

MINUTES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
REYNOLDSBURG CITY COUNCIL
September 2, 2014

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

President of Council Doug Joseph was present.

Councilwoman Kelly called the meeting to order at 7:30pm

Approval of Agenda.

Approval of the minutes of the Community Development Committee Meeting held 07/21/2014

Discussion: Authorize cooperation agreement for CDBG Program Renewal & Extension.

Mr. McCloud: Thank you Chairman Kelly and members of Council, what you have before you is somewhat routine. We have entered into these agreements before, it's simply the spirit of cooperation in essence it doesn't bind us to anything, however it does make us eligible for potential grant funding in the future.

Mrs. Kelly: And if we did not from reading over it, I just want to clarify, if we did not approve this, there would be some actual ramifications that are no longer available. Can you go into more detail about that just to make sure? Do you know, can you go into detail about what some of those are?

Mr. McCloud: Dan probably can more in detail, drag him up here.

Mrs. Kelly: I just want to put that out there because I think that's important.

Mr. McCloud: I agree.

Mr. Havener: Basically, what these funds are used is for the lower income, middle income areas where housing needs assistance for, or businesses could use assistance such as situations for areas like the downtown revitalization of it, if businesses would like some funds to improve their facilities, or along the Brice Road corridor for instance. There had been some interest expressed to be by businesses along the Brice Road corridor for improvement of their facilities to kind of go in line with the improvements that are currently being done with the roadway and infrastructure. So these kinds of funds could go towards a function such as that.

Mrs. Kelly: So would these businesses apply to the organization for the funds or would the City apply for it?

Mr. Havener: The city would take care of that for them.

Mrs. Kelly: Ok, the City would apply for them. And this is something that we, let me see if I remember this correctly, this is something we've actually be a part of for some time. This is not a new thing.

Mr. Havener: That's correct; we've been part of it for a while now, since way before I go there.

Mrs. Kelly: Ok, are there any other questions?

Mr. McGrady: Dan, so would this be, say a business comes to you for renovations for.. Would this be a loan? Or...

Mr. Havener: It could be a loan from the City to the businesses where it would be a matching fund type situation, but yes, it would be a loan type situation.

Mr. McGrady: Thank you.

Mrs. Kelly: and we need this passed as an emergency correct?

Mr. McCloud: Yes.

Mrs. Kelly: Ok, any other questions? Ok, then I would like to send this forward to Council for approval as an emergency.

Mr. McGrady: So moved.

Mrs. Kelly: Can I get a second? Second by Councilman Long.

All voted Aye by voice vote. Motion passed.

Mrs. Kelly: Thank you. With that, I will close the Community Development Committee meeting at 7:33pm

Community Development Committee
- - -April L. Beggerow, Clerk of Council
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MINUTES SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING
REYNOLDSBURG CITY COUNCIL
September 2, 2014

Call to Order by Councilman Clemens at 7:34pm

Approval of agenda

Approval of minutes of the Service Committee meeting held 07/21/2014

Discussion of Special Exception Use Permit #165994 2990 Ayers Drive Proposed Use Automotive Sales Business.

Mr. Clemens: I had this placed on the agenda for a reason. Basically because it is. . . That's my ward. Ward 4. I believe this is a situation that is out of place and should be looked at. I don't know how many of you have had a chance to go and look at what we are talking about. It is a section of town that needs help and we are working on other sections of the town to help it. This happens to be a section that is a really nice looking section and probably as apartment units for families. One story. (Inaudible) roofs. Cherry Blossom Apartments is the name of it. Really nice looking. Probably as nice looking as any apartments we have in Reynoldsburg. Across the street are duplexes. Two families. Two stories. The whole street is and this is a section that they gave a SEUP for a trucking company. I have no problem with the trucking company. I assume a respectable business. That does not happen to be the problem. The problem is it's in a neighborhood of children; of families and families live there. To me it is not right to just up and without having a hearing or even discussing it for a week or two to do something like this that the people don't even know about this. They live there. They raise their families. They have no idea that we are sitting here tonight going to change their lives, change where they live and where their family lives by adding an addition across the street from them a trucking facility that is going to handle used trucks for sale. Changing their bodies. Putting on trailers. Putting on chassis. Cleaning them and putting them up for sale. Have them taken out and driving them around and so forth. I can understand that but it is in a neighborhood of all families. To the south of it or to the west of it about a block and a half away is the site of Home Depot. There is a small pond in between them. There is a drive from Home Depot that goes to this section of street but it is blocked off because Home Depot doesn't want people running in and out or driving through their property and so forth. To get to this property you have to come to Birchview Drive. Drive down Birchview past the apartments. Pass the daycare center. To pass other apartments to Pinetree and Pinetree turns and goes south which is apartments? Two families' apartments. You hit Avery Drive and that is two family plus other apartments. It has one section as you hit there that used to be a couple restaurants years ago. We talk about years ago. I'm not talking about yesterday. I'm talking about before some of you were born. It's been a long time ago. It's been sitting there. People have questioned me when I was down there you know they have even been tagged or slips for having to cut their grass and yet this looks like a mess down there. Why this has never been taken care of in the last 20 years is not this administrations fault. It's probably my fault from back in them days because I was here. I am as responsible as anyone else letting this property sit like it is. Other than this property looking like a bunch of trash the homes down there look good. Cherry Blossom Apartments is really nice. There are some other single family roads back in through there. The idea of having trucks and I know there are not going to be that many come back and forth. They say 19 footers and then they say 40 footers. Whatever. Driving back and forth testing them. There are two ways out of this. There are 2 that go into it. One drive right now has got a used car sitting with weeds growing around it. I don't know why that is there. It should have been gone a long time ago. But anyhow that is there and then you drive down by all these homes and so forth. They also said that they are going to be all diesels. New diesels are a little quiet. They got done telling me that everything here is going to be used. So anyhow diesels are not quiet. I know what a diesel engine is. . . starting up to drive it so and I understand that is the why this operates for this trucking

company. I am sure they do the best they can but that is not the proper place to put it there. At least not before the people that live down there know about it. We sit here for year arguing about little dogs and chickens and now in 1 night nobody even knew about it. That is what gets me. That is why people in this town wonder what we are doing and why they don't trust us half the time. I am not asking anybody to vote any direction or any situation like that. All I am asking is take the time out and to send this to council for the first reading and come back. That will give everybody the chance to go down and take a look at it and see what the situation is and then have a vote and if you think it should be like that then fine. I have no argument with that then. I do think that it is worth taking a look at. It is my ward and it's been my ward for almost 16 years now. We are trying to build it up. We have nothing but churches, daycare centers and dollar stores. We are putting in some new road and that will help. Like Dan said we are trying to put other businesses in there. This is not a start on that. If you read the paper about a month ago-the property value dropped 15% in all of Ward 4. I got it in the mail. Everything in Ward 4 went down \$15K right there. A lot of Reynoldsburg. A lot of it went down 10. Some went down less. I feel that we owe it to the people in that district-down by the Jr. High and so forth that we owe it to them to at least look at it and then make a decision. I'm sure there may be someone here to talk from the company and I appreciate that. Please give your name and address.

Robertson Truck Sales, Ethan Robertson, 18 Olde Farm Road Granville, Ohio: I appreciate everyone taking the time out to hear this. I appreciate a lot of your concerns Mr. Clemens. A lot of your concerns are very true on some of the parts that you bring up. I feel like there are some misconceptions from the readings before on what this is and what we do as a company and what this particular sales lot will be used for. A little background about us: We started in 1984 by my father. Primarily a medium and heavy duty truck and equipment house. Our main business model is to buy used chassis and we change the intended use for them. We take their primary use-say they were an on road truck that ran refrigeration or ran freight with it-we bring it to our shop in Mount Vernon and we change the use from a freight truck to a dump truck. We cater to landscape and construction market. People along that line. Not the general public. It is not a car lot where we sell high volumes of vehicles. This is a very specialized market. We maybe sell from the past 5 years around 350 trucks a year. It is a low volume specialty market that we sell too. The high traffic like an automotive sales facility which is what many of you are picturing in your head. It is not that type of facility at all. We don't sell 30-40 cars on a weekend. We maybe sell 30 trucks in a whole month. The use that we are looking at there would be the sales lot for Robertson Truck Sales. Right now we are currently in Mount Vernon, Ohio. That is where we do all of our fabrication, our up fitting and our general maintenance on these trucks. This is a very good opportunity to be on a main US route. Route 70. That is the main reason why we are looking at this property. It has great road visibility on 70 but it does have poor access to get to. I think that is the reason why many other businesses have been deterred from it. The access is horrible to get back there. It makes it challenging. Speaking with the realtor we have discovered that there is an easement in place well that was in place for Home Depot. It might be something still on the table today in order to use that for trucks to reduce the traffic like you say. Our basic business model like I spoke about earlier was to prep the trucks in Mount Vernon, Ohio we change the use for them. This would just be a strictly sales lot. There wouldn't be any up fitting. There wouldn't be any type of general maintenance in this facility. The reason there was a building proposed was that for the state of Ohio you have to have a dealers license you have to have a facility in order to fit one particular vehicle in there what you are selling in order to get a dealers license you have to have a host of other things but it has to have a building there. What we would use the building for is primarily if a truck we sold needs a battery changed or a flat tire or a new or different set of tires or if the buyer wanted a few things added to the truck. It would not be for the general public. Those things would be done in this shop instead of having to go to the main shop all the way in Mount Vernon. I don't know if you have the slides that show what we currently do. April has been kind enough to help us out.

Showing slides of facility and trucks. Facility in Mount Vernon is 16 acres. Built in 2012 and is 24 thousand sq. feet. Facility in Columbus is just for the sale of the truck themselves. Much lower volume than a car lot.

The Basic facility itself I feel that we are a good neighbor. I understand that there is a residential community next to it as well as Home Depot. At our current facility we are adjacent to a retirement trailer park. We border the on 2 sides and there are about 60 trailers. We know what it is like to be a good neighbor. You can see our sales lot on one side and our fabrication lot on the other side. There were many concerns from the community when we put our fabrication facility in right next to their homes and backyards. We addressed that by planting screening. We planted 15 foot pine trees all along the border in an effort to be a good neighbor. We didn't want them to be upset about the business next to them just like they didn't want to have to look at trucks. We did not want to quarrel with our neighbors. We have had zero complaints since we have put our facility in. There were initial complaints as far as dust when the building was being built but once the facility was up and running we haven't had any complaints so we do know what it is like to be a good neighbor. We give back to the community. We donate to local fundraisers and charities. We are not trying to come in here and trying to push our way into a community. We want to be involved with the community and we want to grow with the community. The trucks that you can see in some of the photos will be the ones coming onto the lot and ready for retail sale. They won't need oil changes or service or anything along those lines. They will be ready for sale. We primarily sell to landscapers, contractors and construction companies. It is not a normal consumer base like a car would be. These are business oriented vehicles that we are selling. Nothing over the road or class 8. We don't deal with the general classic freight hauler. We deal with the vocational use where they are local or regional type hauls. Refrigeration is some of the stuff we deal in. The trucks coming to the the facility are prepped and ready for retail sale. No reconditioning at the location. You brought up a point with regard to the noise. They are diesels and they do make more noise than gasoline engines do. We have an account with FedEx. We do hydraulic fits for FedEx. The noise factor is something to be concerned about. Our normal hours are 8am-5:30pm Monday-Friday. Saturdays 8am-Noon. Obviously hours can be amended. In the last BZBA meeting they asked if we could adjust the hours to 9am as opposed to 8am. We do not have any problem with that. We are not a freight company. We are not running multiple units in and out constantly. We are low volume. We are only selling about 30 a month. The truck traffic coming in and out of there is not what you are thinking when you think of a "trucking" company. The people that buy these trucks yes they may test drive the trucks before but it is not like a normal consumer who would drive 5 or 6 or 7 cars. The customers are usually established and know what they want. We have a good reputation for selling quality used trucks. This is a market where there is not a lot of this type of vehicle out there with the used equipment with the new body on them. The constant test drives and in and out of traffic I don't feel would be as worrisome as what has been brought up. The traffic on this type of property would not be as nearly as much as any retail sales business or like a doctor's office or some of the other permitted uses for this property. We would have at most 5-10 customers a day. A lot of the work is done over the phone and a lot of it is done by purchasing agents. They come and inspect the trucks and when they buy them they are taking them off the lot. In order to replenish inventory we will have to drive more on the lot. The traffic count shouldn't be any higher than say a restaurant. When Cantina Del Rio was here with customers coming in at all times throughout the day and night and on weekends. The trucks run and they do make noise. We are not running all the trucks at once or anything like that on the lot. If there is 40-50 trucks they are primary sitting there for sales. If a customer looks at it they will start one up to listen to it before they buy it. No more noise than what is coming off of 70 right now. These people are living off of a major interstate so there is already noise. I do not feel that this noise would be any more of a burden than what is already there. With a screening plant up around it I don't think this is going to be a negative impact on the community like it was brought up earlier. Here I have some articles and statistics on the Brice Road corridor that was in the news recently. An article [Can Brice Road Retail Be Saved?](#) An older article in the paper [Reynoldsburg City Officials Hope Road Upgrade Lure New Businesses.](#) I know you guys are very pro-business for the City of Reynoldsburg obviously it generates a lot of tax

revenue and property value increases. You spoke of the decrease in property values over the past year or so in your ward particularly sighting some properties. There has been some work in the Pittsburgh and Philadelphia area actually on how vacant lots were actually bringing down property values and how they are a deterrent to neighborhoods as opposed to having a viable business or residential structure there in the neighborhood.

“The most obvious complaints about vacant abandoned lots are that they are eye sores but the problems go much deeper than that because vacant properties lower the value of surrounding homes by up to 20% and they also increase violent crime including gun assaults and cost the city more than 20 million annually for police, fire protection and maintenance.” Philadelphia News.

I thought this was interesting. This lot has been vacant for so long that lead me to question when we first looked at it “is this a viable spot for us to move into? The type of business we run we like the volume off of 70 but this type of property where people will seek it out if they know it is there. It is not high traffic constant in and out deal that we are after so in speaking with my realtor and Bob Evans who currently owns the location it was one of the main reasons why they have not been able to sell this property. It has such bad road exposure off of Brice Road, It is a burden to get back there. The property is a hard sell for this reason. What type of business would want to even go in somewhere like that? We feel we would be a perfect fit. We have the road visibility off of 70 however the access is not good. That doesn’t bother me as much because people are able to seek us out to find us because they know that we are back there but like I said it is not high volume type that we are after. We are after the businesses that are buying these not the general public. There is a picture of the lot currently because I know that most of you haven’t had the chance to go to the lot. I took some photos when I was there Monday.

Showing and explaining pictures of the lot to the council members.

The retail ramifications of being there are very poor so we feel like our business is a good fit. We are low volume type of dealership that sells trucks to business consumers not the public. We are actually looking to utilize the lot for a sales lot. We will then construct a new building on the current footprint where the Cantina Del Rio used to be.

Showing more pictures and explaining them to the council members.

Luckily this is bordering the back of their property so this is on the garage side of them of which they are having to when they pull in their property. There are no backyards on these properties. It is not as detrimental as it sounds like. We would like to plant trees for screening along there to help be a good neighbor. They are not having to look at this vacant lot with all of these problems which is an eye sore. We would like to plant trees to help block them from them the trucks. These are retail ready trucks. Not some busted up trucks. They are \$30 \$40 \$50 \$60 thousand dollar trucks.

More pictures for council.

We are working with an asphalt company to help repair the busted broken down lot. We actually found some .32 shell casings on the property over on the southwest side. They were spent casings and 1 live round. Putting a viable business. It decreases crime and it increases your tax revenue. We are a good fit for this neighborhood. We are on the fringe of the neighborhood not in the heart the crux of it. The property has been neglected for years.

Mr. Clemens: Do you have something that pertains to the lot?

Mr. Robertson: Yes I do. I am in a contract with Bob Evans for purchasing this property that are contingent on passing the zoning for this type of property on this type of lot. I have until September 30th to obtain or I have to default on my contract. There is a default buyer. It is a landscaper company. I don't feel that this lot has a lot of possibilities for other things other than businesses who will have the same volume of traffic on a daily bases.

Mr. Long: Mr. Robertson, how many employees are you going to be employing at this location?

Mr. Robertson: In our current location we have 45 employees. For the new location we are looking at 4-8 employees and most of them will be office staff and sales men. There will be no major work down on the trucks at this location. There will be someone to do minor things on the trucks and someone to tidy up the office. We are also looking to add a wash bay if allowed so that we can at least clean the cars before being sold.

Mr. Long: You submitted drawings of the building. What type of capital investment are you looking to make on the property?

Mr. Robertson: For this particular building it is about \$280K and that does not include electric, plumbing, heating and anything along those lines. We are roughly looking at with the property cost it will be about \$700K by the time we are done. It is not a small investment well at least for me it is not. It is a sizeable investment.

Mr. Long: It beats a vacant lot.

Mr. Clemens: There weren't drawings of the building. It didn't say the building really. Read the small print at the bottom.

Mr. Long: I am in Mel and I was asking if his was a representation. I am not saying this is the building they are planning. What were they planning? What capital wise are they investing.

Mr. Robertson: You can pull that drawing up. That is actually from an architect I met with for a general service facility. This is not our current facility. It was drawn thinking along the lines of this particular property in general. It is just an artist rendering so it is up for board review and everything associated with that. This was just a conceptual drawing showing a footprint of what we want to do.

Showing building drawings.

Mrs. Kelly: When your clients come to purchase the trucks I would assume they would want a test drive. Thinking about the access that they would need to do that because that lot they will need to go off the lot. If I was buying a truck from you I would want to test drive more than on your lot. What does that look like? What do you envision?

Mr. Robertson: In the previous meeting it was brought up about access to the Home Depot parking lot with the access they had granted to AR Realty at one time. They seem like a viable option and I think Home Depot might be interested in speaking about that. We have reached out to them and have not heard anything back. It was originally in place where the access they spoke about was driving through that general lot out onto and hop on to 70. If not then driving through the general neighborhood. You would have to take a left out to the other main road and then left to get on Brice Road. You are having to go through the neighborhood. It is not the heart of the neighborhood but onto the main road out of the neighborhood. You are not going through the neighborhood. It would be just skirting on the out skirts of the road to get to the property. The size is usually no larger than like a FedEx or UPS size truck. They are

medium duty.

Mrs. Kelly: It looked like you had the cabs for most of them and then you retro fitted the back?

Mr. Robertson: Correct. That is our general business model. Change the use of the truck to a secondary use for vocational. Landscape and construction market mainly. We do a lot of dump trucks and a lot of flat beds. We do some utility bodies. We are actually shortening the chassis as opposed to lengthen them. The landscapers don't put a lot of miles on the trucks but they need the truck to facilitate the job they are doing. The value the dump body we put on the back on the chassis which is done in the Mount Vernon facility. We put money into them so that we can resell them for their secondary use.

Mrs. Kelly: I do want to thank you for coming so prepared. This is one of the best presentations I have seen since I have been on council so thank you.

Mr. Robertson: I appreciate that. Thank you.

Mr. McGrady: You threw the option out there for the usage for the Home Depot but you don't have anything concrete? No one has made contact with you?

Mr. Robertson: The lawyers have made contact several times with them. We have been going through Bob Evans and the proper channels. I actually have the agreement with Bob Evans and them but it is 70 pages and I did not bring it for the meeting. They were going to allow it through Bob Evans for a retail strip that was being looked at before. If we can get that opened up to use that for possibly only trucks coming and going. That would limit the traffic and only cars and the buyers coming through the neighborhood. Or if City Council sees fit possibly having a truck route which would be that particular way. If not the neighborhood route is the other option. Trucks would be coming in and out on a daily basis but it is not 10 20 30 trucks. Maybe 2 or 3 or 4 a day.

No more than a general delivery vehicle for any other type of business. Right now Bob Evans does have a clause that no other restaurant can go into that space if they sell it to you. It is like a condition but they actually named every restaurant of which they compete with can no longer go on that lot for a term of 25-30 years. They are making it very clear that they don't want any other competition on the lot.

Mr. McGrady: You are planning U Haul rental also?

Mr. Robertson: No that is not me.

Mr. Skinner: Mel you mentioned needing just a little bit more time to look at it and I think that is valid. Sir you mentioned this needed to be done by the 30th. How would you feel about us sending 2 readings caveat with the emergency on the 2nd one? The 22nd?

Mr. Clemens: My problem with the whole deal was that people get to know what is planned for their community. Do they want this sitting in front of them? I agree with him that it is a mess the way it is. It is partial my fault and partial the city's fault right now. I see no problem with it.

Mr. Skinner: Would you be able to come back for the next committee meeting just in case things are brought to light and we need to question you? It would be the 15th.

Mr. Long; Mainly that agreement between you and the Home Depot.

Mr. Robertson: I can definitely try to. I have been trying to get in contact with them. I don't know if you guys have any pull with Home Depot and who I need to talk to with Home Depot. It is a viable option that

would work out though.

Mr. Hood: Councilman Skinner is your motion to disapprove or disallow the approved special exception use permit? Just so the record is clear. If that is what you are intended to do then you can have readings on that. That is within the council's purview. If that is not what you want to do then I would suggest we hold this item to discuss it and see if a motion is necessary in the future. Those are your options here if that is what you want to do. I think either one is open to you.

Mr. Skinner: You are ok with holding it Mel?

Mr. Clemens: Hold it for 2 weeks until our next committee meeting.

Mr. Long: I second.

All: Aye

No nays.

Mr. Clemens: I wanted to give everybody the opportunity to go over and take a look on what we are speaking about. The fair way to do it. Thank you.

Mr. Clemens: Thank you. Are there any other questions? If not I would like to end the meeting at 8:11pm.

Service Committee

- - -April L. Beggerow, Clerk of Council

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MINUTES FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
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Call to Order by Mr. Cotner at 8:12 pm

Approval of agenda

Mr. Barrett: I noticed that the ad hoc discussion regarding the structural imbalance has been now hold legislation. Should that. . . I mean I really didn't think that I made any real plans for that so I guess I need to bring it back up. Move it out of other legislation. With respect to time we could hold till the next committee meeting so that people can prepare for that a little bit more. It is up to you.

Mr. Cotner: I don't know if anyone has anything to add on it tonight but if you want to. . . so to move it out of other legislation you are wanting to make that motion?

Mr. Barrett: Yes I'd like to make that motion.

Mr. McGrady: Seconded.

All Aye No opposed

Motion to approve agenda as amended. Motion by Councilman Long and second by Councilman Skinner.

All Aye No opposed.

Approval of minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held 07/21/2014.

Discussion: Resolution authorizing the Mayor to apply for OPWC funding for Livingston Avenue improvements

Nathan Burd: Thank you Chairman Cotner and members of council. This resolution would allow us to apply for financial assistance from the Ohio Public Works Commission. It is to undertake improvements to Livingston Ave. You will recall that the current work that is being done on Brice Road is funded by the OPWC and we are hopeful this can be as well. As it stands right now the project would total about \$3.8 million and it would completely resurface Livingston from Brice to 256. It would repair any damages to curbs. It would enhance pedestrian crosswalks and install a multi-use path that would connect a path in Blacklick park with a path that is about to be constructed at Brice. If we do receive funding 75% would be covered by the grant. The remaining 25% would be provided to us in a no interest loan that would go back over 17 years. It is great way to finance expensive projects like this. EMHT evaluated several major road repair needs that we have here in the city and we all know that there is no shortage of needs. The reason that Livingston Ave is being submitted in this application because it meets more of the criteria that OPWC is looking for than any other project that we could apply for. Part of it is due to the high traffic volume but more so that it is all of the different public interest locations on Livingston. Fire Department, Blacklick Woods, the high school, Columbus State and that is just naming a few. We believe that there is a good probability of this being favorably considered. That is what we are hopeful for. This resolution doesn't bind us to anything. It just allows us to apply for the grant. It is due on September 15th. We are hoping to pass this next week as an emergency. The resolution language is provided by the OPWC. Every grant application has to include what they call an authorize and a resolution. That is

what this is. If we are awarded the grant then we will come back and get more details at that time. I will be happy to answer any questions at this point.

Mr. Clemens: I have a question for Jed. In the resolution is that second section standard?

Mr. Hood: The entire document is standard Mr Clemens. The OPWC issues those to each local municipality and the service director is correct that they do require a resolution from the legislative body. Whether that is a city, a township or what have you before we are allowed to go forward with the application process.

Mr. Burd: This is word for word for our Brice resolution except for the part that says Livingston. It is just a template that they provide.

Mr. McGrady: What would be our cost if the grant is received?

Mr. Burd: Right now the project looks like about \$3.8 million and we would be responsible for 25% of it so around \$950K or so. The way the OPWC rewards funds they give you 15-20 years to pay off the loan for Livingston because it is a resurfacing. We believe it to be 17 years to pay it back. Brice was 20 because there was more reconstruction involved. So it would be 17 years to pay back the \$950K or so.

Mr. Cotner: I will make a motion to send this forward to council with the recommendation for adoption as an emergency. Second by Councilman Long.

All affirmative.

Discussion: Contract with Rumpke for solid waste, recycling, and yard waste collection and the processing of recyclable materials, 2015 – 2017

Mr. Burd: Thank you again. Back in July you passed a resolution expressing that we were selecting Rumpke's status quo bid for our next contract. As discussed this would provide a cost of \$15.53 per home for collection. It is a little bit less than what residents pay currently. We viewed that as being a good thing. Nothing else changes. The service day remains Thursday and the methods stay the same. The residents will not see anything different other than their bill will be a little bit smaller. This contract has been reviewed by Eastman and Smith. That is the law firm that works on our behalf of our solid waste consortium. It has also been reviewed by Mr. Hood. This can go through the typical 3 reading process if you like. I only ask that it does get passed as an emergency. Rumpke likes to have their routes finalized by October 15th. We don't anticipate that they are going to change our routes at all but it would be helpful to have this contract on file for them by then. You can have plenty of time to review it. I will be happy to answer any questions you have.

Mr. Cotner: Councilman Skinner makes a motion to move this forward with recommendation for adoption as an emergency. Second by Councilwoman Kelly.

All Aye

Discussion: Appropriation of Donated Funds~ Parks & Recreation.

Mr. Brown: Thank you Chairman Cotner and members of council. Sorry for my attire this evening. I was coaching some flag football. Simply asking to appropriate these monies from the general fund sponsorship dollars to this 340 accounts as outlined in the memo.

Mr. Cotner: This looks pretty straightforward. Anyone else? Questions? Comments? Easy enough. You got all dressed up for nothing. I'll make a motion that we send this forward to council for adoption as an emergency. Second by Councilman Skinner.

All Aye

Motion carries.

Discussion: Then & Now

Mr. Cotner: Mr. Harris I know you always enjoy enlightening us on these oh Mr. Hood gets to educate us again.

Mr. Hood: This one was my doing so I should stand here and tell you why. This invoice needs to be paid to our outside special counsel based on a lawsuit that derived from the JEDZ. Lawsuits I should say. What occurred here was some question by our insurance provider whether or not there was coverage in place for the multiple lawsuits that were filed against the city and because of the type of law suits that they were and the time element was an expedited trial schedule because of the relief that was requested by the plaintiff. I thought it was necessary to hire said outside counsel to assist me in defending the city regardless whether or not the insurance company decided to indemnify us or not. Time was of the essence. Ultimately what occurred was the insurance company did find coverage in a rider that we have on our policy that grants us a benefit of \$10K before we can obtain that money we need to pay this bill. That is why we are asking this to be done as an emergency. Not only to pay our bill but to recoup the amount that the insurance company will give to the city to replenish our account. Any questions about that I am happy to answer them. As far as the timing elements it was something that was just incurred the liability before the purchase order was opened which does not normally occur in my department at all. It was a little bit different because we did not pay our special counsel through the insurance company which is normal protocol. Any then and now questions I am sure Mr. Harris will be glad to answer.

Mr. Cotner: I'll make motion to send this forward to council with the recommendation of adoption as an emergency. Second by Councilman Long.

All Aye. Motion carries.

Discussion: Authorization to enter into an Agreement with American Legal Publishing for Ordinance Codification.

Mrs. Beggarow: Thank you Chairman Cotner and council. I will keep this one short. Our city code has not been codified since 2007 so this is a request to get it done. Essentially it will cost about \$11K to have it done. The work has been done. It is just a matter of getting permission to move on.

Mr. Cotner: We have talked about this for a while and it is in the budget.

Mr. McGrady: You made reference that the funds were in the budget. Now is this going to be a gradual phase in? Or is it going to be \$11K all at once.

Mrs. Beggerow: I am not entirely sure. I believe what will happen is once permission is given we will open a purchase order and they will start the work and then pay the bill from there. My predecessor used to do this and put funds in the budget for previous supplements but it just hadn't been done in a while. I am kind of new to this.

Mr. Cotner: I don't know that answer.

Mr. Harris: I can check. It's been a long time. Nancy used to put like \$35K in the codification line for years and didn't use it.

Mr. Cotner: I'll make a motion to send this council for its first reading and second by Councilwoman Kelly.

All aye. Motion carries.

Discussion: Authorization to enter into an Agreement with IQM2 and appropriate funds.

Mrs. Beggerow: This is a project I have been working on since the spring to try and bring the agenda management and meeting management process into the electronic world. I have spoken to several different municipalities to get the information on what they use, the pricing quote and find out what they do. Narrowing it down IQM2 seems to be the better and most cost effective company to utilize this. I did put a little Q and A in your packets. The software is a program and no extra hardware is required. It is cloud based. It can be used online or offline. While council will see a little benefit it is more for city hall and the legislative request process. Say a department head needs some legislation and they have to go to someone for permission. For example Mr. Root. If he has to come here he has to track people down for approval. This automates it. He does the request and it goes down the pipeline to the next person that needs to approve it. Once it is started I will also see it and know that it is coming down the pipeline and when to expect it. It will be great on Thursday afternoons. We can take all of the past ordinances, minutes and that sort of thing and upload them to this program and it will be on a web portal and will be keyword searchable. If the public come in and they want to know something about water rates or something from 1990. They can find it on their own. Any questions just lob them at me.

Mr. Long: You mentioned in here \$2396.00 each month for the packets. Can you break that down?

Mrs. Beggerow: That is not just packets.

Mr. Long: Can you break out by item what your projections are later at a different meeting? Tell me what makes up those numbers.

Mrs. Beggerow: Certainly.

Mrs. Kelly: I'm looking on my packet on my smartphone.

Mrs. Beggerow: Oh also there is an iPad app for this particular program.

Mrs. Kelly: When I look on the legislation it says the request is for \$1658?

Mrs. Beggerow: Yes that is to begin the program for this year.

Mrs. Kelly: So on your FAQ it talks about the cost to the city is going to be \$829 per month and at an estimated \$2396 per month on estimated cost. Is that you are going to break out for Chris? My question is the money that you are asking to be appropriated for the \$1658 is that per month? Or is that total?

Mrs. Beggerow: This program does not have a contract written in. It is month to month like a utility bill. There is no startup fee whereas the other companies I spoke with had \$14K-\$20K cost for startup fees. It is \$829 month to month. I am asking for enough to start it this year and then in the future it would be budgeted.

Mrs. Kelly: For the \$1658 what would that cover?

Mrs. Beggerow: November and December months' service.

Mrs. Kelly: We are not starting until November?

Mrs. Beggerow: They may not even bill us until December but there is a possibility they will bill us if we start then.

Mr. Skinner: We don't lose information if we later choose to back out of it?

Mrs. Beggerow: No they will provide us with discs and that sort of thing. I have been working with Mr. Teeters on this so he is in the loop as far as software and the training and 24/7 support.

Mr. Barrett: What are you asking to break out Chris? Where that number came from? Broken down by department?

Mr. Long: It is more of a cost savings for April and the clerk's office. If it takes us \$3K per month to put together the packets then I am curious to see where those costs are coming from. Apparently we have already identified a lot of those areas.

Mr. Barrett: I was kind of thinking in the vein where April said that it would benefit the departments the most outside of the office so if we could get a feel for what departments and what percentage they could contribute into the solution process. Less of a cost burden on us.

Mrs. Beggerow: It is more than just a council packet that I am looking to save here. The man time for what it takes to track down people for signatures. The person time to do the public records request. The agenda packet will be online. We have requests for people to see these packets. They can be posted to the portal. Confidential items we can mark them so they do not get posted. Transparency. Everyone will be able to see agendas, council packets, minutes. . .

Mr. Barrett: It doesn't take long to figure out how much time that goes into it not just from your office but all the departments. I can imagine the streamline savings. Are other cities like in central Ohio using stuff like this?

Mrs. Beggerow: Yes. Most of them are. I did a lot of networking at the clerks' conference to see what companies they use. This particular company is not being used that much yet. Mount Vernon is one that utilizes this and she is raving about it. Cities like Bexely that are actually doing video and they put the videos so they need a bigger product. We don't need all the bells and whistles that they need.

Mr. Barrett: That is innovative thinking. You are streamlining not just our little part of the world but the whole city. The flow is a great idea. Thank you.

Mrs. Beggerow: We can still do paper packets. We can still print them yes.

Mr. Skinner: What is the difference between some of the other packages and companies that the local cities are using? Is it a huge difference?

Mrs. Beggerow: No it is not. It's been very much like the same type of program. It is just the pricing is way different.

Mr. Skinner: I am curious if it is a huge price difference if it is a much better project.

Mrs. Beggerow: They were all the same really when I went through and compared them.

Mr. Cotner: Mr. Teeters do you have anything to add? She mentioned you and brought you down here tonight. Can you throw in anything of value or merit for us?

Scoot Teeters: Of the packages that I worked with April on IQM2 was the most cost effective that does offer similar product to other municipalities. The fact that it is off site and backed up regularly there is no struggle or pressure on our servers or systems. Just a link off of our website. I like this system.

Mrs. Kelly: April do you know how long the company has been in business?

Mrs. Beggerow: I will check but I thought they said 12 years. I just heard that today but I will double check.

Mr. Skinner: I understand this is option B because it is a little cheaper. What I am curious about is option A if it is a little more. Is it possible to bring us that other option A you might consider for the next discussion so that we can look at it?

Mrs. Beggerow: The actual premise is the same. It is just the way it looks is a little different. Granicus is who Columbus, Gahanna and Canal Winchester use. I did not see much difference other than being able to store videos.

Mr. Skinner: Is it possible to bring that info?

Mrs. Beggerow: I certainly can. The pricing and description?

Mr. Cotner makes a motion to send this to council for 1st reading. Seconded by Councilman Long.

All aye. Motion carries.

Discussion: Authorization to appropriate funds from the unappropriated General Fund to 110.595.5361 "Building Repairs" for the Computer Department.

Mr. Teeters: I have come to ask for this to go to the building repairs account under management of Joe Taggart. On August 1st our uninterruptable power system that services all of the cities servers as well as the phone system was interrupted by a catastrophic failure. We were down for approx.. 12 hours. We had to replace the power until to get it up and running. Joe had funds in his account that was able to make this purchase. This legislation is to reimburse that account. Typically something like this would have come from the computer department but nothing was budgeted for that at that time. The problem is now fixed and we have a newer unit. The older unit I was told was quite old. There was no sign it was going to do that until it just upped and stopped.

Motion for recommendation as an emergency by Mr. Cotner. Seconded by Councilman Long

All aye Motion carries

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CITY AUDITOR TO REMOVE CRUISER CAMERA UNITS FROM THE CITY'S FIXED ASSET LIST. (First reading 7/28/2014).

Motion to send this forward for its 2nd reading. Seconded by Councilman McGrady.

All aye Motion carries

Mr. Barrett: This is one of my favorite subjects and Mel touched on it tonight with the recent property values reporting at 15% decrease. I think this council needs to be diligent to try making the best paths to solutions and ideas that we have talked about. I would like to continue to explore those.

Mr. Cotner: We will hold that until our next discussion at the next committee meeting.

Mr. Cotner: With no further business we will adjourn at 8:42pm

Finance Committee

- - -April L. Beggerow, Clerk of Council

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