties coming together and districts coming together you have some question as to what is going to be

the buffer. I know this because I have offices in two different communities and as I was thinking about my drive down both of them sit right where 2 jurisdictions or 2 zoning areas merge. There is always the question of where is the buffer going to be? The idea that the folks that live in that region are used to is an area that is adjacent to a highway and Home Depot and a closed restaurant and a closed gas station and a Waffle House and the list goes on. It's not that once you step onto their property you are magically whisked away to a solely residential reason. They live in a buffer region that is up against all these commercial properties. This one being one of the commercial properties that would be against those residences is no different. It doesn't change. It is just on a different side. The same apartment building that is located there right next to the Home Depot parking lot and may have this lot to the 70 side and the Home Depot lot to the other side. It is any property that is used to and is designed to be in harmony with being up against commercial property. It is no different than what they face right now. As far as it being adversely affecting adjacent properties and being detrimental to health, safety and morals I am going to address those together because I had a chance to walk property today and I don't know if any of you had a chance to do the same. It certainly is a concerning property and that is just the nature of properties like these that aren't as personally invested in the region like Robertson is. Sometimes they pick up stakes and leave and what they leave behind is what you have there now. As I had a chance to walk through the property there is a lot of broken glass and something scurried away underneath the bushes I walked past. It was a very loud area because the highway. I went as far as kind of climbing up near the highway to see that on down towards the school there are no sound barriers or anything. This is just an area that is connected to the highway and the noise naturally comes from it. I walked over and spoke to a young lady who lives at 2277 as the road curves there she is at the house straight across from this lot so she was sitting on the porch looking right at it. Her name was Toya and we spoke a little bit and she told me that she has a little dog that is a Pug that was sitting in the window and that she is not comfortable taking her dog onto that lot to go to the bathroom because she doesn't think that it is safe enough for her dog to be on. She doesn't think that that lot is safe enough for her dog. She told me about how she hears gun shots and sees kids playing out there at night in the dark and things like that. This lot that tonight right now has a semi-truck parked on it larger than any of the vast majority of what Mr. Robertson would have there. We didn't put it there. I asked Toya and she said it is someone who lives in the neighborhood and parks it there at night and get back in it in the morning for day time driving. This is what Toya is finding in her community from this lot. A place that she is not comfortable taking her dog to. The Robertson's are interested in investing in your community and putting in a business there that is going to be incredibly safe. It is not going to be a place where kids are running around and doing those things. It is not going to be a place where there are gun shots anymore. And I understand that we have to draw a line somewhere but years ago the line was drawn around this parcel. It was left this way.

Mr. Clemens: What you are saying is that all of Reynoldsburg which lives on the other side of the freeway or this side of Main Street and in between is adjacent property and therefore our zoning makes no difference. You can live in the middle between the freeway and Main Street here and you would say you could put anything there because they adjoined the district and they do not have abandon on Main Street. That is what you are saying? You are saying just because Brice Road has turned into a dump we have to turn other things into it. The people that live back there have to put up with having something else put in there just because Brice Road is a falling

apart. Therefore you don't really care I mean and because of the lot and that is Bob Evans fault and our fault because we don't make people take care of it. It's not the people that lives there's fault but it is the people that own the lot and the city of Reynoldsburg's fault because we have not required it to be taken care of.

Mr. Gilman: If I may Sir. I want to respond to that and I appreciate the concern. I want to be real clear to everybody. I don't think Brice Road is a dump. If I came off as sounding that way then I apologize.

Mr. Clemens: It didn't sound very good let's put it that way.

Mr. Gilman: I'm sorry. I meant that it is covered in businesses. That is all I was getting at. There is a host of businesses there. As I said I represent several communities and I would tell you that my communities that I represent would be thrilled to have even one of those relocate to their town and you have them all up and down the road. I don't think it is a dup at all and for my drive it looks like you are putting a lot of money on infrastructure to make it even better. Not a dump at all. What I was getting at is the word adjacent has a meaning: when properties are adjacent we have to do with what our neighbor is and this lot is adjacent to out of its 4 sides is one side is 70, one side is Home Depot and the properties there are facing and touching a property that is designed this way. Now to answer your question as you know it kind of turns into cul de sacs and circular roads that go back into housing that are a 2nd level away. Those are no longer adjacent and I wouldn't say that they have the same issue. If we went that next level in then I would completely agree with you. That would be changing the way that that property is designed. This is a place that these are up against Home Depot and restaurants and Waffle house and gas stations. These are up against that and I don't think it is coincidence if you look at the aerial and you probably know the aerial much better than I do but if you start at Home Depot and head down the road from Home Depot to this lot there are then some small apartment buildings right next to a highway and then you get to a school and some ball fields and then eventually what is one or some of your metro parks. I don't think any of that is a coincidence. We don't tend to like to put residential units right next to 70. We don't put those residential properties right next to the highway with much frequency. There is a reason that these business' creep up there. It is not because it is a dump but it is because of accessibility and people like a buffer. People like Toya would rather have a business there taking care of the lot and maybe putting up a pine screen or something to beautify and take care of it. Create a little bit of a buffer between the highway as opposed to sitting and hoping that someday someone will put up a residence there. I am not saying that is impossible but it has gone like this thus far. For whatever reason and I am not blaming you Mr. Clemens but it has turned into a piece of property that one of your constituents won't take her dog on. When I see that as opposed. . . I'm not making that up Mr. Clemens. I spoke to this young lady and I asked her if this was turned into a truck lot and I told her what kind of numbers we were talking about and a handful of employees as many as 10 , a handful of customers each day coming back probably driving their own personal vehicles-people don't drive semis to come shopping for a truck-they drive in their personal vehicle to look at something-I asked her what she thought about that and she said it would be a lot nicer than what it is now. She didn't seem to have a concern about it.

Mr. Clemens: Does any member of council have any questions for Mr. Gilman?

Mrs. Kelly: For Mr. Robertson, have you had an opportunity to meet with Home Depot and find out about the exit way?

Mr. Gilman: I called them. I called their headquarters in Atlanta. Mr. Robertson and I spoke about it. We looked into the fact that there are a few different permissive easements around that region benefitting different properties. We are not aware of one that specifically benefits this one right now. I called 2 different offices there. One was their corporate office in Atlanta where I left a message for a Mr. William Hartgrove. I don't know if he is in their legal department but I asked for someone in their legal department. I am not all convinced that the computer understood what I was asking for so I got a voicemail for a William Hartgrove and I left a message for him and because I did not entirely trust that I left a message for their PR department and just asked to be put in touch with the legal department. So we have reached out to a few different offices with Home Depot. We are going to pursue that and see if we can get access through that route. To your question Mrs. Kelly and I think what is underlying is I want to be clear and I have had the chance to go to the Robertson's operation in the Mount Vernon area several times and it is very well kept and very professional. I can tell you that it is not people driving in dump trucks and wanting to trade in this dump truck for that dump truck.

Mrs. Kelly: Right I understand that. I just I know the last time we talked we talked about that there used to be a place for people to come and go through the Home Depot lot and I just wanted to know if you were. . I understand it is not a lot of traffic and I understand that they are not big semis but it still would be preferable if they could go through the Home Depot lot as opposed to the residential area. I was just curious if you'd had an opportunity to even speak with the manager at the current Home Depot that is there.

Ethan Robertson, 18 Olde Farm Road Granville, Ohio: I stopped into the Home Depot last Saturday and I had to get some supplies so I asked to speak to the General Manager there who seemed to be tied up for a while and I did not get a chance to speak with him but I got his card and I have not been able to get in touch with him because I have been busy setting up for a farm show. The easement we spoke about was for an adjacent property that AR Realty owns and it is where the Logan's Steakhouse used to be and they do have an easement in place with AR Realty. That easement does not benefit this lot but it was something that Bob Evans sent me to show that there was an easement in place that we could possibly get one as well. That is what we are trying to go after right now. We haven't made any headway yet on that but we are trying.

Mrs. Kelly: Right. Ok. Thank you.

Mr. Clemens: Since this has been 3 weeks before or after the BZBA commission I'm glad that you waited until the last minute to make these calls because you know it didn't help a bit. You could have been working on it 3 weeks ago.

Mr. Gilman: I apologize for that Mr. Clemens.

Mr. Clemens: I know that I brought it up to our development director and that he told you about it. This should have been done so. . .

Mr. Gilman: I understand Mr. Clemens and I apologize. My schedule simply did not allow me to meet with Mr. Robertson until last week. As soon as I heard I got on this and started communicating with the office.

Mr. Clemens: No this was something discussed at the BZBA. Which basically doesn't mean anything because if we pass it tonight you can do whatever you want? The point would have been nice if it would have been done before you could have come.

Mr. Robertson: I have switched my attorney to Tom Gilman. I was using another gentleman named David Carroll out of Worthington and his time was not allowing me to get the answers that I needed so I went with Tom who has done a lot of other legal planning for other locations and properties that we have done. I had tried to use David Carroll who is local to the Worthington area since he is local as opposed to bringing Tom from Loudonville. That is why we switched since then. Tom has been able to give me the attention that I guess we needed.

Mr. Clemens: Does anyone from council have anything? Yes Councilman Long?

Mr. Long: Thank you Chairman Clemens. Mr. Robertson thank you for coming back here tonight and I appreciate you bringing your attorney. I appreciate your patience as well. You had mentioned the last time that you spoke before us that there was a time limit on a contract for that property that you are attempting to work within. What was the deadline on that?

Mr. Robertson: The deadline for the contract runs out on September 30th. Which should be about 2 weeks from today well 2 weeks from tomorrow I guess. That is where the deadline is that I have governmental approval to proceed with the purchase of the property or if I can't have it zoned for my type of business it will be voided and back listed on the market.

Mr. Long: Ok. I understand the impact of capital investment would have on our community and particularly the jobs as well. Councilman Clemens I would like to make a motion that our council affirms the decision of the BZBA in approving the SEUP at 2290 Ayers Drive Reynoldsburg, Ohio.

Mr. Clemens: Do I have a second?

Mr. Skinner: I do.

Mr. Clemens: Second by Councilman Skinner. All in favor say aye.

All: Aye

Clerk called the roll.

Barrett: Aye
Kelly: Aye
McGrady: Aye
Clemens: Nay
Cotner: Aye
Long: Aye
Skinner: Aye

Mr. Long: Thank you gentlemen.

Mr. Clemens: Thank you gentlemen. Thank you for being here this evening.

Mr. McGrady: For the record as I indicated before the information you referenced 2 weeks ago and the pictures please pass that on to the clerk.

Mr. Robertson: Not a problem. I will email it over.

Mr. Gilman: I want to thank you for your time and consideration. I want to assure that you have a real good neighbor in the Robertson's. You will be happy with what is to come.

Mr. Skinner: We are happy to have you.

Mr. Clemens: That ends the service committee meeting at 7:58pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:58pm

Service Committee
- - -Melissa Hare, Asst. Clerk of Council
September 15, 2014

MINUTES FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
REYNOLDSBURG CITY COUNCIL
September 15, 2014

Members of Finance Committee present: Barth R. Cotner, Chris Long, Leslie Kelly, Scott A. Barrett, Dan Skinner, Cornelius McGrady and Mel Clemens.

President of Council Doug Joseph was also present.

Councilman Cotner called the meeting to order at 7:59 p.m.

Approval of Agenda.

Approval of minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held 9/2/2014.

Discussion: Ad Hoc Committee Report (2011); addressing structural imbalance; possible adjustments.

Mr. Cotner: Mr. Barrett: Anything to start the process on this evening?

Mr. Barrett: We left it last I think we all agreed that we have a structural imbalance. A great starting point. I think the idea was that we talked about another income tax rate adjustment. Mr. Skinner had a good idea to maybe start that at ½% . I think that got expanded to the thinking of presenting that as a spring ballot. Am I on the money with that? So far?

Mr. Skinner: I think when we pulled it off yes. We can bring it to the next point of discussion.

Mr. Barrett: Since I just continue to focus on this and it has become a great hobby of mine uh I started to get some ideas and I requested some ideas from some of the people that help me with good thinking. Every time we have ran at this so far we have ran at it as improving the infrastructure and improving the streets and that has been a big concern and a big gap. And trying to use this as catch up and that has not made a positive outcome with the voters so it was suggested that the feasibility of presenting this adjustment maybe exploring the potential of a community center again. One of the ideas I had in trying to get that information together is activating that committee because I believe there is a committee in place.

Mrs. Kelly: There was.

Mr. Barrett: I guess I kind of wanted to open that up and that would not be a commitment but I think we need to continue to explore options. We have been bouncing with this since 2011 I believe. We are kind of running in circles. We have made some progress and had some kickback but we need to make another run at it. I think that exploration should continue and I thought that might be a good means to do that. Open up and see if anyone thinks it is worth looking at?

Councilman McGrady: I'm sorry I didn't bring my **** with me but to go back to the ballot again I personally think that it is a waste of time. How many times have we gone to the ballot? 4? 5? 4. I think we need to go ahead and make the decision here and reduce the credit and if you want to put something on the ballot then put it on the ballot but we need the resources now. I was talking to some folks yesterday and they asked "What are you going to do about my roads?" I said well we have a temporary fix now. It is much better than it was but until the decision is made to give us the resources to fix the roads here in the city we will continue to patch them. By the way Nathan I spoke to a young man there and I like what I see. It is better than nothing but we need the resources to fix the infrastructure here and establish and expand upon our plan for the future. If that's what you want to do and bring it to the ballot but I think we as a council need to go ahead and implement the 50% reduction and then put it on the ballot. Give the individuals an option but we need the money today and not to labor this another 6 months.

Mr. Clemens: Yea if you know. . Let's be serious about it. Half doesn't do anything. You are talking about but if you are serious about doing something like a rec center or something such as that. Put it on the ballot for the 1% increase income tax. Put it on there it will be part used for a rec center for the city of Reynoldsburg. Go to the ballot that way. The rest we can use for streets and city administration or for other things. To kick around ½% means nothing really. If you are going to reduce the tax credit what are you going to promise? You are going to get about a million and a half. Promise a rec center and all this kind of stuff and you aren't going to have money to do it. Once you do that you are never going to do it again. That's the problem. If you are going to do a tax reduction make some money off of it. If you want to put it on the ballot then put it on there and tell the people exactly what it is going to be for. If you want a rec center and if you think that's the important thing for the city then that's fine. Rec center with a pool-something nice like some of these other cities have but people have to understand that they are going to have to pay for it. That's the whole principal. We don't have the money and we can borrow that kind of money. It would make no sense to even think about it the one that is over there now. It's falling apart. If we are interested in something and you think the people are interested in it then let's support it and put it on the ballot and make it a part of something that will be done. Possibility that we may get it passed. I don't know. At least we would be bringing money in that we can also use for other things. That's the way I look at it I mean it as far as committees. Look at all the committees we've had so I don't believe in going with other committees. I think we are the ones that are supposed to make the decisions. I'm serious. I've been here a long time and I think everybody here knows what needs to be done. I think we all have different opinions and that's probly good too.

Mr. Cotner: That is something that we need to explore. I think we have talked about this as a possibility anyway with a rec center or giving the community something to get behind. I think that that is something we need to start discussing and something that the Mayor and council can discuss in partnership with one another. Obviously getting people excited to fix streets isn't really connecting so I think there's a way and we can explore it. Any other thoughts about something else to take away?

Mr. Barrett: So when you say explore?

Mr. Cotner: I think that there are possibilities that we need to talk about. Again Mrs. Kelly and I sat on that committee when they were discussing a YMCA and we looked at possibilities at that point. The auditor brought some numbers and the parks director so there were several people that were involved in that concept at the time. I don't think that's necessarily where we need to pick it up but I think that it is something we need to consider. I think that a rec center is something we hear over and over from a lot of people in this community. I know we need to do something to the roads but if we are able to find a way to invest into our parks and rec and give something to the people, our kids, our seniors and to everybody in our community that can utilize and get excited about in Reynoldsburg again. That is certainly something we should consider. I've said that for quite a while actually. It's one of my wish list items.

Mr. Barrett: To explore that and to get that moving would that require the community development to add it to the agenda or do we just wave a wand and say it back together.

Mrs. Kelly: I'm not exactly sure how that would work. I do think that it needs to be in community development and that is where the previous committee came out of. I concur with Mr. Cotner and I think that would be great way to explore adding something different especially with the pool. It seems like it is a great opportunity to move forward. There was a lot of discussion and a lot of different suggestions and there may be more suggestions and ideas as we move along. I think we need to add something to the recipe. The old recipe is not working so we need to add something different. We have to get the people behind it and that people feel that this will truly affect their quality of life.

Mr. Clemens: This would be a partial payment for the rec center. There would be other money used for other things because it would probaly be bonded over a number of years and we would have this coming in and we could pay for it. We also would be able to have enough money to do other things and that is the important part.

Mr. Cotner: Right. I agree. Like I said I think the big issue with this is that it can give the community something that they can get behind. We keep hearing it from really everybody. Our kids. The families that want something all the way through the seniors that would love to see an expansion at the senior citizen center and an improvement in there facilities too so like I said it is something certainly can address and think of as a possibility.

Mr. McGrady: You know we are sitting here talking about this and in March of this year I sat here and talked about bond funding for projects in this city. The first thing I heard was how are we going to afford it. It sounds like we are back full circle. We are bringing it back again. The question is how are we going to fund it and I understand and I'm stepping outside the box but we have to change the menu in order for the people to purchase our product. I am making a note that I threw this out here in March.

Mr. Cotner: We are talking about a ballot initiative. We are not talking about. . .

Mr. McGrady: I understand.

Mr. Cotner: Ok. Anyone else with comments tonight?

Mr. Barrett: So do we need a motion to take that to the community development committee or does it just magically happen when we show up next week.

Mr. Cotner: I think she can just add it on.

Mrs. Kelly: I will make it magically appear.

Mr. Barrett: That's awesome. Mr. McGrady are you interested in moving forward with any type of sponsoring a motion to get the tax credit?

Mr. McGrady: Yes. I'd like to make a motion to consider reducing the tax credit 50%.

Mr. Clemens: I will second that.

Mr. Cotner: That would be something that we add to our next finance committee agenda and discuss that. We can talk about it and see what support is there for that.

Mr. Joseph: Does it require any motion or do you just list it next committee meeting? Yea you don't need any motions until you actually have legislation.

Mr. Cotner: So what we will do next week or next finance committee we will put it on as a discussion item. Reducing the credit by 50% then and we will see where that goes then.

Mr. Barrett: I would assume that we would need legislation drafted. You need to have something to propose right? Am I correct?

Mr. Joseph: It will be done the same way as before.

Richard Harris: I am assuming that I am the person you are requesting that I will make sure that April does get that in time for everyone's packets this week.

Mr. Barrett: So that's awesome. We are going to look and explore the credit and taking those steps. The only other note I had was that Nathan is just a great example of this type of person where you get a guy that really gets city operations and comes with innovated ideas out of the box. I think watching how Nathan just has done so many unique things as a service director it screams trust and continue exploring in areas of like the concept of having a city manager. Someone that really you know shows experience and successful strategies. We might be able to find ways to stay away from these types of imbalances that we are in. You know that property tonight-the Ayers property is a great example. That place has been closed for 15 years and we have let it turn into uzi alley and I think that you know getting a better look at the ball we might be able to. . . The suggestion that I threw out earlier of maybe starting a charter review committee to explore more.

Mr. Cotner: I think as we discussed that before that is probably another topic not necessarily one that is under this heading here so. . .

Mr. Joseph: That is something you can request to have that at the next committee meeting.

Mr. Barrett: Would that be a finance committee issue?

Mr. Joseph: Yes.

Mr. Barrett: Then I would like to request that to be a topic at the next committee meeting.

Mr. Cotner: Ok.

Mr. Barrett: After all that progress I am going to rest.

Mr. Cotner: Anybody have anything else to comment on for this topic?

Discussion: Resolution to accept the amounts and rates for Franklin County.

Mr. Harris: Thank you chairman Cotner and members of the committee. Before you are 2 pieces of legislation that we do every year and they are administrative in nature. Where we send the tax budget in July and it is approved by the counties and they give you the rates that they are going to give you for the property taxes which haven't changed since like the 1930's. This was done in the early 1900's when they put the tin mills in initially on inside millage and we have to continue to do it even though these things don't change. The ones I have tonight are for Franklin and Licking. Fairfield does not ask that we do this for them and Licking doesn't want a copy of the tax budget. In order to fulfill our requirements the revised code before you as they have been every year for a number of years so I would ask council to pass them as an emergency. They do have to be back to the counties by October 1.

Mr. Cotner makes motion to adopt as an emergency. Seconded by Mr. McGrady.

All: Aye Motion carries

Discussion: Resolution to accept the amounts and rates for Licking County.

Mr. Harris: This is the same as the last one but for Licking County.

Mr. Cotner: makes motion to adopt as an emergency. Seconded by Mr. Long.

All: Aye Motion carries

Discussion: Disposal of Fixed Assets- Street Department/Mechanic.

Keith Kundtz: Thank Chairman Cotner and members of council. I simply have some old worn out equipment for the street department that has zero value. It is on our assesst list and I would like to recycle it with the proceeds going back into the street department fund. Two pieces were from the mechanic department and two from the street department.

Mr. Cotner: I will make a motion to send this to. . .

Jed Hood: Chairman Cotner I want to add that when Keith and I talked about this he brought the legislative request to me I indicated that you have in the past passed as an emergency so that we could recycle these and quit storing these obsolete objects and actually take advantage of high metal prices and recoup the money. If there is no problem with council I think he would like to amend his request as an emergency.

Mr. Cotner: makes motion to adopt as an emergency. Seconded by Mr. Skinner

All: Aye Motion carries

Discussion: Amend Chapter 160.02(a) Authorized Positions, Personnel Classifications & Pay Grades.

Billie Reidel: I am with the civil service commission. I know you have got your packet and we are here to request that the 2nd civil service secretary be made permanent for the benefit of the office. It gives us a lot more coverage where we are just really busy all the time. The city is growing and lots of employee changes with just people resigning for other employment or retirements or whatever. That is our request.

Mr. Cotner: Is there any reason why you think that busyness would change?

Ms. Reidel: It is just getting busier as time passes. It is amazing. I was thinking before the meeting and I was not even certain how many of you really know what all is done by our department. I did bring a few pamphlets and job descriptions if you would be interested in that. I wanted to just give you an idea to you know fill the positions and advertisements and testing-all of that is a large part of what the secretaries for the commission do. The commissioner is charged with so many other duties as well. There is some information of what we have done so far in 2014. It gives you an idea of how buy we are.

Mr. Cotner makes motion to send to first reading. Seconded by Mr. Long.

All: Aye Motion carries

Discussion: Unappropriated \$4,000 from Account 110.595.5164 Worker's Compensation and appropriate to Account 110.448.5213 Service Department, Building Repairs.

Mayor McCloud: Thank you Chairman Cotner and members of the committee. We are at that point of the year where we are starting to run low in some accounts while we still have balances in others so this request is simply a transfer within the existing funds of the budget. This is not a request for new monies but simply a transfer from one line to another where we are running low.

Mr. Cotner: Any questions for the Mayor?

Mr. Barrett: I am just wondering why Mr. Harris doesn't do these.

Mr. Harris: Normally the only one I ever do is at the end of the year for short money. During the year if people in this case there was some stuff from the 200 accounts and Nathans 448 account that they had to buy some things and instead of asking for additional monies is we had excess money in the Workers Comp account because we had a rebate this year so we had extra there. Rather than waiting until the end of the year he would like to go ahead and make sure they have got stuff to buy toilet paper for the rest of the year for us. Which we all appreciate.

Mr. Barrett: That's what I was looking for. Excellent.

Mr. Cotner: Mr. Mayor you didn't have this marked as an emergency but is there any reason would it be all right to move this forward?

Mayor McCloud: It would. Thank you Mr. Cotner. Particularly given the 5th Monday yes that would be helpful.

Mr. Cotner makes motion to adopt as emergency. Mr. Barrett: seconded.

All: Aye Motion carries

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH AMERICAN LEGAL PUBLISHING TO PROVIDE A SEVEN YEAR SUPPLEMENT TO REYNOLDSBURG CITY CODE. (First reading 9/08/2014).

Mr. Cotner makes motion to send for its 2nd reading. Seconded by Mr. Skinner.

All: Aye Motion carries

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH IQM2 FOR SOFTWARE SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG. (First reading 9/08/2014).

Mr. Cotner makes motion for its 2nd reading. Seconded by Mr. Long.

Al: Aye Motion carries

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CITY AUDITOR TO REMOVE CRUISER CAMERA UNITS
FROM THE CITY'S FIXED ASSET LIST. (Second reading 9/08/2014).

Mr. Cotner makes motion to send for its 3rd reading. Seconded by Mr. Skinner.

All: Aye Motion carries

Mr. Cotner adjourns meeting at 8:23pm

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- - -Melissa Hare, Assistant Clerk of Council

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