

MINUTES REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
REYNOLDSBURG CITY COUNCIL
September 10, 2012

President of Council Doug Joseph called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Members of Council present: Scott A. Barrett, Leslie Kelly, Cornelius McGrady III, Mel Clemens, Barth R. Cotner, Chris Long, Nathan Burd.

The Invocation was given by Councilman Burd. Mr. Joseph led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the regular Council meeting held July 23, 2012 were approved without objection.
Minutes of the special Council meeting held September 4, 2012 were approved without objection.

The agenda was amended at the request of Mr. Long to remove Item 10a, "That the Council of the City of Reynoldsburg does hereby reject the proposed map for the redivision of wards as presented by the 2012 Ward Boundary Commission" as the item was not yet needed; and at the request of Mr. Barrett to add the legislation regarding the rezoning of 6150 E. Main Street for the second reading. The amended agenda was approved with all voting "Aye". Mr. Joseph said the rezoning legislation would be Item 16.

Communications:

Clerk read report from Clerk of Court: Total monies collected from courts held during the month of June 2012, \$24,042.95. Monies also collected during that same period pursuant to Ordinance No. 146-94 and Ordinance No. 104-02 - - \$1,820 for the Computerization Needs Fund, and \$25 for the Enforcement and Education Fund.

Clerk read report from Clerk of Court: Total monies collected from courts held during the month of July 2012, \$25,902. Monies also collected during that same period pursuant to Ordinance No. 146-94 and Ordinance No. 104-02 - - \$1,802 for the Computerization Needs Fund, and \$100 for the Enforcement and Education Fund.

Clerk also read that Council was in receipt of the July 2012 Budget by Classification document received from the City Auditor on August 13, 2012 and was through July 31, 2012.

Reports:

a. City Auditor Harris - to be presented with the Auditor of State Award with Distinction for Clean and Accurate Record Keeping- - Bryan Mead from the State Auditor's Office, presented City Auditor Harris and his staff: Sharon Michael, Deputy Auditor; Jennifer Clemens, Auditor's Secretary; Joni Crawford, Accounting Manager; and Brenda Browning, Tax Administrator, with the Auditor of State Award with Distinction for Clean and Accurate Record Keeping. Mr. Mead noted that out of 5600 governmental units, only twenty-five received such awards. Mr. Harris thanked Mr. Mead for the award, and also thanked the staff for their hard work.

b. Mary Hudson - report on Tomato Festival activities as had been requested by Councilman Burd- - Mary Hudson said that she was present, representing Reynoldsburg Festivals, Inc., which was known to all as the Reynoldsburg Tomato Festival; and recognized other board of director members present: Chuck Cochran, Greta Stake and Susan Brusk. "In June, we

came before you asking for permission to sell beer at the Tomato Festival. It was happening in a lot of places throughout the county, but with the festival being located in Huber Park, it was mandatory that we come before you. And very graciously, after selling what we hoped to do, you gave us permission. After you gave us the permission, we went through the necessary steps, applied for the license from the State; Greta was Chair of the beer garden so she took care of all the paperwork, and also we have to thank our City Attorney Jed Hood, who helped us with some of the things that we had questions with. After we did that, and were fortunate enough to receive the license and the permit, we did, as we had promised, and we attended the training that the City of Dublin held for their Irish Festival. They have approximately 12-1300 volunteers, and they invited us up to take part in that; so we attended that and they also were very, very generous and let us share in...they had a beautiful power point; we said, could we borrow that? They said, absolutely. So they had this gorgeous power point that had leprechauns and shamrocks all over it; they gave it to us; Chuck's wife, Marie, took it and now you would not be able to tell - it has tomatoes and smashed tomatoes all over it. And as a matter of fact, I gave Mrs. Frazier a copy, so she will make a copy so that you can all see the power point that we were able to use in our classes. What we did after that then, we held our orientation for our volunteers; this is the first time that we have done it; and we did it not for just the people that were serving in the beer garden, but all of our volunteers. We had over a hundred and fifty people show up on that Saturday for training; we were very, very excited. So everyone was there; they got the paperwork for the regular, and for the beer garden; they had to sign paperwork that they were coming to work, that they were going to be working for us, and it was all done by the letter of the law. After we gave them a couple speeches, and Mrs. Brusk is a lawyer, and so she was really getting into 'you cannot do this, you cannot do that', you know, after she was finished explaining everything to them, we said 'are you afraid' 'are you still going to come in and serve for us'? So I felt like we really, you know, gave everyone exactly what the letter of the law was. So come Friday of the festival, we opened up, and I mean, all of you, I know so many of you were there during those two days; Mother Nature certainly shined upon us; it was just absolutely gorgeous weather; we had record crowds, so it was just fantastic.

So we started off on Friday with the beer garden; a lot of people, as many times as it was in the paper, still weren't aware, so we had people show up that did not have any I D and .. no I D - you didn't get in. So, as a matter of fact, one of the interesting things on Friday night - the former Mayor's wife came and we knew she was over twenty-one, but she didn't have any I D, so she wasn't allowed into the beer garden. So I think everyone that worked for us did a fantastic job in making sure that everything went right; it went very nice on Friday evening and just from six until ten, we served 435 beers.

Then came Saturday, which we were open from noon until ten; we had great crowds again; it was beautiful weather; we had our battle of the bands, which drew a lot of people, so it was a very, very busy day; and on Saturday we ended up serving 1120 beers. Like I said, I think the people that were checking the I D ; we did it twice like we had said we would; we had the wristbands, so everything went very, very smoothly. We had one group of people that tried to pull a fast one, so you have to be aware; it helped that the same people through a long period of time, some group came in and someone didn't have their I D so that person was turned away; they were not allowed to come in, and then in that group, a little later, somebody noticed, one girl came up and said she'd lost her I D or she'd lost her bracelet, could she have another one. Well, she showed her I D so she got another bracelet and then the one girl that was standing there, that was working that night and was paying attention, recognized the one girl that they had told couldn't

come in and she had been in there and she went to the restroom, which was placed right next to the beer garden which I think was also very, very smart on the part of Parks and Recreation to put it right there; so, she saw the girl come back and she was, you know, went like this, and was going to come in, and she said I need to see your I D, and she said 'why, I have my bracelet' ... no, I need to see your I D. Well, she didn't have it, so we did catch, you know, one person, but that was because they were paying attention and we really wanted to make sure that we did it right. So that was basically what happened this year; we were very pleased with what happened. With that number, we took in over \$6200; so it was, what we talked about, as far as being economical for the festival, that's what we were able to do this year. So do you have any questions in regards to anything that happened, or you want to ask Greta, or...?

Mrs. Kelly: That \$6200 - what ended up being the profit?

Mrs. Hudson: Well, we've talked about that; we still have our huge money talk in two weeks, we've met, but basically that's already paying for the beer so that we would take maybe the tent, it depends on how technical we really want to be, but I think we kind of aimed, somebody said well what do you want to do? And I think I told one of the reporters if we did five, I'd be over the moon, for the first time; and I think probably that's where we will comfortably be able to say we did.

Mrs. Kelly: So you would say this is five thousand dollars that if you did not have the beer garden, obviously you wouldn't have had...

Mrs. Hudson: That's correct.

Mrs. Kelly: So do you think this absolutely helped bring up the financial success of the...

Mrs. Hudson: Well absolutely, and I think this year, too, we did a lot of things as staff, and the Mayor worked so closely with us and we truly appreciate everything; he was there the entire time, helping us in every aspect. And it's become more and more difficult with the number of city employees, for us to get help, so we really have to pay for a lot of things, and this year when, I think it was two weeks before the festival, we received from the Parks and Rec Director, what it was going to cost us to just take care of the grounds and all the fencing and everything and the port-a-johns and all that, and the number was staggering; we're going 'oh my gosh, I hope we're okay'. So we know we'll be in the black, but we're not, we're definitely not making a lot of money, but, so this absolutely is something that has helped us out tremendously.

Mr. Joseph: Any questions? (No response) Thank you very much.

Mrs. Hudson: Also, I passed out, right before I came up - I just wanted to share with you - in my job with the Visitors Bureau - we are so excited that Les Somogyi, who is our girls tennis coach, had been working on it; we had put in paperwork and done all kinds of things for a long time, that we just won the finals of the Girls Tennis State Tournament here in Reynoldsburg at our new facility at the high school, at our east campus, and also in that, he found out that we have the boys in the Spring too - so that's a real coup for us; brings a lot of people in and we get to share some of our wonderful facilities here in Reynoldsburg, so, thank you.

Mr. Joseph: Thank you very much.

Clerk read Motion: That the Council of the City of Reynoldsburg does hereby appoint City Auditor Richard Harris to sign all documents and in all ways act as the Authorized Agent relative to the Public Assistance Grant Program for FEMA-DR-4077-OH. (Reimbursement for June 29 wind event)- -Mr. Long moved adoption; Mr. Clemens seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Barrett "Yea"; Mrs. Kelly "Yea"; Mr. McGrady "Yea"; Mr. Clemens "Yea"; Mr. Cotner "Yea"; Mr. Long "Yea"; Mr. Burd "Yea". Motion passed.

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF ETNA FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE CITY'S PORTION OF THE TOWNSHIP'S TAYLOR ROAD IMPROVEMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY- -Clerk read ordinance by title for the one required reading. Mr. Clemens moved adoption. Mr. Burd seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Barrett "Yea"; Mrs. Kelly "Yea"; Mr. McGrady "Yea"; Mr. Clemens "Yea"; Mr. Cotner "Yea"; Mr. Long "Yea"; Mr. Burd "Yea". Motion passed; Ordinance No. 56-12 adopted.

ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT AN APPLICATION FOR ANNEXATION OF .734 ACRES IN TRURO TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF FRANKLIN, STATE OF OHIO, TO THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO (1790 Lancaster Avenue; Steven Hatton and Tami Williams) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY- -Clerk read ordinance by title for the one required reading. Mr. Cotner moved adoption; Mr. Barrett seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Barrett "Yea"; Mrs. Kelly "Yea"; Mr. McGrady "Yea"; Mr. Clemens "Yea"; Mr. Cotner "Yea"; Mr. Long "Yea"; Mr. Burd "Yea". Motion passed; Ordinance No. 57-12 adopted.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SEEK FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION FOR THE FUNDING OF VARIOUS CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS (Brice Road Improvement Project, from south corporation limit to East Main Street) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY- -Clerk read resolution by title for the one required reading. Mr. Long moved adoption; Mr. Clemens seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Barrett "Yea"; Mrs. Kelly "Yea"; Mr. McGrady "Yea"; Mr. Clemens "Yea"; Mr. Cotner "Yea"; Mr. Long "Yea"; Mr. Burd "Yea". Motion passed; Resolution No. 58-12 adopted.

ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATION FOR DEBT SERVICE PAYMENT (2012 Sanitary Sewer and Manhole Rehabilitation Project)- -Clerk read ordinance by title for the first reading; item referred to Finance Committee.

ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR DEBT SERVICE PAYMENTS (2012 Huber Subdivision Waterline Replacement Project)- -Clerk read ordinance by title for the first reading; item referred to Finance Committee.

ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 131-95 ON NOVEMBER 27, 1995

AND AS SUBSEQUENTLY AMENDED - 6150 E. Main Street; FROM CS to AR-1c; applicant, Creative Housing, Inc. (Total of 1.303+/- ac.)- -Clerk read ordinance by title for the second reading. Item referred to Service Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Doug Joseph, President of Council

Nancy C. Frazier, Clerk of Council