

MINUTES COUNCIL MEETING
REYNOLDSBURG CITY COUNCIL
September 8, 2014

President Joseph called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

Members of Council present: Daniel J. Skinner, Scott A. Barrett, Leslie Kelly, Cornelius McGrady, and III. Mel Clemens, Barth R. Cotner, Chris Long.

Approval of minutes

Approval of agenda

Community Comments and Requests

Les Davies, 8907 Lupine Drive Reynoldsburg: Thank you very much for letting me speak today. I will be very brief and to the point. I understand that the matter is taking place across the parking lot and that city council really has nothing to do with this. There are some ramifications that I would like city council members to keep in mind. First is that my wife and I have been very active with the schools over the past few years. We fought very hard to pass the school levy and it was finally successful a few years back. I know that both of us rue the day that we fought that levy because we have not seen the results from the city and the school board. I know that we are not the only parents that question why there is still pay to play in Reynoldsburg when there are several millions of dollars that are sitting there unspent. The school boards cop now is what does it have to do with you. I know that at some point in the near future the city is going to be asking for more tax revenue in the form of another vote or perhaps considering a reduction of elimination of the tax credit. The people that sit behind me and the other citizens of the city think long and hard about the way the school board has affected us. This translates very easily into the city business. Although the people that stand behind me are fairly well educated in terms of knowing what this difference is. There are many people outside these walls that don't quite understand quite so clearly. They may not understand that you have little or nothing to do with the school board. What they see is government again with their hand out for more money. Their memory is very good and they know how this was spent last time. The feelings that we have that this was not adequately addressed. We are going to see our efforts squandered in this teacher strike which is eminent now. We will see the loss of the educated value of our children. Some parents will even pull their children out of the schools. This is something the city council needs to pay attention too. I know that the city council does not have the authority to tell the school board what to do but city council members are citizens of this community and you do have a voice. A council resolution addressing this may not have any legal effect on the school board but a resolution passed by the city council would certainly be a voice that would be heard. Something that may be addressed to something in the press. Something that may exert influence for the good to settle this strike quickly and bring this to a resolution. I implore the council members to think about the ramifications. The political ramifications. A few of you up there and a few school board members are all up for reelection next year. As all your names appear on the ballot with the dissatisfaction with what happens relates to your chances. Again this is something you ought to consider. Remember your voice needs to be heard. It may not have (Cutoff due to

time)

Kurt Keljo, 1306 North Jackson Ave Reynoldsburg: If you were to hear that state ethics guidelines prevent a school board member from full participation on the BOE what would you think? That was what was said by Joseph Begeny. The person I elected to the BOE. He is precluded because he is a member of the Columbus Board of Education and he teaches in Columbus schools. No ethics issue. I understand why they sighted that but it seems to me to be deceptive. I want to know why he was precluded. Who decided that? Is it legal that he was precluded? What would you think if you knew your tax dollars were being paid to have 3 lawyers to work for the school district and that negotiations were going on and on. Do those lawyers have any incentive to bring it to a close or will they make more money the longer it goes. I guess I don't know what it going on. I have not been given a good explanation. As Mr. Cotner knows I am not at all unbiased. I have strong opinions about this. My request to city council is that they consider having someone develop just a report for you about what is going on, how much is being spent on these lawyers and what is happening. I honestly don't know. I have my biases and I like somebody who doesn't have the biases and has more access than I do to let us know what is happening because I don't know. Thank you.

Margaret Mary Luzny, 8742 Firstgate Drive Reynoldsburg: Good evening members of the city council. Thank you for the opportunity to address you this evening. I have been an enthusiastic member of our city for 17 years. My husband and I chose to move to this city because of many factors which we believe make for a quality community. Quality schools. Quality activities. Quality economic stability. We believe that the compact on respect was a statement being made that this community valued the importance of its community members. My purpose here is evening is that I believe that our community voice is not being valued or respected. At this time the BOE and the teachers union are in negotiations. The teachers just today filed for their strike notice. Hundreds of community members have voiced their concerns about the matter in which the board has not been respectful in their negotiations for fair contract. I realize that you share a driveway but that these two entities are separate. You depend on each other for your success. A community is only as strong as its schools and the schools need a strong community to support them. I was fortunate enough to have chaired for a levy campaign with Councilman Cotner. Unfortunately it did not pass. The one thing I learned was that without the city officials no school levy would ever pass. It finally passed a year later when the Mayors wife co-chaired. Residents saw the city and the school officials working together. I am asking you tonight to validate our voices. Encourage your neighbors across the driveway to listen to the stakeholders and to negotiate fairly and in the best interest of the children and the community members. It has been inspiring to see or community rallying. Citizens are building new friendships and deepening existing ones. I charge you to keep this momentum going because you may never get another chance. Thank you.

Mrs. Kelly: Thank you. I would like to say that I too believe that the city and the schools are tied. The success of one of one breeds the success of the other. I would like to thank everyone for coming this evening and to those who spoke thank you for sharing your thoughts with council. I too hope that all parties will return to the negotiation table and that a positive and productive

resolution that will allow for positive and productive learning environment. Also being a good steward of our tax dollars. I do think it is possible and it will be reached. I have been blessed to work with many of the amazing educators in this district. More importantly they have educated my children and all of your children. I thank you for your hard work and your commitment. Thank you.

No communications.

No reports.

LEGISLATION REQUIRING ONE READING

10. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SEEK FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE OPWC FOR THE FUNDING OF VARIOUS CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS.--- Cotner. Finance.

Motion for adoption by Mr. Cotner. Seconded by Mr. Clemens.

7 affirm. 0 negative. Ordinance 66-14

11. ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH RUMPKE OF OHIO, INC. TO BE THE SOLE PROVIDER OF SOLID WASTE, RECYCLABLE MATERIALS AND YARD WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES FOR WASTE GENERATED BY RESIDENTIAL UNITS, MUNICIPAL FACILITIES AND DURING SPECIAL EVENTS IN THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.--- Cotner. Finance

Motion for adoption by Mr. Cotner. Seconded by Mr. Long.

7 affirm 0 negative Ordinance 67-14

12. ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING SPONSORSHIP FUNDS TO VARIOUS ACCOUNTS IN THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. --- Cotner. Finance.

Motion for adoption by Mr. Cotner. Seconded by Mr. Skinner.

7 affirm 0 negative Ordinance 68-14

13. ORDINANCE REQUESTING COUNCIL TRANSFER \$7,611.00 FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED GENERAL FUND AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY.--- Cotner. Finance.

Motion for adoption by Mr. Cotner. Seconded by Mr. Barrett.

7 affirm 0 negative Ordinance 69-14

LEGISLATION FOR FIRST READING

14. ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH AMERICAN LEGAL PUBLISHING TO PROVIDE A SEVEN YEAR SUPPLEMENT TO REYNOLDSBURG CITY CODE.--- Cotner. Finance.

Standing for its first reading and return to the finance committee.

15. ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH IQM2 FOR SOFTWARE SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG.--- Cotner. Finance.

Standing for its first reading and return to the finance committee.

LEGISLATION FOR SECOND READING

16. ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CITY AUDITOR TO REMOVE OLD CRUISER CAMERAS FROM THE CITY'S FIXED ASSET LIST. (First reading on 7/28/2014) --- ~~Long. Safety.~~ Long. Finance. (Amended, 9/22/2014).

Standing for its second reading and be referred back to committee.

Meeting adjourned by President Joseph at 7:44pm.

Doug Joseph, President of Council

April L. Beggerow, Clerk of Council