

MINUTES REGULAR COUNCIL
REYNOLDSBURG CITY COUNCIL
July 26, 2004

President of Council William L. Hills called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Members of Council present: Eric Gilbert, Mel Clemens, Antoinette Newman, Lane J. Beougher, Ron Stake, Preston Stearns, Brett Baxter.

The Invocation was given by Mr. Beougher. Mr. Hills led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the special Council meeting held July 6, 2004 were approved without objection.
Minutes of the regular Council meeting held July 12, 2004 were approved without objection.
Minutes of the special Council meeting held July 19, 2004 were approved without objection.

The agenda was approved.

Reports- -Mrs. Reichard gave Council an update on different items: (1) Streetscape appears that it will come in well under budget. AEP and SBC bills were eligible for OWPC money. The final walk thru was about three weeks ago. Some of the parking signs still needed to be moved; they will be saved for the next phase; landscaping needed to be finished; there were some issues regarding the irrigation systems and irrigation heads; the sidewalk by the BP needs to be finished by SBC; the punch list had been prepared for Streetscape and there was a substantial amount that needed to be addressed. Most items were with Complete General and there were some things that needed to be completed before the project could be accepted as complete, and begin the one year warranty period. The city received an invoice for additional money from ODOT for the paving in the amount of \$87,990. Mrs. Reichard said the city had to pay an additional \$12,432 which was taken from the money set aside for this. She said ODOT will begin to prepare the streets for the repaving project which will start next Monday, August 2, if all things are going according to plan.

(2) The 2004 Street Program should be finished by the end of the week; they were supposed to be finished by the end of July. (3) The Sidewalk Program was ongoing and was expected to be completed some time in September. She said her staff was working on the assessments to be given to the Clerk's office. (4) Graham and Main was out for bid and were due by August 11; that the roadway work was to be completed by December 3; the signal installation, on or before March 1, 2005. (5) The 256/70 project went out for bid on July 14; that the city expected to hear any day as to the final cost and when construction would begin.

(6) Taylor Road - - Mrs. Reichard said she received a call from the people that are working on the Taylor Road School and they told her they were going to need to close Taylor Road at Taylor Road Southwest for two days some time in the next month to put in the sanitary line. The road will be closed to thru traffic at Palmer Road for two days. She said she will make sure that the Etna Township Trustees are contacted.

(7) The Building Department had been working on improving customer service and had come up with ten goals and objectives to address issues, both internally and externally. One of them took effect today, which was new hours - - they will open at 7 a.m. and will be open 7 to 5 Monday thru Wednesday; and also Friday; and on Thursday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

(8) Some recommended changes in the fee schedule in the Building Department for

Chapter 1305 of the building code to better reflect the cost of doing business in today's market will be presented to Council. The fees have not been updated for almost 10 years. Mrs. Reichard said she had spoken with Mr. Clemens and hopes to have a Special Safety Committee meeting before the September 13 Council meeting because they need a meeting that focuses just on this.

Mrs. Reichard said Mr. Baxter had asked when they would have the final acceptance of Streetscape, and it looked like they could prepare a final estimate and accept the work in September according to Mr. Nolan from EMH&T.

Mr. Stearns asked about the sign at Idlewild and Main Street. He asked when it will be changed from Idlewind to Idlewild? Mrs. Reichard said she didn't know, but she would check into it.

Mr. Beougher said a lot of people have been asking him what the bells are for. She said those are bollards. She said as trucks or large vehicles come around the corner, when they come up over the curb, they go up over the bell and slide down off it. She said it is to protect the pavement from breaking; that they are set in concrete.

Mr. Beougher said the weeds are growing faster than the grass and there is a period where the landscape contractor will take care of maintaining, fertilizing, and then getting rid of the weeds that have been growing. Mrs. Reichard said the grass is coming up and there is a lot of bluegrass in that mixture. She said the germination period on bluegrass is 28 days. She said if you put weed killer on it you might kill the grass too. She said they will do that. She said there is a period of time where they must take care of all of that. She said there is grass in interesting places. She said they will be doing a lot of hand mowing out there.

Regular Agenda items:

Clerk read motion: That the Council of the City of Reynoldsburg does hereby adopt the Resolution of Support for the DARE Program of the Reynoldsburg Police Department as referred to in the resolution signed and dated July 26, 2004.- -Mr. Clemens moved adoption. Mr. Beougher seconded. All voted "Aye". Motion passed.

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG AND THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, OHIO LABOR COUNCIL, INCORPORATED (DISPATCHERS) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY- -Clerk read ordinance by title for the one required reading. Mr. Clemens moved adoption. Mrs. Newman seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Gilbert "Yea"; Mr. Clemens "Yea"; Mrs. Newman "Yea"; Mr. Beougher "Yea"; Mr. Stake "Yea"; Mr. Stearns "Yea"; Mr. Baxter "Yea". Motion passed; Ordinance No. 77-04 adopted.

ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO: CHAPTER 160 EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION, SECTION 160.02 "AUTHORIZED POSITIONS, PERSONNEL, CLASSIFICATION AND PAY GRADE" Subsection (f) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY- -Clerk read ordinance by title for the one required reading. Mr. Clemens moved adoption. Mr. Gilbert seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Gilbert "Yea"; Mr. Clemens "Yea"; Mrs. Newman "Yea"; Mr. Beougher "Yea"; Mr. Stake "Yea"; Mr. Stearns "Yea"; Mr. Baxter "Yea". Motion passed; Ordinance No. 78-04 adopted.

ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE "CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO PERSONNEL POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL" ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 14-03 PASSED MARCH 10, 2003 AND AS SUBSEQUENTLY AMENDED (Vacation Leave - Senior Police Management; Holidays - General; Holidays - Senior Police Management) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY- - Clerk read ordinance by title for the one required reading. Mr. Stake moved adoption. Mr. Baxter seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Gilbert "Yea"; Mr. Clemens "Yea"; Mrs. Newman "Yea"; Mr. Beougher "Yea"; Mr. Stake "Yea"; Mr. Stearns "Yea"; Mr. Baxter "Yea". Motion passed; Ordinance No. 79-04 adopted.

ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO: CHAPTER 1175 DISTRICT REGULATIONS - SECTION 1175.06 "Front Setbacks For Buildings" Subsection (e)- - Clerk read ordinance by title for the first reading. Mr. Hills set a Public Hearing for Tuesday, September 7, 2004 at 7:00 p.m.

ORDINANCE MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR SPECIAL COUNSEL ACCOUNT (Mayor's Department) **AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**- - Clerk read ordinance by title for the second reading. Mr. Staked moved to amend the ordinance as redrafted 7-22-04. Mr. Clemens seconded. All voted "Aye". Motion passed; ordinance amended.

Mr. Stake moved adoption. Mr. Clemens seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Gilbert "Yea"; Mr. Clemens "Yea"; Mrs. Newman "Yea"; Mr. Beougher "Yea"; Mr. Stake "Yea"; Mr. Stearns "Yea"; Mr. Baxter "Yea". Motion passed; Ordinance No. 80-04 adopted.

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO PURCHASE ONE JET TRUCK FOR WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT **AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**- - Clerk read ordinance by title for the third reading. Mr. Beougher moved to amend the ordinance as redrafted 7-19-04. Mr. Baxter seconded. All voted "Aye". Motion passed; ordinance amended.

Mr. Beougher moved adoption. Mr. Stake seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Gilbert "Yea"; Mr. Clemens "Yea"; Mrs. Newman "Yea"; Mr. Beougher "Yea"; Mr. Stake "Yea"; Mr. Stearns "Yea"; Mr. Baxter "Yea". Motion passed; Ordinance No. 81-04 adopted.

ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO: CHAPTER 160 EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION - SECTION 160.07 "LONGEVITY"; SECTION 160.08(b)(6) "LIEUTENANTS"; SECTION 160.09(a)(4) "GROUP INSURANCE"; and SECTION 160.11(5) and (6) "CITY CLOTHING PROVIDED"- - Clerk read ordinance by title for the third reading. Mr. Stake moved adoption. Mr. Gilbert seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Gilbert "Yea"; Mr. Clemens "Yea"; Mrs. Newman "Yea"; Mr. Beougher "Yea"; Mr. Stake "Yea"; Mr. Stearns "Yea"; Mr. Baxter "Yea". Motion passed; Ordinance No. 82-04 adopted.

ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE "CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO PERSONNEL POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL" ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 14-03 PASSED MARCH

10, 2003 AND AS SUBSEQUENTLY AMENDED (Longevity Pay)- - Clerk read ordinance by title for the third reading. Mr. Stake moved adoption. Mr. Stearns seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Gilbert "Yea"; Mr. Clemens "Yea"; Mrs. Newman "Yea"; Mr. Beougher "Yea"; Mr. Stake "Yea"; Mr. Stearns "Yea"; Mr. Baxter "Yea". Motion passed; Ordinance No. 83-04 adopted.

ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO: Chapter 160 Employee Compensation - SECTION 160.08 "ADMINISTRATION OF PAY" SUBSECTION (b) "Individual Merit Increases" (1) and (3)- - Clerk read ordinance by title for the third reading. Mr. Stake moved to amend the ordinance by including emergency language in the title, and Section 3 to read: "This ordinance is deemed to be an emergency measure necessary for the financial needs of the city and further so raises can be properly implemented; wherefore upon adoption by Council this ordinance shall be in effect immediately upon signature by the Mayor". Mr. Clemens seconded. All voted "Aye". Motion passed; ordinance amended.

Mr. Stake moved adoption. Mr. Beougher seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Gilbert "Yea"; Mr. Clemens "Yea"; Mrs. Newman "Yea"; Mr. Beougher "Yea"; Mr. Stake "Yea"; Mr. Stearns "Yea"; Mr. Baxter "Yea". Motion passed; Ordinance No. 84-04 adopted.

ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE "CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO PERSONNEL POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL" ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 14-03 PASSED MARCH 10, 2003 AND AS SUBSEQUENTLY AMENDED (Individual Merit Increases, Subsections 1. and 3.)- - Clerk read ordinance by title for the third reading. Mr. Stake moved to amend the ordinance by including emergency language in the title, and Section 3 to read: "That this ordinance is deemed to be an emergency measure necessary for the financial needs of the city and further so raises can be properly implemented; wherefore upon adoption by Council this ordinance shall be in effect immediately upon signature by the Mayor". Mr. Gilbert seconded. All voted "Aye". Motion passed; ordinance amended.

Mr. Stake moved adoption. Mr. Beougher seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Gilbert "Yea"; Mr. Clemens "Yea"; Mrs. Newman "Yea"; Mr. Beougher "Yea"; Mr. Stake "Yea"; Mr. Stearns "Yea"; Mr. Baxter "Yea". Motion passed; Ordinance No. 85-04 adopted.

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PAY INCREASE TO ALL EMPLOYEES COVERED BY CHAPTER 160 AS A RESULT OF THE RAISE BEING GIVEN BY THE CITY FOR THE YEAR 2004, AND APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS **AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**- - Clerk read ordinance by title for the third reading. Mr. Stake moved to amend the ordinance as redrafted 7-22-04. Mr. Gilbert seconded. All voted "Aye". Motion passed; ordinance amended.

Mr. Stake moved adoption. Mr. Beougher seconded. Mr. Clemens stated that there are two incorrect increases in this. He asked the Mayor if he could handle those. Mayor McPherson said yes.

With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Gilbert "Yea"; Mr. Clemens "Yea"; Mrs. Newman "Yea"; Mr. Beougher "Yea"; Mr. Stake "Yea"; Mr. Stearns "Yea"; Mr. Baxter "Yea". Motion passed; Ordinance No. 86-04 adopted.

Motion to recess for the month of August - - Mr. Beougher moved for Council to recess for the month of August. Mr. Gilbert seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Gilbert "Yea"; Mr. Clemens "Yea"; Mrs. Newman "Yea"; Mr. Beougher "Yea"; Mr. Stake "Yea"; Mr. Stearns "Yea"; Mr. Baxter "Yea". Motion passed. Council will recess for the month of August.

Executive Session requested by City Attorney to discuss imminent litigation.- -Mr. Stake moved to recess for Executive Session. Mr. Beougher seconded. Mr. Hills said those attending would be elected officials, Clerks of Council, Mr. Franzmann and his associate. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Gilbert "Yea"; Mr. Clemens "Yea"; Mrs. Newman "Yea"; Mr. Beougher "Yea"; Mr. Stake "Yea"; Mr. Stearns "Yea"; Mr. Baxter "Yea". Motion passed. Mr. Hills said following the Executive Session, Council would reconvene only to call the roll and adjourn. Council recessed at 7:59 p.m.

Council reconvened at 9:22 p.m. With the roll called, members responding were: Mr. Gilbert "Present"; Mr. Clemens "Present"; Mrs. Newman "Present"; Mr. Beougher "Present"; Mr. Stake "Present"; Mr. Stearns "Present"; Mr. Baxter "Present".

Meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

William L. Hills, President of Council

Nancy C. Frazier, Clerk of Council