

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
September 6, 2005

Members of Community Development Committee present: Lane J. Beougher, Antoinette Newman, Preston Stearns.

Other members of Council present: Brett Baxter, Eric Gilbert, Mel Clemens, Ron Stake, Council President William L. Hills.

Mr. Beougher: I'll call Community Development to order at 7:30. Item number 2 on the agenda is approval of the minutes of the July 18, 2005 Community Development Committee meeting. Are there any corrections, additions, or deletions to the minutes as submitted? (No response). Hearing and seeing none, they will stand as submitted.

Next item is the approval of the agenda. Is there anything to add or delete from the agenda tonight? (No response). Hearing and seeing none, it will stand as written.

Item number 4 is Discussion for Supplemental appropriation for replacement trees on the Livingston House property. Mr. Walsh.

Mr. Walsh: Thank you Chairman Beougher, members of Council. You may recall, a while back we had some trees that were cut down on the Livingston House property back in February. And you're familiar with all the ins and outs of that whole project. We did say that we were going to re-plant some trees in the fall, which is a more appropriate time to be putting trees in in that area. And we have determined that we want to replace the trees that were removed with 20 gray dogwoods, a black walnut, and 3 American yellow woods. The American yellow woods are being provided by a company that had gone in after the first time and cut some more in the same area. So we worked out a deal that they would give us those 3 trees. And the 20 gray dogwoods, and the black walnut then, we would like to get some funds to take care of that issue. The company we're requesting to use is Green King. They're a local company. They provided us with an appropriate price to do the job. And we recommend that the amount of \$5,995 be appropriated for this project from the unappropriated General Fund.

Mr. Beougher: Has Green King provided us with any plant material this year? Or any other services that we would need to look at waiving competitive bidding?

Mr. Walsh: Not that I'm aware of.

Mr. Beougher: Okay. And just, I'm going to read into the record, some of your notes here. "Contractor paid the city the amount of \$32,499 which was the value of the trees that they agreed to pay and that has gone into the General Fund". Is that correct?

Mr. Walsh: That's correct.

Mr. Beougher: And what we are looking to do is, appropriate the replacement trees, the cost of the replacement trees from the unappropriated General Fund. So basically, it's going in and it's

coming back out. Not the whole 32,000 of course, but...

Mr. Walsh: Correct.

Mr. Beougher: And something I said on the phone to you the other day, I'm trying to remember. The value of the property, you know, the city has an asset in the Livingston House and the value of that asset was diminished and we're trying to I guess, offset the diminishment of that value.

Mr. Walsh: Put some of the value back in it. Correct. Yes.

Mr. Beougher: So it makes sense to spend some of that money back where the value was taken away. Are there any questions from member of Community Development? (No response). I have one. I've never heard of a yellow wood. I've heard of a yellow bud, or maybe that's a town near Chilicothe, but.

Mr. Walsh: Well, I don't know what to tell you. It's a deciduous tree. It's not a conifer.

Mr. Beougher: Okay.

Mr. Walsh: It's not particularly rare but we don't see them a lot around here.

Mr. Beougher: Okay.

Mr. Walsh: But it is an appropriate tree to go into that _____ area there.

Mr. Beougher: Okay. Very good. Well, are there any questions from members of Council? I see two hands up. I didn't see who had their hand up first. I hate to say age before beauty. Mr. Clemens.

Mr. Clemens: I have no problem. I know we need to replace the trees and Green King is a good company. I was just reading this though. It says, and we're talking about the \$5,995, this says, this is an acceptable and reasonable price and Green King is a local company. And I understand they're a local company. How do we know it's an acceptable and reasonable price? Did you price it out? Or get other prices?

Mr. Walsh: We got a price from another, one other company. And I don't have that with me. It was for just slightly less than that by approximately \$100. And it's my understanding, and it's been my personal policy to try to buy locally when possible. And I've told other contractors that you know, if you're a local contractor and you come close to the price, I'm happy with recommending you to be the person to purchase from. But if it's a significant difference, it's better to protect the tax dollars by going outside the city if you can get a significant savings.

Mr. Clemens: I have no problem with it. It's just that I don't have the other copy.

Mr. Walsh: I understand. I can get you that.

Mr. Clemens: I just wanted to know if you had, that's fine. If you get me a copy of the other one.

Mr. Walsh: Okay.

Mr. Beougher: Mr. Baxter.

Mr. Baxter: Thank you. My question is based upon warranty. If we have any issues with these trees, how long is the warranty on these trees to have them either replaced or if they fail to take?

Mr. Walsh: It's a one year warranty from date of installation.

Mr. Baxter: Okay. Thank you.

Mr. Beougher: Any other questions from members of Council? Mr. Hills. President Hills.

Mr. Hills: Let me note Paul, just so we all understand. I certainly with Mel and, we always hear about lowest and best on biddings and things. And you sort off on proposals, do the same thing. But I think the key thing that was brought up here, we need to see that proposal.

Mr. Walsh: Sure.

Mr. Hills: And sure, I think there is a preference to try to keep your money spent locally as long as it's semi-competitive. And maybe they are. Because I noticed on this, the planting of these trees, the purchase and planting is about \$285 per tree. Now I've got to be honest, I don't know if that's reasonable or not. Because after the ice storm, I'm still cutting them down. I'm not putting them back. But I don't know. For somebody that's put in a tree recently, is \$285 a reasonable amount? But if you do have somebody else, it makes it much easier for Council. And it's not that anyone doesn't believe what you're saying.

Mr. Walsh: I understand.

Mr. Hills: But when the documentation is here, it makes it much easier to everybody else that hears it, what you're saying, can also then believe what you're saying, can also then believe what you're saying. Okay?

Mr. Beougher: Thank you, President Hills. So Mr. Walsh, you will provide us with the other proposal?

Mr. Walsh: Yes.

Mr. Beougher: And this is not on an accelerated schedule. So we've got three readings and two more committee meetings to discuss it if there are additional questions on the proposal.

Mr. Walsh: Correct.

Mr. Beougher: So in light of that, I would make a motion to send this forward to Council on

September 12 for a first reading. And I'm going to wait to send it to Finance until we get a little further along. So I'll make that motion. Is there a second? Mr. Stearns with the second. All in favor, signify by saying aye. (All voted "Aye"). Any opposed? (No response). Motion carries.

Thank you, Mr. Walsh. And I believe you're on for all three innings tonight.

Mr. Walsh: Yes, sir.

Mr. Beougher: Now this is something that, item 5 is Discussion of permanent date for Beggar's Night for City of Reynoldsburg. And this is something that has been talked about for a long, long time.

Mr. Walsh: Yes, it has. A number of years ago, and I don't know how many years ago, the Mid Ohio Regional Planning Commission had set a formula that many Central Ohio communities followed as to what night beggar's night would be on. And it has been a little confusing for some people as to when that is. And recently, they ran a survey of communities and citizens to find out if this was working or if there was another preference. They had been getting some requests to move beggar's night to October 31, Halloween. And they came to the conclusion back in December that it is essentially the consensus of the Central Ohio communities who follow this to move beggar's night to Halloween night, October 31. We've already scheduled that. That has been done. And each year, we've had to do the schedule, you know, check with the Mayor, is this the date? Yes, it is. What's the time? Here it is. And sometimes it's changed and sometimes it hasn't, time wise. This would kind of set it up as an ordinance, this is when it's always going to be. There's never going to be a question any more. It's always going to be on Halloween and it's always going to be from 6 to 8. And we are inundated with phone calls every year with, when is beggar's night? Well this will make it a lot simpler for everyone. And it takes all the guess work out of it. It'll be on Halloween. It'll be in the ordinance. And there won't be any more issues with that. And our intention is that we will also be in line with the many other communities that follow the way MORPC had done this in the past. So that's the proposal. The reason I'm requesting it as an ordinance, is simply because we had it that way when I was in Mason and it worked really well there. And I thought well, if it's a good idea, let's bring it on over here. So that's why I was asking to do it like this. After talking to the Mayor, we thought it might work out well. So there you go. Beggar's night, October 31, 6 to 8.

Mr. Beougher: Thank you, Mr. Walsh. To your knowledge, and I'll rely on Mrs. Frazier's memory as well, did we set, or did we have an ordinance to follow MORPC's previous resolution? Or did we have anything that we're going to need to repeal at this point?

Mrs. Frazier: No.

Mr. Walsh: I couldn't find one.

Mr. Beougher: Alright. Very good. Very good. Any questions from members of the committee? Mrs. Newman.

Mrs. Newman: I would just like to comment. I think this is a wonderful idea, and it's been a long time coming.

Mr. Walsh: Well, thank you. It'll certainly, hopefully, reduce our phone calls.

Mr. Beougher: Mr. Walsh, is the time changing at all? Has it always been 6? Or was it at 5:30?

Mr. Walsh: It has varied throughout the years here in this city.

Mr. Beougher: Okay.

Mr. Walsh: MORPC had set a date and then a range of times where you might want to do it, and all the times were different. Their range now is 6 to 8. And I felt that was an effective and appropriate range.

Mr. Beougher: Thank you.

Mrs. Newman: I think that's a good idea too. Because I know when it was earlier, parents who have to rush home from work and get their kids ready you know, to go trick-or-treating and all that kind of thing, it just gets too hectic. I think it's better to be a little bit later.

Mr. Beougher: I can attest to that. Beggar's night in Central Ohio is a traffic nightmare. And now that my son doesn't want me following him around, it might not be an issue. But back when I was taking him around, it was very difficult to get there when he wanted me there to take him around. Questions from members of Council? Mr. Stake.

Mr. Stake: Thank you, Chairman Beougher. I don't have a question. I just have a comment. I know you're going to make my wife very, very happy. Since we've moved to Reynoldsburg, she's wondered why Halloween wasn't on Halloween. So beggar's night wasn't on Halloween. But I do appreciate the thought you've put into this and the direction you've taken on this.

Mr. Walsh: Thank you.

Mr. Stake: Thank you.

Mr. Beougher: I believe that was one of her planks a few years ago.

Mr. Stake: I think it was.

Mr. Beougher: Anybody else? Mr. Baxter.

Mr. Baxter: Mr. Beougher, thank you. And I as well agree that the 31st, it makes sense to put it there. My only issue is, I see this as administrative action. Not a Councilmatic action. So taking an ordinance to do something that should be an administrative action, the Mayor should say, it's on the 31st, done. And I think we spend a lot of, too much time up here at this table making ordinances that should not be made. This should be an administrative action in my opinion. It

should be that simple. Mayor says it's the 31st, guess what Reynoldsburg, it's the 31st. It's that simple to me. That's my comment. Thank you.

Mr. Beougher: Thank you, Mr. Baxter. Would you like to respond to that?

Mr. Walsh: No.

Mr. Beougher: Okay. I think this year is instructive in that the date has been set for this year. But I see some wisdom in Council taking action and saying that from here on out, it's going to be on October 31. So I support the ordinance, and it eliminates any questions and gives us the right of refusal if somebody wants to change the date. Right?

Mr. Walsh: That's true.

Mr. Hills: Mr. Beougher.

Mr. Beougher: Mr. Hills.

Mr. Hills: Mr. Walsh, have we heard from other communities? Have you or the Mayor heard from others? Are they following this same MORPC recommendation?

Mr. Walsh: I didn't call other communities to ask them. I accepted what MORPC had sent out that they had done that work themselves.

Mr. Hills: And they passed this in December of '04?

Mr. Walsh: Back in December. Yes. Of 2004.

Mr. Hills: So we don't know for sure what they are. I mean, whether other cities are doing this. Have we heard anything? Mayor, have you talked to any of them?

Mayor McPherson: No. We pretty much decided to just, we thought it was a good idea to have beggar's night on Halloween. We had talked about it many years in the past. Even before Paul came here as the Parks and Rec Director. And the reason for bringing it to Council rather than just making it administrative action was the recommendation of MORPC. When you read through the package, you'll see they recommended a resolution. And we have no problem with whether it's a resolution or whether we do it administratively. And I guess, you know, we in Reynoldsburg tend to be cutting edge on a lot of things. So I guess we really, we aren't that concerned as to whether or not the other communities are doing it. We think from talking to the people here, and from what we've heard over the past years, that December 31, Halloween is when people would prefer to have beggar's night. And so that you know, is what we're recommending.

Mr. Hills: Okay. One follow up Mr. Beougher. The comment is to administrative versus legislative. We could debate that up here forever. I certainly would defer to the City Attorney for, if he doesn't think it's appropriate for an ordinance. Because it is administrative, it would be

nice to have that information before the discussions went on. So Mr. Underwood, do you have anything to add to that?

Mr. Underwood: You can do it by ordinance, resolution, or the administration. The Mayor could certainly do that. It's within his purview. You can do it any of those ways.

Mr. Hills: So in essence, you're saying that it is certainly appropriate if chosen, to do it be legislative action though an ordinance.

Mr. Underwood: You could do it that way. You could do it by resolution. As Mr. Baxter said, it could be by administrative _____.

Mr. Hills: Okay. Thank you. I don't know if that helps clarify for Council but it will be a question answered now.

Mr. Beougher: Thank you, President Hills. Mr. Clemens.

Mr. Clemens: I don't really care what day it's on. Because my kids got bushels of candy. Those five kids ate up everything they could get a hold of. But I always thought it was terrible to have it the same days as we had the party down here. But that really ruined the party and beggar's night. So I'm glad it's not going to be the same. I think that'll work out much better for the whole community.

Mr. Beougher: And as I recall, the party is on the 22nd which is the Saturday before the Halloween weekend. Okay. Any further discussion on this item? Mr. Baxter.

Mr. Baxter: If I could just give some clarity. It's not a matter of support, Paul. I support the need to have it on the 31st. I just think in my mind, it's an issue of how it's actioned. And that this body here should be focused on legislative actions rather than administrative ones and not to overstep our bounds. That's my point. That's it. Thank you.

Mr. Beougher: Well, what does the committee, what's the feeling of the committee at this point? Mr. Stearns.

Mr. Stearns: As far as whether it be administrative or legislative, I see no problem with it. Either way, it's a situation that we want to get accomplished. That we feel like it's nothing that needs to be done. So as far as I'm concerned, it could go in, it's here now. So let's act on it.

Mr. Beougher: Mrs. Newman.

Mrs. Newman: Well, I think it would be a good idea to do it legislatively and then maybe it won't come up again.

Mr. Beougher: Well, and I think that's the idea. Is that if we set it in concrete, it eliminates future debate. So with that, I will make a motion to send this forward to Council for the first reading on

September 12 as I guess, an ordinance. And we can maybe adjust that. But at this point, as an ordinance. Is there a second to the motion? Mrs. Newman with a second. All in favor, signify by saying aye. (All voted "Aye"). Any opposed? (No response). Motion carries.

And item 6, and the last item on our agenda is again, the Livingston House. Supplemental appropriation for replacement of the roof for the Livingston House, and also for painting supplies. And Mr. Walsh, I can't tell you how glad I am to see that we're re-roofing the Livingston House. Since I've been on Council, I've been thinking it's going to start leaking and we're going to be in trouble with all the expensive antiques and priceless memorabilia from the city in there. So I am certainly glad to see this. And if you will present it.

Mr. Walsh: We've had this on our list for a couple of years to try to get repaired. And we've pulled it off each time because of budgetary issues. So right now is an appropriate time to get this done. As you pointed out, there are no leaks that we know of at the moment. But the shingles are very old. The companies that looked at it all agreed that it did need to be replaced. It also includes tuck pointing the chimney. And it also includes some funding in case we find problems under the shingles that we would have to fix that you can't see. There are some funds in there as well. The gutters and down spouts are in awful bad shape as well. We do have some gutters that actually do have holes in them all the way through. And those definitely need to be replaced. The installation of the gutters, down spouts, and the roof itself, we're recommending one of the three that we got quotes from which is Able Roofing. They did come in with the lowest quote. We're also recommending that Parks and Recreation staff handle the painting of the gutters and such as it's not a large job and we can handle that one. So we're recommending the amount listed as, and with Able Roofing they do the job. It did come in under the \$10,000 bid limit without even any prompting from us. So that was good. Although the other two companies were higher. The amounts, Able Roofing came in at \$9,010. Benchmark Roofing came in at \$10,065. And Feazel Roofing came in at \$10,803.

Mr. Beougher: And I guess, Feazel Roofing, you'd have to know their slogan to know who submitted the bid because their name is not on the copy.

Mr. Walsh: The information from Feazel was very unusual. And there were a lot of pages in it. So I pulled out the specific pages that had their numbers on them and provided that in the packet. I wasn't sure exactly how to give that to you because it didn't, it was a very nice presentation but, there was a lot of stuff in there that was really extraneous.

Mr. Beougher: I have a couple of questions and concerns. You said the Parks and Rec staff is going to paint the down spouts?

Mr. Walsh: The gutters and down spouts that are getting installed. Yeah.

Mr. Beougher: And we're installing copper.

Mr. Walsh: Correct.

Mr. Beougher: We wouldn't want to let those be un-coated.

Mr. Walsh: Well, we could. The issues I have with copper are that they do end up eventually turning green.

Mr. Beougher: It's called patina.

Mr. Walsh: Yes. Well, the patina does drip on everything.

Mrs. Newman: It drips on everything doesn't it?

Mr. Walsh: The patina does drip on everything and that was my concern. The existing gutters and down spouts on the house are painted now. And I don't think you and I discussed this on the phone. I'm sorry I didn't do that. But our intent was to not make the changes to this building that are obvious. The shingles, we want the roof to look the same except it's new and not in bad shape. And we would like the gutters and down spouts to look exactly the same painted, but with no holes in them. So the idea was that the exterior of the building doesn't really change at all. That's the goal.

Mr. Beougher: Okay. You and I had a conversation about the quality of the shingles. The three tab is a pretty base level. The quote from Feazel, the three tab shingle that they quoted only has warranted up to a 60 mile per hour wind for wind damage. And I'm a little concerned with that. We usually design our roofs to be in the 70 to 80 mile per hour range. You can get that with a little higher grade shingle. And I guess my concern is, we have some money coming in to offset some diminished value. And this may be the one time we have to get it right. And this is a building listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It is a historic asset for the City of Reynoldsburg. And I guess I'm a little concerned that we get it right the first time and don't have to go back and do it again. And I know that you're concerned about the competitive bidding aspect of this. The other issue that I have is, I don't like to see roofers tuck pointing chimneys. Especially with the low temperature fired brick that is prevalent back in the day. And they tend to use Portland cement which is going to spawl the face off the brick. I guess I would rather see us look at a masonry restoration contractor for that part of the project. Or at least explore that possibility to see what the cost might be. And I also know that we're up against a time crunch. I put a roof on in October on my house and it was a perfect time to do it. And the bids probably are not good longer than when?

Mr. Walsh: Basically, 30 days.

Mr. Beougher: 30 days. Dated August 11. So even if we passed it next week as an emergency, we'd be beyond the...

Mr. Walsh: Yeah. And I don't anticipate them having a problem with that. They understand that they are bidding on a job for a government agency that doesn't turn it around that quickly.

Mr. Beougher: Okay. And you're asking for three readings on this?

Mr. Walsh: That's correct.

Mr. Beougher: And I will open this to questions from members of the committee at this point. Members of Council? Mr. Clemens.

Mr. Clemens: I have no problem with the bidding, or with the prices because looking at the two, they've bid different things. So I don't know what you've asked them to bid to start with. But the one that you've turned in, Able, it's a good company. And they are the lowest. The only thing I was going to bring up, ventilation means a lot to the roofs any more. I don't know, why didn't you go with a ridge vent instead of the, just a few of the old jobs where you cut a hole in the roof and put a vent on it?

Mr. Walsh: This roof doesn't currently have any ridge vent on it. It just doesn't have one.

Mr. Clemens: I don't think anybody really cares. Only ridge vent gives it a lot more ventilation and that's what they're using any more.

Mr. Walsh: There is a vent included in this.

Mr. Clemens: There is vents included but I think there's three. I think one company bid _____ the others.

Mr. Beougher: Yeah. And Able's bidding 8 hat vents which is not historically accurate at all. And one of the indications of heat damage is the curling of the shingles and that is definitely prevalent there.

Mr. Clemens: That's caused by not getting enough ventilation.

Mr. Beougher: Yeah. Absolutely. Absolutely.

Mr. Clemens: I know because I had my roof put on and they put 5 vents in it and didn't even cut the holes. That just shows you, you've got to watch people.

Mr. Walsh: Well, I could clarify one item. The national historic designation for this is for the site. It's not necessarily for the building itself.

Mr. Beougher: That's understood but....

Mr. Walsh: And I did check into that.

Mr. Beougher: It's a culturally significant site but that doesn't mean that we shouldn't treat it as a historic building. It's not architecturally significant as some other nationally listed sites are. However, it is a historic property and I'd like to see us be as _____ to the original design as we can afford to be without going overboard. And hat vents are not probably going to make me

very happy. So, Mr. Clemens.

Mr. Clemens: To get back to the ridge vent. I don't mean the metal or anything like that. You can get the old style. But the new ones, they match the roof and so forth. You can't even tell they're there really. But any how, it's just something to think about. Because to get ventilation in the roof is an important part of it.

Mr. Beougher: The other factor with ventilation at the ridge is you also need the _____ soffits. So you need to offset that. So something that might affect the way we do the project. Any other questions from members of Council? Mr. Baxter.

Mr. Baxter: Mr. Beougher, thank you. Paul, I look at this as an Ohio historic site. And my concern was this discussion led to was, the restoration of the building and insuring that the materials that were used in this site of which that building was originally designed would be considered in that build. So I know we're looking at certain types of shingles and vents and those type of things. And has there been any type of research into what it would have been on at the time the house was built? If we're going to spend this money and it's not going to be so much more in addition, I agree with Councilman Beougher here that if we have the time to take at this moment to make sure that we're going to stay as historically accurate as possible, we ought to do so. Secondly, I don't know if we really need to trouble with Ohio Historical Society touching a site like this without first getting approval. I don't know if we even need to do that. It just seems to me, I know that I've heard in the paper and places before, when other individuals try to make changes to older homes, they had issues with the Ohio Historic.

Mr. Walsh: I did look into that. And the answer that I got back was that, the site is considered historic. It is not the structure itself. If you go inside the structure, you'll notice there's a full kitchen with an electric range, a refrigerator, and a telephone. And those items obviously weren't there when Alexander Livingston was living there. We also have an alarm system built inside. That wasn't there. It's air conditioned as well. So it's not the structure that really is the issue. It is actually the site. So we can essentially make any changes that we would want to the building, not that we want to. But I mean, we can paint it purple if we wanted to. We could add on things if we wanted to. But we don't. But there isn't anything against doing something like that. Except for, we want to maintain as much of the historical accuracy as we can. But that house was lived in very recently obviously with modern appliances. It's certainly not historically accurate back to the time when Alexander Livingston was living there. So we don't have those controls on us.

Mr. Beougher: If we did, we'd have to tear off the front porch. Because it was not present at the time the building was constructed.

Mr. Walsh: That is probably true.

Mr. Beougher: And from Mrs. Parkinson's book, I believe the original shingle material was wood shakes. But I don't think that's appropriate for 2005. At least, not unless we want to maintain that every year.

Mr. Walsh: Yeah. That would be a challenge.

Mr. Beougher: Did you have a follow up, Mr. Baxter?

Mr. Baxter: You just hit the point I was making. If the roof was originally metal or wood, we ought to know that. And would that be a direction we wanted to head or not?

Mr. Beougher: I'm hearing some concerns, myself included, that maybe we ought to take a step back and make sure we are doing the right thing.

Mr. Baxter: I think we're doing the right thing Councilman Beougher. I think you're right where you need to be. We have an issue with the house, we ought to be addressing it. And I'm just looking at it from a more of a historic standpoint and that we focus in on it maybe a little bit more. And if the cost is more than, that's something Council can make a decision on. Personally, I think that is a site that is significant for Reynoldsburg and we should spend at least the due diligence and time to go back and say, yes. The cost would be 'x' to take it back to original. Or put a normal roof on it like you would have on your own house. You choose.

Mr. Walsh: Okay. I could get some, find some (a) photos and see if we can find out what it looked like. And (b), find out what it would cost to put shingles on this building that are more of like what it was when it was built. I can do that. No problem. I can pretty much guarantee it's going to be significantly over \$10,000.

Mr. Beougher: And it is. And I don't know that this Council is going to object to waiving competitive bidding on that if we're getting something of value. Mr. Clemens is giving me the eye.

Mr. Clemens: I have a hard time knowing what you're talking about. I don't know what you're talking about. Because if you're talking about going back and doing a house that was here 100 years ago, we could be talking about a ton of dough to make it look like it did.

Mr. Beougher: Right. I don't think we're talking about that.

Mr. Clemens: Yeah. And I wouldn't want to go competitive bidding on that certainly.

Mr. Beougher: But we could find a more appropriate shingle and maybe a higher quality shingle, and maybe do some things that might not look so modern. Such as the hat vents. Mr. Baxter.

Mr. Baxter: Mr. Beougher, I was thinking more pure and specific. So it doesn't have to be the material that was on that house, but something that takes it and dates it in that area. I'm not a historian. That's what I guess I'm saying. Is because we're not historians. Maybe we should have somebody who is, address Council and give us some options to what we can do with it. I'm all for putting a new roof on it if it needs to be done. We need to protect the investment. And I certainly don't want to delay the process Councilman Beougher, by going another path. But I think it's worth the time at least to bring somebody in to talk to us and educate us. Because at this

point, it's a roof or not. And I'm thinking historical.

Mr. Beougher: You bring up the second part of the fork in the trail. We could either go this route or find something a little more appropriate. Or we could go to our City Architect who's on retainer basically, and ask them to bring in a consultant. There's one here in town. There's one in Akron who might be able to give us some guidance at least. Maybe not to the extent of bid specs, but at least give us some direction, some advice. Let us know, let us have a more higher comfort level that what we're doing is appropriate for the building. And has the Livingston House Society, are they aware of this project? Are they informed?

Mr. Walsh: Yes. They've been asking me when we're going to re-roof the building since pretty much the day I started here.

Mr. Beougher: Yeah. I thought so. And I don't suppose they have a re-roofing fund that they'd like to contribute?

Mr. Walsh: No, sir. I don't think they do.

Mr. Beougher: Okay. I didn't think so. So, they spend their money on the inside. Mr. Stearns, yes.

Mr. Stearns: I've got a, Chairman Beougher, I've got a question. Now just a few moments ago, we were talking about whether this was an administrative issue in the last _____. What do we get into here? We have an ordinance here that's presented from the administration coming on asking for us to approve \$9,600 to put a new roof on a building that's potentially going to leak. And what are we doing now? Preparing to make some changes in that? Am I correct in that assumption? Are we going to look at this issue right here? What are we doing? Are we legislating or are we doing administrative work right now?

Mr. Beougher: I think we're trying to make sure that we're doing the right thing. And I think we're doing our job. And I would like to move this forward for a first reading. But in the mean time, as it goes through the reading process, I would like to have some confirmation that we are doing the right thing and that we're not going to regret what we do 20 years from now or less. So any way, that's what I would like to do.

Mr. Stearns: Well, what kind of roof do we have on it now?

Mr. Beougher: It is a three tab shingle roof that is curling up at the edges on almost every shingle. And the granules have delaminated from the asphalt and it is about 15 years past it's expected life is what I would say.

Mr. Stearns: And so this is a modern day roof, right?

Mr. Beougher: It is a modern day roofing material. That's correct.

Mr. Stearns: You're going to spend bookoo money to _____ restorations _____.

Mr. Beougher: Not necessarily.

Mr. Stearns: Okay.

Mr. Beougher: What I'm saying is, we could spend a little bit more and get something that's a little more aesthetically pleasing and appropriate to the historical nature of the site. And with that, are there any further questions, comments? Mrs. Newman.

Mrs. Newman: I'd just like to say I think there's some danger here that we might be going a little overboard. I tend to agree with Mr. Stearns that you know, it hasn't had a historically, what should we say, faithful roof probably for 50 years. So you know, if it's just restored the way it always has been, I see nothing wrong with that. I would not be prepared to go too far and spend too much money on _____. That's just the way I feel.

Mr. Beougher: Mr. Stake.

Mr. Stake: Thank you, Mr. Beougher. I agree with Mrs. Newman. It sounds to me we're making this more complicated than it needs to be. I imagine Able Roofing has a style of shingle that could maybe even look period specific. Or if there's something like the period. And I would be in favor of the ridge vent. I don't think that would add much more to the cost of it. And that's my 2 cents worth.

Mr. Beougher: Mr. Clemens.

Mr. Clemens: And I agree with Ron here. And as you know, and I know that Lane knows, there's 100 different patterns of roof shingles that you could choose from. And they're a heavier roof. And I agree, if we're going to put a roof on, whether it's three tab or what we go to, it should be a heavier quality of roof. Maybe a little more expensive but, and what roof we put on, I don't really care. I wish I would have kept my mouth shut to start with on this. But I would be in favor of going with a heavier roof no matter what we do. Go with a heavier one that will cost us a little bit more. It doesn't cost that much more but I'd rather go with a heavier roof no matter what pattern we go with.

Mr. Beougher: Alright. Thank you, Mr. Clemens. What I'd like to do at this point is send this forward for first reading and Paul, you can further examine our options.

Mr. Walsh: Absolutely. I'll have them for the next committee meeting.

Mr. Beougher: And if you need any advice or names of consultants or whatever, I'd be happy to help you there. Or samples. Any way, I would make a motion to send this forward for first reading to Council at the September 12 Council meeting. Is there a second? Mr. Stearns with the second. Any further discussion on this item? (No response). All in favor, signify by saying aye. (All voted "Aye"). All opposed? (No response). Motion carries. Thank you.

And with that, I will adjourn Community Development at 8:09.

Community Development Committee
-- -Nancy C. Frazier, Clerk of Council
September 6, 2005
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SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES September 6, 2005

Members of Service Committee present: Eric Gilbert, Antoinette Newman, Brett Baxter.
Other members of Council present: Mel Clemens, Lane J. Beougher, Ron Stake, Preston Stearns,
Council President William L. Hills.

Mr. Gilbert: I will call the Service Committee meeting to order at 8:09 p.m.

The second item on the agenda is the approval of the minutes of the July 18, 2005 Service Committee meeting. Are there any additions or deletions to those minutes? (No response). None being heard, they will stand as read.

Item number 3 is the approval of the agenda. I have several changes to the agenda this evening. Mrs. Frazier, per your memo, are you in receipt of the copies of the re-sent letters that you had requested from Mrs. Reichard in regards to items 8 and 9?

Mrs. Frazier: No.

Mr. Gilbert: Very well. I would like to, and also, for the members information, the applicant for item 13 at 256 and Slate Ridge Boulevard has requested that we hold this item for 2 weeks. We had received via fax, a request from Jill Tangeman today, the attorney for the applicant. So I'd like to make a motion to hold items 8 (Discussion, Adoption of Rules and Regulations and Forms/City of Reynoldsburg Right of Way ordinance), 9 (Discussion, Amendment of Ordinance No. 32-05 (Right of Way ordinance)), and 13 (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 - southeast corner of Lancaster Avenue and Slate Ridge Boulevard; from CC to PD and CS; applicant, Preferred Real Estate Investments II, LLC and C&T Slate Ridge LLC c/o Jill Tangeman, Esq. (18.96+/- acres)). Do I have a second? Second by Mr. Baxter. All those in favor, please signify by saying aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response).

Motion passes.

I would just like to note for the record, the members last week were in receipt of a letter from myself indicating that I have been presented with a new professional opportunity that will make it impossible for me to carry out my duties as the Council representative for Ward III. And I'm excited about this opportunity, but also saddened by the fact that I will be leaving Council (Tape Change) The administration, Mayor, President Hills, and members of Council past and present that have offered your support and guidance and constructive criticism which I'm sure at times, I've needed. So with no further ado, I just wanted to get that statement into the record.

And we will move on to item number 4, which is a proposed annexation for 123+/- acres in Etna Township. This item was approved, adopted, and received June 13 by the Licking County Commissioners. And as noted, with the members of Service earlier, I would like to make a motion that due to administrative issues surrounding this, and the fact that it is an expedited annexation, to move this forward with a recommendation for adoption as an emergency. Are there any questions or comments, members of Service? (No response). Other members of Council? (No response). None being heard, do I have a second? Second by Mrs. Newman. All those in favor, please signify by saying aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Motion passes.

Item number 5 is a Discussion, Acceptance of unrecorded easements and Limited Warranty Deed. I've been informed that we can put these all together in the form of one ordinance. Is that correct, Mrs. Frazier?

Mrs. Frazier: That's correct.

Mr. Gilbert: Very well. What I would like to do is just note that item (a) water utility deed for the JP Development Company, item (b) a water utility deed for Drury Inns, item (c) storm sewer utility deed, Drury Inns again, item (d) is a sanitary sewer utility deed, Drury Inns Inc., (e) is Limited Warranty Deed, Lillian Dolder, (f) is a sanitary sewer easement, Albert Dolder, (g) is a storm sewer easement, Albert Dolder. Are there any questions or comments on these easement requests from members of Service? (No response). Other members of Council? (No response). None being heard, I would like to make a motion that we forward these items on to the Consent Agenda for first reading. Do I have a second? Second by Mr. Baxter. All those in favor, please signify by saying aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Motion passes.

Item number 6 is a discussion for the authorization to advertise for bids for a new trash contract. This comes from Mrs. Reichard. Mayor, is there anything you care to add on this at this time?

Mayor McPherson: Well, I think everyone's aware, our contract expires with Rumpke. And we would like to go out for bids. And in order to do that, we need to get your authorization. So this is a request to bid our trash contract again. It expires now I believe, on the last day of November. The next contract would start on the first day of December and hopefully run for two years through

'07.

Mr. Gilbert: Very well. Thank you, Mayor. Any questions or comments, members of Service?
Mr. Baxter.

Mr. Baxter: Councilman Gilbert, this question is to the Mayor. Mayor, I received a letter this week in the mail discussing a pilot program. How does that pilot program fit into the contracts that you're looking to enter into?

Mayor McPherson: Well, as you're aware, when we contract with Rumpke, I assume you're referring to the recycling with the larger bins and all.

Mr. Baxter: Correct.

Mayor McPherson: Depending on the amount of recycling that we provide to Rumpke, we will give money back. So the more we recycle, the more money that we'll receive back. In this particular case, we're hoping to get to the point where we get money back. Because right now, we're not recycling in the city enough to get any money. And if this pilot program works and people start recycling more and more, then we'll expand this program throughout the city and eventually, should reduce the cost of our Rumpke contract, or whoever happens to get the next contract. And that's right in the contract, that we get so much back for our recycling.

Mr. Baxter: Okay. Follow up question if I could please, Councilman Gilbert.

Mr. Gilbert: Sure.

Mr. Baxter: The follow up question to that is that, the barrels that are going to be used in this pilot program are designed by particular types of trucks to pick up. Correct?

Mayor McPherson: Yes.

Mr. Baxter: And isn't Rumpke the only company locally, or that we have the ability to contract with to be able to utilize those recycles? Or do we have other contractors _____?

Mayor McPherson: There are other contractors that also use this type of recycling drum. And basically what it is, you've seen the bigger trash cans that have the little rod on the bottom? The picker comes along and just grabs the rod and picks it up. That's all it is basically. So any company can utilize their trash trucks even to pick up the recycling.

Mr. Baxter: Very good. Thank you, very much.

Mr. Gilbert: Mr. Hills, then Mr. Clemens. Did you have a question, Mr. Hills?

Mr. Hills: Yes I do. Mr. Gilbert, I appreciate that. And not that our Clerk's don't have plenty to do but, it sticks in my mind, I assume this is the same contract that we're going to let for 2 more

years. Correct?

Mayor McPherson: Correct.

Mr. Hills: Could I ask Mrs. Frazier, if it's alright with you Mr. Gilbert, that we double check our minutes from a couple of years ago? I seem to remember, there were some discussions of something we may want in the future contracts. But it was too late at the time to put it in. I don't know if that rings a bell with anybody else up here. But I don't, I can't remember what the subject matter was, but I know there was a discussion, but we had to have it done by December 1. Then we extend it for one month. We got a one extension. I don't know if Bill Underwood would still have it in his notes, but if we could check our minutes to see what that may have been. Because if it was good then, we ought to at least discuss it this time if there were some modifications.

Mr. Gilbert: I believe it was what we don't want in the contract.

Mr. Hills: It may be.

Mr. Gilbert: Which was I believe, an adjustment to the rate that had generated the overage where we had credited residents. I believe it was last year.

Mayor McPherson: I believe that Mr. Gilbert is correct. It was not something we wanted in. It was something we didn't want in the contract. And we can also look that up. One of the things that everybody needs to understand, the tipping fees etc. are just going crazy. And so we're hoping very, very much to even come in some place close to what we have this year. We're between a rock and a hard place basically. But we're hoping that by opening it up, we're going to get more bids. We also, as a member of SWACO, have had the SWACO team come out, sit down with us, and literally go over the contract and make any recommendations that they have for putting things in or taking things out. So if we're authorized to do this, when you get the contract, you're going to see, it's a very professional contract put together by professionals that deal in it day in and day out.

Mr. Gilbert: Okay. Mr. Clemens, and then Mrs. Newman.

Mr. Clemens: Mayor, I thought I was a professional when I did the other contract years ago. But, Mr. Gilbert and I have talked about this, you know, we have had 10% overage on that that goes into the city funds. And we had discussed this before to cut that down. The 10% goes into our city funds. We've built up a fund. As a matter of fact, Mr. Gilbert and myself and Council, we gave a quarter back to the public last year. A quarter of a year on their bills in which we were hoping to do another quarter for the people. I see no reason to collect the 10% any more. To drop it down maybe to 5% or even lower. And I think that should be looked at and I think that's something you should consider to look at before you send it back. Because all we did was build up a fund of about seven hundred and some thousand dollars. And we don't need that. We only need a portion to pay our percentage of the employee that takes the, that helps the billing on that. I don't believe in collecting money just to have it there and then all at once there's money there and we're going to spend it when it's money we wouldn't have to take in and possibly could give seniors

more of a discount. So I wish you would look at that 10% that we do collect and readjust it to where you think it's fair and then bring it back to us.

Mayor McPherson: We are presently looking at that very issue. I can assure you that when this comes back to Council, that 10% will not be in there.

Mr. Gilbert: Great. Thank you, Mayor. Mrs. Newman.

Mrs. Newman: Well I have a question as to why we haven't given the people back the other 3/4 if it's an overage that should not have been collected to begin with.

Mr. Clemens: Well, it's not something that it shouldn't have been collected. When we first started, we really didn't know what we were getting into and what it was going to cost us to operate it. It was all new and so forth, and the recycling, we were the first in the county to do it and we were ahead of everybody. And it just happened, it stayed there and we just kept building, it just kept building and building up. And I agree with you. We're going to have to look at it come the first of the year and see how we stand, and see how we stand as far as being able to pay the portion that we have to pay to our Water Department on the billing and so forth. And we should keep a little bit in there but I don't think it's something that we need. When it first started, we didn't know whether we were going to end up having to buy equipment. We didn't know what was going to happen. So that's why we tried to build the fund up. But as we do now, and since we bid it all out, and it's all under contract, there's no reason to be collecting that 10% and it could go back to the people. And like I say, the first of the year we can see how we stand in that fund. And if we're able to give another portion of it back, I fully agree with you. We should.

Mr. Gilbert: The fund needed to rebuild after the credit of last year, and that's why it hadn't been addressed to this point. And we were going to look at it when the contract authorization came back up to see where the fund stood. And then also deal with the 10%. See about removing that. That's what we had discussed when it came forward. Mrs. Newman.

Mrs. Newman: Then I had another question about these barrels. Where are they going to be put? And are we going to do away with the individual little boxes that everyone has been using at their houses or what? Are we going to have these big, ugly barrels sitting around in the neighborhood that people are going to put their stuff in?

Mayor McPherson: It's going to be basically, the same size as your trash can. And it will be recycling. So instead of seeing two, or three, or four of these little red things sitting out, you'll see one receptacle for recycling.

Mrs. Newman: Does that include paper products too?

Mayor McPherson: That includes paper products, aluminum. Everything that you could put in your recycling bins now, you can put into these recycling barrels.

Mrs. Newman: Is each household going to get a barrel? Or are you going to have....

Mr. Gilbert: It's a targeted program. The letter was in the packet Mrs. Newman.

Mrs. Newman: I didn't understand the letter though is the problem. It sounded like a huge barrel per neighborhood.

Mayor McPherson: It tells what the target area is.

Mr. Gilbert: The targeted area is to see how it works funded by SWACO. Not by the city Refuse Fund.

Mrs. Newman: Alright. Fine. Thanks.

Mr. Gilbert: Mr. Clemens.

Mr. Clemens: And I can see that it had to be a good program because I'm all for recycling. But I think it's something we're going to have to watch. Because I see those red ones sit out at the curb all week long. For that recycling, I sure don't want to see a big one sit out there all week. So that's something we're going to have to keep our eye on.

Mr. Gilbert: Mr. Hills, then Mr. Stake.

Mr. Hills: Go ahead, Mr. Stake.

Mr. Stake: Thank you, President Hills. Thank you, Chairman Gilbert. Mayor, when you do send, I guess when we do this contract, what I'd like to see is that you figure out what a safe reserve would be to have in that fund.

Mayor McPherson: Absolutely.

Mr. Stake: What the expenses would be. Other expenses other than what we're being charged, and have that in your recommendation.

Mayor McPherson: That will be included. What we're doing now is breaking down by cost area where the money is being spent. What we can spend it for, and perhaps what we should be spending it for that we're not. And so when you get the recommendation, that will all be broken down for you.

Mr. Stake: Okay. And thank you. Then I guess if there's anything left over in that fund, we can return it to the citizens. At least that would be my suggestion.

Mr. Gilbert: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Stake. Mr. Hills.

Mr. Hills: Just to clarify. And Mr. Gilbert, I don't know if it was you or the Mayor but, similar to what Mr. Stake is saying, if this motion is passed requesting the authorization to advertise for bids, but you say we're going to see the contract, you don't need...

Mayor McPherson: You're going to see the proposal. I'm sorry. Not the contract.

Mr. Hills: We're going to see the proposal. Okay. And that proposal will be for the contract because it will be attached. It'll be, this is what we want done and it's by the city. Do you really want this motion before we've seen the contract? I mean the proposal. You say we're going to see it, but we need the motion before. Because we pass this right now, and....

Mayor McPherson: We're just trying to get out in front of it. Typically, these contracts come up and we're down to the 60 days or 90 days. And we're still working with SWACO to get the actual proposal put together. But we'd like to have this in place so that when we get the proposal, that we're ready to roll with it. And again, we of course will copy City Council with that proposal. But we'd like to be in a position that when we get the proposal, to roll with it. The SWACO people are not going to recommend a contract that's going to be adverse to the City of Reynoldsburg. So that's why we're bringing it to you now. We could wait until the end of September or October until we actually got the document, but again, then we'd be into the push and shove at the end of the year and we just don't want to do that. So, that's entirely a Councilmatic decision as to whether or not they will pass this before they get the actual proposal.

Mr. Hills: Are you saying then, before you'd advertise for bids, we will have seen the proposal and had the opportunity to ask questions as to the proposal?

Mayor McPherson: That's correct.

Mr. Gilbert: Mr. Clemens.

Mr. Clemens: Just one minor thing Mayor. I've dealt with SWACO many years too. And they do a good job. But they're an organization, it is prime always for adding additional personnel for additional jobs. I hope this is not something that they're considering too, and you're considering. Mayor McPherson: We're not going to hire anybody.

Mr. Gilbert: Any other questions or comments from Council? (No response). I think with that, Mr. Hills' concerns addressed, we'll have the proposal prior to the bids going out. Creates a comfort level for Council and it's important to get this moving. So with no further ado, I'd make a motion that we forward this as a motion on to Council with a recommendation for adoption. Do I have a second? Second by Mr. Baxter. All those in favor, please signify by saying aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Motion passes.

Item number 7 is Discussion, Request to grant easement to Columbia Gas of Ohio for installation of pipelines. Mr. Walsh.

Mr. Walsh: Thank you, Chairman Gilbert.

Mr. Gilbert: You're on both committees tonight.

Mr. Walsh: Yeah. I'm all over the place.

Mr. Gilbert: I'm still trying to figure out what I did to the Clerk's over the August recess to get piled on like this.

Mr. Walsh: I think they were wondering what I was doing too. There's a park, a new park that's located off of Rodebaugh Road just east of Waggoner. It's the park that has the new access path going through it to the middle school. When the middle school was built, Columbia Gas ran a gas line from Waggoner Road to the middle school. And what they're requesting is that they get an easement across the park so that they can connect the gas line from the school to the gas line that's currently on Rodebaugh Road. This is a pretty typical circular connection. We do these with water lines and such so that they have service still to the school if one line breaks or the other. Columbia Gas has agreed to pay \$2,000 for the easement. They offered that. I'd be happy to accept that on our behalf if you agree to it. This line will also be, it will be bored underground so there's not going to be disturbance except where the borer goes in and the borer comes out. It will not affect the path that was put in. And it will not entail taking out any trees or anything else on the site. So it's a pretty unobtrusive type arrangement. I think you have all the documentation. The letter from _____. The information from Columbia Gas concerning the easements and all of that. And if there's any questions, I'll be happy to try to answer them.

Mr. Gilbert: Thank you, Mr. Walsh. Members of Service? (No response). Other members of Council? Mr. Stearns.

Mr. Stearns: Thank you, Chairman Gilbert. Paul, what size line is this going to be?

Mr. Walsh: I believe it calls it out. Four inch line.

Mr. Stearns: And it's going to be down underground?

Mr. Walsh: It is all underground.

Mr. Stearns: Okay. Thank you.

Mr. Gilbert: Does this raise any questions from other members of Council? Mr. Beougher.

Mr. Beougher: Thank you, Chairman Gilbert. Mr. Walsh, I see the location of the easement is adjacent to the property to the east.

Mr. Walsh: Correct.

Mr. Beougher: When they install the line, I assume they can do so without causing damage to that property and I assume that property owner will be notified by Columbia Gas before that work commences.

Mr. Walsh: I don't know if Columbia Gas will notify an adjacent property owner. But I do know that it will not affect their property at all.

Mr. Beougher: Because this is within walking distance of my house and they'll show up on my door before they get the first spade full out.

Mr. Walsh: I can let Columbia Gas know they should be notifying the neighbors.

Mr. Beougher: Thank you.

Mr. Gilbert: Any other questions or comments? (No response). There was no indication here in terms of any type of expedited process. So we'll just move this forward to Council for its first reading on the Consent Agenda. Do I have a second? Second by Mrs. Newman. All those in favor, please signify by saying aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Motion passes.

Item number 10 is an update on the sanitary sewer extension project at Taylor and Main.
Mr. Parkinson. Welcome back.

Mr. Parkinson: Thank you. It's good to be back. We don't have a lot to report. We haven't made a lot of movement on this. We are meeting this week in fact, to try to formulate our position on where we want to go. The Taylor Road improvements include a segment of the sewer that'll get it to the north side of Main Street. And we just really haven't decided yet what we want to do from this point forward. We're going to start pulling those decisions together starting this week.

Mr. Gilbert: Okay. Another update in two weeks?

Mr. Parkinson: Two weeks.

Mr. Gilbert: Great. Thanks, Mr. Parkinson. We'll hold item 10 for two weeks.

Item number 11 is an Ordinance to Amend the Official Zoning Map of the city. This is at 9366 and 9370 Taylor Road from Ag to AR-2C. This item was referred to the Planning, for the September 1 Planning Commission and I believe it received a recommendation from the Planning Commission. The applicant is here this evening. Are there any questions or comments from members of Service at this time? (No response). Other members of Council? (No response). This item has had one reading. And I would like to make a motion that we forward this on to Council for its second reading on the Consent Agenda. Do I have a second? Second by Mrs. Newman. All those in favor, please signify by saying aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Motion passes.

Item number 12 is an Ordinance to Amend the Official Zoning Map of the city. This is also at 9366 Taylor and 9370 Taylor Road from Ag to a classification of CC, 8.4 acres. This item also received a recommendation from the Planning Commission. Are there any questions or comments from members of Service? (No response). Other members of Council at this time? (No response). None being heard, I'll make a motion that we forward this on to Council for its second reading on the Consent Agenda. Do I have a second? Mrs. Newman with the second. All those in favor, please signify by saying aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response).

Motion passes.

And I will adjourn Service at 8:34 p.m.

Service Committee

- - -Nancy C. Frazier, Clerk of Council

September 6, 2005

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FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

September 6, 2005

Members of Finance Committee present: Ron Stake, Mel Clemens, Eric Gilbert, Lane J. Beougher.

Other members of Council present: Preston Stearns, Brett Baxter, Antoinette Newman, Council President William L. Hills.

Mr. Stake: I'd like to call the September 6 Finance Committee to order at 8:35.

The next item on the agenda is approval of the minutes of Finance Committee meeting held July 18, 2005. Are there any changes to those minutes? (No response). None being heard, they'll stand as submitted.

Item number 3 is approval of the agenda. Does anybody have any changes to the agenda? (No response). Before I go to item number 4, I'd like to thank Mr. Clemens for being ready to fill in for me if I didn't make it back in time. I appreciate that Mel.

Mr. Clemens: And I didn't mean to add this without questioning you because I didn't think you were going to be here. I'm sorry.

Mr. Stake: That's okay. No problem. I don't have a problem with this item, Mel. The Mayor and I had discussed this earlier in the summer. He said he was going to bring something forward in September and I was waiting for him to do that. But I would imagine he's prepared to discuss this today.

Mrs. Frazier: Mr. Stake, I need to back up just one minute. Mr. Clemens, were you going to add the Resolution of Amounts and Rates for Mr. Turner?

Mr. Clemens: Yes.

Mrs. Frazier: It's from Franklin County. I think you got it in the packet. Mr. Turner talked to Mel and asked if he had that. Because it has to be back by the 1st and they just got it in the Auditor's office.

Mr. Stake: Then let's back up and go to approval of the agenda then. We'll add that as 3a. So I'd like to add the Resolution to accept the amounts and rates authorizing the necessary tax levies for Franklin County as 3a. Do I have a second? Second by Mr. Clemens. All in favor, state aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Motion passes.

3a is the Resolution to accept the amounts and rates authorizing the necessary tax levies from Franklin County. I believe this is an annual thing that we do. Is the Auditor here at all? (No response). Anybody from the Auditor's office? (No response). Okay. Per Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.34, the City of Reynoldsburg is required to accept the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certify them to the County Auditor. There is an emergency being asked on this. The members did receive these, I believe in their packets over the weekend. Are there any questions on this from members of the committee? (No response). Members of Council? (No response). Okay. Then I will make a motion that we send this forward to Council with a recommendation for adoption as an emergency. Do I have a second? Second by Mr. Clemens. All in favor, state aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Motion passes.

Okay. Item number 4, Discussion, Pay raise for Chapter 160 employees. And this is at

the request of Mr. Clemens. Mayor, do you want to fill in the rest of the Council members of what you're looking to do?

Mayor McPherson: Sure. Well, as we talked, I had indicated to Council I'd be bringing something down to you in September. I still plan to. We'll have everything in your packet for this Friday and hopefully we can start discussing the issue next week. It would appear from all the numbers that we've worked up that, to provide the increase for July of 2005 through December 31, it's going to run about 37, \$38,000. And we've broken it down by General Fund, Income Tax Fund, Street, Water, Sewer, and Storm. So when you get the legislative request, you'll know which department is providing how much of that. What the breakdown is. And as I say, we'll be bringing that recommendation down to you this week so you have it in your packet for the weekend.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Mel.

Mr. Clemens: Thank you, Mayor. Maybe I misunderstood. Was there any consideration of that being retroactive to the first of the year?

Mayor McPherson: No. If you'll recall, when we first talked about it, we tried to make it consistent with the union and they split it into two groups. So much the first half of the year, so much the second half of the year. We've already provided the first half of the year, and now we're asking for the second half of the year to be retroactive to July through December 31.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Any other questions from members of the committee? (No response). Members of Council? (No response). Okay. Well, we'll be expecting to see that Mayor. Thank you.

And I will adjourn the Finance Committee meeting at 8:40.

Finance Committee
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