

SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

July 20, 2009

Members of Safety Committee present: Fred Deskins, Jr., Ron Stake, Doug Joseph, Barth R. Cotner.

Other members of Council present: Leslie Kelly, Mel Clemens, Council President William L. Hills. Councilwoman Donna Shirey was absent.

Mr. Deskins: I'll open the Safety Committee at 7:30 p.m. First thing on the agenda is the approval of agenda. Are there any changes to the agenda from any of the Committee members? If not, it'll stand as written.

I need approval of the Safety Committee minutes of the meeting that was held July 6, 2009. Are there any changes from the Committee, Council? If not, they'll stand as written.

Item 4 - Tomato Festival comments. We have a young lady with us this evening that's going to give us some good comments, Mary Hudson. Looks like we got more than Mary. Wow!

Mrs. Hudson: Good Evening.

Mr. Deskins: Good Evening.

Mrs. Hudson: And thank you so much for allowing us to come tonight. We know it's Committee night, but we wanted to appear before you and ask for your help before you went on your break. Last year at the end of the year, the group that had been doing the Tomato Festival for forty-three years said they were no longer interested in doing it and I know the Administration and all of you, everyone in the city said we have to keep the tradition alive. So after going to some different people and some different groups, voila, the group that stands before you now, was formed. We have five Directors, a Treasurer, and a Secretary. Myself as a Director, Bob Martin, Chris Long, Greta Stake, Jason Shamblin, Sandy is our devoted treasurer and our Secretary is a young lady who's relatively new and working in the Community named Shelly Eddington who has been wonderful, but is working tonight. So, we all got together, said let's plan a festival. We were fortunate enough with the help of the Mayor to secure our presenting sponsor in Heartland Bank. We had put out some emails and had one of the best advertising agencies in town, Fahlgren Advertising Agency, pro bono, put together our logo which Mr. Martin is wearing and ergo there we go. So we have been working non-stop since probably February to try and put on a fantastic festival this year. I have given you the basic information and even as we look at this, this afternoon it was still a work in progress because there are things being added as we speak, but the basic things are, we're moving it back to the center of town. It will take place in Huber Park and it will be August 14th and 15th which is Friday evening and all day Saturday. We'll be kicking off with a tomato contest on Friday evening and from there move in to Little Princess contest. We have the Reynoldsburg High School Band coming to entertain us for opening ceremonies and then we have a local young woman, Ashley Everts who'll be with us and then the main entertainment that night is Coyote Canyon who we have all, with our age and not always knowing a lot of the bands, have been referring to them as Coyote Ugly so, we've had some fun with that. Saturday morning, the kickoff event will be the Mt. Carmel Fitness Challenge. The city had come to us and

said 'how about moving it to make it part of the Festival' and we have done that. We're very, very excited. We've changed the course to make that all work and it will be starting from City Hall and ending at the gazebo in Kennedy Park, so we'll be doing that on Saturday morning and then going right into a pancake breakfast that I know the Kiwanis is going to be sponsoring before we start the events of the day. A lot going on. We couldn't do this without the sponsors that we have been fortunate enough to be able to catch along the way and they include besides Heartland Bank, as our presenting sponsor, the Basement Doctor, I think I have a list here. Cotner Funeral Home has been very generous in stepping up as a sponsor. We have Miracle Gro, the Reynoldsburg-Pickerington Rotary Club, The Visitors Bureau, Mt. Carmel, KEMBA Credit Union, Central Ohio Technical College, Fisher's Garden Center, Mayor Brad McCloud, Rockford Homes, Fahlgren and Red Gold and those are just to name a few of the ones that have just jumped on board to help us out. A lot of the other things that we have going on will be the Queen and Princess contest, the Reynoldsburg's Got Talent. We have a competition, we talked about a battle of the bands and decided since America's Got Talent's so popular that we'd do a Reynoldsburg's Got Talent and we know, even if you went to the Farmer's Market, that it starts at the top in town, so we're hoping if the Mayor's interested, he will sign up to be in Reynoldsburg's Got Talent so we've got the form and would like everyone, it's for all ages, not just for kids, this is to get everyone involved in Reynoldsburg's Got Talent so we hope they'll come out, and the one thing we would like to ask you is to just help us spread the word. We're trying to drive everyone to the web site because that's where all the forms are, all the information about all the different things that are going on and that's reynoldsburtomatofestival.org and pretty much everything's on there or it's in the process of being put on there. We, at this point cannot believe we're a month out. Scary. I would just, I would help you, I would like you to help us spread the word. We're really excited. It's coming together, I think it's going to look great. We have, instead of carnival games, we have got inflatables for the children in the children's play area. We also have a lot of our local organizations instead of the carnival food, we'll have local organizations doing a lot of the food. So we're real excited about that. It gives the opportunity for everyone in town to be seen, make a little bit of money so it's really bringing it back to a hometown festival so we're very excited and if you don't have any questions, I would like to open up to the Directors for comments on some of the speciality. Everyone has a special area that they're assigned to so maybe they can talk a little bit more about what they're doing.

Mr. Martin: Bob Martin, and I'm in charge of the Queen's and Princess' Pageants this year and as far as overseeing the Chairman, Robin Baker who's done a wonderful job. The forms are on the website and we need lots of young ladies, anyone entering the second grade in Reynoldsburg Schools or St. Pius are allowed to participate. It doesn't cost any money and the Queens, sixteen years of age here in Reynoldsburg and we just hope everyone can pass the word and if they know any great young ladies that want to participate, please let them go ahead and get a form online and fill it out. We need plenty of young ladies. Thank you very much.

Mr. Long: Hi, my name's Chris Long. I'll be organizing the Pizza Taste-off this year and we're reaching out to the local pizza places, getting them involved. That's always been a real mind set as far as the people involved with the tomato products, with the spaghetti sauce, and so forth. So, we're looking for one to step up and be the brag of the town. That'll be from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday.

Mrs. Stake: I am Greta Stake and of course, I'm in charge of food, my speciality. I'm going to make sure that we have lots of food to feed different kinds of tastes and a good variety of everything, and everything that's coming in so far is a good combination of home town and of course, the ever-loving fair food.

Mrs. Long: I'm Sandy Long. In addition to being Treasurer, I also oversee the Arts and Crafts Committee, there's not much oversight needed there. It's run very ably by Nadine Morse, Linda Paugh, and Oleta Johnson and we have 15 to 18 arts and crafts vendors setting up in the Senior Center this year.

Mr. Shamblin: I'm Jason Shamblin. I'm involved with the facilities so I'm just helping with the, making sure the grounds are set up and we have everything covered there.

Mrs. Hudson: Thank you. We'd also like to thank Lucas Haire who has done so much, he's kind of ad hoc but Lucas just helped us with so many things throughout the process. We didn't realize when we started with zero money and nothing, how long it would be to get together with everything, to put all the forms together, so it's been kind of painstaking, we're getting more excited as we get closer. We're also very excited tonight. Our headliner on Saturday night is Saving Jane who apparently, my age group doesn't know who they are, but my daughters do and apparently they're a very, very good group, so we're very excited about that for Saturday night and in closing, again thank you for letting us come tonight. We really, really still need volunteers. Mr. Cotner is chairing that and I know he's sitting there shaking his head yes. It is Summer time, we know people, you know the dog days of August, are going on vacation, but we really, really to pull this off, we need some volunteers so we can count on for all different kinds of areas and also on the website, reynoldsburgtomatofestival.org is the form that gives the times and the different venues that we need volunteers for. So we hope that even though you're on hiatus that we'll see you at the festival on August 14th and 15th. Thanks so much.

Mr. Deskins: Mary, I'd like to say, I'm involved in a lot of things in Reynoldsburg and all of you people, you see the same faces in all the different organizations and it's an honor for me and a lot of people to be associated with such a good group of people here in Reynoldsburg. It seems like without a certain core of people here, nothing would get done, but we get it done and we really appreciate what you're doing and we'll do our best, I hope that was an ok from the Mayor to get involved in the, the ah.....

Mrs. Hudson: I saw some smiling, but I didn't see a head nod so, in all fairness, there was not a head nod.

Mr. Deskins: Are there any questions from anybody on Council or Committee?

President Hills: Mr. Deskins, one thing, Mary could you repeat the website again, just to be sure, I want to be sure the press has got it so they can get it out. That's where people need, because that's where you've got the details, right?

Mrs. Hudson: Absolutely.

Mr. Hills: The website.

Mrs. Hudson: It's reynoldsburg.....

Mr. Hills: www.reynoldsburgtomatofestival.org?

Mrs. Hudson: Yes, and we're the first one up there so 2009 Tomato Festival, because there's still some things on there from the 2008...

Mr. Hills: If the press can get that out, that's where all the details are on what's going on.

Mrs. Hudson: Yes.

Mr. Hills: That will be very helpful.

Mrs. Hudson: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Hills.

Mr. Deskins: Councilman Stake.

Mr. Stake: Thank you, Chairman Deskins. I don't have a question, I just have a comment. I'd very much like to express my appreciation for you folks reviving the Tomato Festival. Thank you.

Mrs. Hudson: You're welcome. We're looking forward to it plus when Mr. Deskins talked about getting together, you make friends, it's amazing. More people need to get involved because it becomes, you know, it's not as if any of us needed something else to do, but it's fun. You forge new friendships, I mean there's so much that goes into it. You network and you know, it's very self-satisfying I think, because we're enjoying what we're doing, we're learning things and we're helping do something for this community which I think keeping the Tomato Festival and giving it a new look and a fresh look is just a very, very positive thing for our community.

Mr. Deskins: Thank you very much Mary and thanks to the group; and any other questions from anybody? Thanks again and good luck.

Man from audience: We'll see you there.

Mr. Deskins: I'll be there.

Mrs. Hudson: Thank you.

Mr. Deskins: Thank you. Next on the agenda this evening is - Item 5 - Discussion: Authorization of contract for mosquito control. I think Pam is going to educate us again this year hopefully.

Safety/Service Director Boratyn: Yes, thank you Chairman Deskins, members of Committee, Council. This is just the formality. It's the yearly program that we have been doing with the

Franklin County Board of Health, their integrated pest management mosquito control program and it's a formality from the county that Council needs to pass for authorization for the contract. The money's there, it was budgeted to pay \$6,723 and it's the same cost that it was in 2008. It's just a similar program and it's just a formality that we need Council to pass.

Mr. Deskins: And the process is already in....

Mrs. Boratyn: Yes, it's been ongoing....

Mr. Deskins: Okay, all right.

Mrs. Boratyn: You know, they've been out. They've been out for the various events. They've sprayed the perimeters of the parks for the 4th of July. They've sprayed for the movie nights, they'll spray for the festivals on the perimeters and they're out testing. So far, we've had no negative results in any of our traps.....

Mr. Deskins: Okay.

Mrs. Boratyn: ...in Reynoldsburg.

Mr. Deskins: Are there any questions from anyone on Committee? Councilman Stake.

Mr. Stake: I apologize if this has already been answered, but do we know what the dates are that they are going to spray?

Mrs. Boratyn: They will spray twenty-four hours before the events. They'll call us, they'll call Jason, he leaves, they'll call and they'll tell us, but they don't do general wide spraying. They'll only spray if there's a determination when they're doing the traps that there's a certain number of mosquitos that are out there or they find some kind of disease in them, then they will. They'll give twenty-four hour notice and if a person has concerns, health concerns, they can alert Franklin County that they want to be on the "Do Not Spray" area.

Mr. Stake: Okay, well thank you for clarifying that. I appreciate it.

Mrs. Boratyn: You're welcome.

Mr. Deskins: Any other questions from anyone on Committee? If not, I'd like to make a motion to refer this ordinance to Council with recommendation for adoption as an emergency. Second by Mr. Stake. All those in favor say "Aye". (All voted "Aye") Opposed. (No response). Thank you. Thank you very much Pam.

Mrs. Boratyn: Thank you.

Mr. Deskins: Item 6 - Discussion: Authorization of Intergovernmental Agreement between the Reynoldsburg Police Department and the Truro Township Fire Department - (Emergency Medical

Technicians to accompany members of the Reynoldsburg Police Department SWAT). Mayor Brad, do you want to....

Mayor McCloud: Thank you, Chairman Deskins and members of Council. Yeah, in a nutshell, this would, if you so authorized, an MOU would be entered into by both Fire, Truro Township Fire Department and the Reynoldsburg Police Department. The Truro Township would provide EMT's to accompany our SWAT Officers. The EMTs would not be part of entering whatever premises are being entered, but they would be on the scene to provide immediate medical assistance and to liaison potentially with other medical assistants should the need arise so that is essentially what this is and there are members of both departments here for questions. There's no funding mechanism to this. It doesn't cost the city anything. The Township is paying for the gear that the EMTs will wear.

Mr. Deskins: It's basically having the EMTs with the Police Department on the SWAT runs and have them closer to the scene, if there is a problem.

Mr. McCloud: Exactly.

Mr. Deskins: Is this being done by any other community to your knowledge or....

Mr. McCloud: It, and maybe they know better than I, I guess I don't know. Officer Gregory?

Sergeant Gregory: Yes, if you checked with Gahanna, Whitehall, little bit different than what we're doing, and previously, we did have an Officer that was trained in EMS, but he left and went back to an agency up north so we don't have that option now. He previously had EMT Certification, so he only had to go back for a short re-certification. That was a couple of years ago. About the same time that he left, just to kind of give a little premise of why this is coming back around, we were shot at twice in the same year by suspects. Fortunately, we weren't hit, but the fact came back to the forefront that, you know, did we have medical help there or would we have had them quick enough to help us or even the suspect if anybody at that scene had been shot. So, this idea, as far as we're concerned, is a win-win helping us make sure that we have somebody there, not only to treat the Police Officers but if we have a suspect that gets shot or a, the unfortunate situation that a civilian be shot. Columbus is working on this. They're trying to, one of the sticking points tends to be this MOU situation where if one agency doesn't agree to pay, like Fire, the Truro Township has agreed to pay for their equipment and pay when their people are at training. Basically, their employment conditions will remain the same with them. They're not going to become part of the SWAT team as far as employment but that tends to be a sticking point with other agencies but if you look across the country, they're a, the National Tactical Officers Association, there's a lot of agencies that are doing this and see the need for it. The other aspect you have is the active shooter situation if we ever go in on something like that. Hopefully never do. We'll have EMTs that are better trained in tactical situations that, to deal with that when we have multiple victims and so forth.

Mr. Deskins: Thank you very much. Are there any questions from anyone on Committee?
Councilman Stake.

Mr. Stake: Thank you Chairman Clemens, I mean Chairman Deskins, I'm sorry. Are there any other fire jurisdictions that are doing this, EMT jurisdictions? I know that Truro's one of them, I think four here in Reynoldsburg, correct?

Sergeant Gregory: Yes. I mean as far as you mean West Licking or a.....

Mr. Stake: Yeah, they providing EMT services to SWAT teams as well?

Sergeant Gregory: At this point, we have to move forward with them in that way because basically, we did some training with Truro just to see how if we ever had an active shooter situation, how that would work and the two Chiefs ended up talking to each other and they both kind of agreed that this would be a good thing. That doesn't mean that at some point down the road, it wouldn't be opened up to West Licking and Violet and Jefferson but that also means we have to work out MOUs with all those agencies and that sort of thing so it gets a lot more complicated and we're hoping that the way we're doing it now would at least get this thing started and make it a possibility.

Mr. Stake: Okay, thank you.

Mr. Deskins: I guess I have another question also just in my own mind. Why is the Township or Truro Township paying for this service and the Police Department, I understand is not paying anything at all. Is there a reason why it's one sided as far as the cost? If I understand this right, that's what, you're, the Truro Township Fire Department is going to buy the equipment needed, the helmets, the spray, all the things that's needed, the uniforms to be available right?

Mayor McCloud: Yes.

Gentleman in audience: I think it was more of a gentlemen's agreement between the two Chiefs in order to get this started to make it roll a little faster and also we obtained some grants and donations for that as well. So, that primarily states that Truro Township will pay for all the equipment necessary to maintain the team and all medical training as well with Reynoldsburg SWAT providing the tactical support.

Mr. Deskins: Okay. President Hills.

President Hills: (Inaudible)

Mr. Deskins: Councilman Clemens.

Mr. Clemens: Yes, I think this is a great idea but have you discussed this with the other Townships?

Have you made it known to them, you know, that you're going to go into their District which we have good working relations with and so forth? Have you discussed it with them?

Gentleman in audience: We recently had a training and the agency that showed up was Jefferson and we talked to them about this whole situation and explained, you know, how we arrived at this point, and so they were aware, but I don't believe anybody from West Licking or Violet Township came. We had a training last Wednesday at Waggoner Road Junior High School simulating that we had an active shooter and we trained, bringing in our Patrol Officers up there and having them deal with the situation and we also worked with our tactical EMS that we have with Truro Township to see how well we could get people evacuated in certain circumstances and at that time, those other agencies, they were invited, but only Jefferson Township came that I recall.

Mr. Clemens: The agencies were invited?

Gentleman in audience: That was my understanding, yes, they were invited. If your main concern of Truro Township Firefighters going into a jurisdiction....

Mr. Clemens: That's correct.

Gentleman in audience: We are actually covered by our protocol anywhere in the State of Ohio that this team travels to.

Mr. Clemens: I'm not questioning that. I'm questioning whether they wanted to be involved or not, since it was their district, you understand.

Gentleman in audience: The informal talks that I've had with people there is that, no, they don't have the money for that.

Mr. Clemens: Okay.

Gentleman in audience: That is initial, we've probably got about \$30,000 wrapped up in equipment right now and most departments don't have the manpower that we do and the finances that we were able to get.

Mr. Clemens: Okay.

Mr. Deskins: Councilman Kelly.

Mrs. Kelly: I have had quite a bit of experience helping to plan crisis plans for schools, specifically at Waggoner Road Jr. High School and I will tell you why I think this is a great idea, a tremendous idea when thinking about worst possible case scenario you hope never happens but knowing that you

have the medical people that are there. That are coming with you that makes, I know that makes me feel better and more secure in how you can bring about a positive, hopefully a more positive outcome. I think it's very proactive and I think it's great when we're building partnerships that are going to allow us to be more proactive and less reactive in situations that we hope we, none of us are ever in. So I commend you on taking that, those steps.

Mr. Deskins: Thank you Councilman Kelly. President Hills.

Mr. Hills: The one question that I had has been answered and what my concern was, wherever the SWAT team is in whichever county we have jurisdiction, Truro Township or EMTs will be there with the SWAT team and I think that is nice to have clarified. Other's just a procedural thing, one of those nit picky things I do. Has the City Attorney seen the MOU and I noticed we didn't have his initials but if he's okay with it, I think it's always good to run those through the City Attorney. I see a "thumb's up" from the back and that wasn't on my license plate so I guess that (inaudible).

Mr. McCloud: That's my oversight Mr. Hills, yes. I first took it to the City Attorney and asked him to review it so, it's my oversight.

Mr. Deskins: Thankfully, Nancy sent us out a notice later on. Are there any other questions, Councilman Stake.

Mr. Stake: Chairman Deskins, I just have a little concern, I guess. I know we've heard from some of the folks up there that the other jurisdictions are fine with this but I notice there's emergency language on this and I'm not sure what the emergency is but if we could delay this until we get back, I'd like to at least talk to the other jurisdictions to find out whether they're interested in participating or not.

Mr. Deskins: Is there anyone, Mayor McCloud, do you want to speak to the request for emergency, Mayor? Do you want to address the emergency?

Mr. McCloud: The request for the emergency was simply to get this in place before the recess. It's not on fire, I guess to use a bad metaphor. As far as I'm concerned, I think the sooner, the better. I don't know, but again, that's your consensus.

Mr. Deskins: Councilman Kelly.

Mrs. Kelly: My question I guess is procedural. If it were to go ahead and pass it, would that preclude other agencies from coming aboard and being a part of it in the future because, I agree with you. I think the sooner you get something like this on board the better.

Mr. McCloud: This MOU can be terminated, altered, rescinded. We can enter into, obviously we

have the contractual authority to enter into MOUs with other jurisdictions. It's.....

Mr. Deskins: I too like the idea of getting it in place as soon as possible because I think it's a great idea and I think the a....

Mr. Stake: Chairman Deskins.

Mr. Deskins: The gentleman in the back has already addressed that it's a, they've been approached and given the opportunity.....

Mr. Stake: Well, I, you know. I can always appreciate what other people say but I certainly would like to talk to the other jurisdictions myself. I think we have Doug Joseph who's on the Fire Board. Have you been informed about this at all in Licking County?

Mr. Joseph: No, I have not been.

Mr. Stake: And you're on the Fire Board, correct?

Mr. Joseph: Yes, that's correct. I have not had any conversations with the Chief or anyone else about this.

Mr. Stake: And see my concern, I don't think it's a bad idea, frankly, I think it's a great idea, but I just don't want to step on the toes of the Fire jurisdictions we have within our city.

Mr. Deskins: Well, I.....

Mr. Joseph: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to make a comment.

Mr. Deskins: Yes, go ahead.

Mr. Joseph: As mentioned, I am the West Licking rep for the city. Since, as the Mayor and others have stated, there's nothing preventing the other jurisdictions from joining at another time, I personally don't see a problem moving forward since Truro's picking up the cost on it. If we were picking up the cost, then I believe that we would have an obligation to look at the other jurisdictions at that point, but, you know, we can approach them and say, we've entered into this agreement. Would you like to join at some point? I don't see a problem moving forward at this time.

Mr. Deskins: Thank you Councilman Joseph and from what I hear you saying there, if there is a problem, we can rescind the partnership.....

Mr. McCloud: Yes.

Mr. Deskins: At any time so. Go ahead.

Mr. Stake: I have one more question. Okay, so if we enter into this agreement that Truro Township EMT will go into the other five jurisdictions and EMT jurisdictions if there's a SWAT action, correct?

Gentleman in audience: That's correct. Anywhere the SWAT Team goes.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Well, I've got to tell you, I think before I, we would know and we have a Fire Board person who is not even aware about it, I can't be for it, I'm sorry.

Mr. Deskins: Councilman Kelly.

Mr. Stake: Like I said, it's a good idea.

Mrs. Kelly: I have just one more question Mr. Stake made me think of. The people who'll be going in with the SWAT, Firemen or EMTs who will be going in with the SWAT, will they also be the ones training with the SWAT?

Sgt. Gregory: Yes.

Mrs. Kelly: Okay, so it's not just

Sgt. Gregory: No we...

Mrs. Kelly: ...certain, willy nilly. It's these people are be training with the SWAT, will be going in as a team on how to approach the situation.

Gentleman in audience: We had a selection process, we talked with the members of Reynoldsburg SWAT, they gave us some input. They had to go through the same physical agility test the SWAT Team does, had an oral interview with them. And then there was some commitment that they knew they had to make. There's also some very extensive training that's expensive. It's about \$1,000 per person and you're looking at your equipment per person's about \$6,000 per person so and maintaining that type of stuff, so that's where the initial cost come up so we do have nine dedicated people, 2 men on a shift every day and myself being a 40 hour person, I'm there through the week as well, but we do have dedicated people. So they just don't grab a couple people on duty.

Mrs. Kelly: So I guess my point is that, if the other, Jefferson, Violet, West Licking wanted to come on board, I believe our expectation would be, we would want them to go through the same extensive training so that they have the skills necessary and can be an active member of the team which could then in turn, would take them a little bit of time to get up to the level where we already have the Truro people, correct? Lieutenant, I guess I'm asking what your expectations would be.

Sgt. Gregory: We're open to that. We've not been trying to exclude them, it's just, there's a process of getting this thing moving forward. I mean, we've been talking about doing this for about ten years and the political atmosphere between the Chiefs and their personalities wasn't going to let it happen. So, we turned internally and looked for one of our Officers to fulfill that. Sent him back to EMT school. He got his certification and he rode with us, I think it was almost two years. As I said, he left our agency and went back to Geauga County. I did have a Violet Township Medic contact me and sent me a letter and I called him back. I told him we were working with Truro. The last contact I had with him, it's my understanding he became injured and he's on injury leave now. So that situation hasn't gone any further. The bottom line is, we had to start with one agency I think and get comfortable with the idea that we're going to do this. Each agency can be approached and asked if they're willing to do it and if they want to put forth the funds because, obviously we don't want to obligate the city to pay. The reason we did the MOU is to keep the lines clear on employment and liability and all that so.

Mrs. Kelly: And I, that's kind of where I was heading to with that. Is that, even if the other agencies wanted to come on board, there's already a time, there would already be a time gap. If they, Jefferson or Violet said next week, we want to be part of this, they couldn't just step into it a week later. There would be time already there so that's again another reason why I think we need to move forward with it because you're still going to have, there's a time commitment that the other agencies, monetary as well as time are going to have to put forward in order to be a part of this.

Sgt. Gregory: That's what we were hoping for.

Mr. Deskins: Is there, Councilman Clemens.

Mr. Clemens: Well, the only thing I see, and I agree, I think we should have it. It's a good thing. We have four Fire Districts in the City of Reynoldsburg, four different tax bases in the City of Reynoldsburg that pays for each Fire Department. We have four different Administrations in those Fire Departments that supply the people in the City of Reynoldsburg that pay those taxes to those districts. I think at least we should send them a letter of our intentions and have them send a letter back and tell us what their intentions are. I mean, we're talking about four different tax bases, four different Administrations, four different districts and we have good working relations with all four departments. We're trying to have good relations with all the Trustees. I don't see anything wrong, I don't care whether we pass as an emergency next week or when you pass it. I want it passed but, I do think we owe them that responsibility and to put it in writing. If they're not interested, fine then we get a letter back from it and I have no problem with it at all. If they are interested, you can explain how much money they have to come up with and the training they have to go through if they don't have the personnel. I understand that, you understand that, we all understand it, but we've always had good working relations and I don't want to offend anybody and having after we pass this, come in and say 'hey, I didn't know anything about it'. Well, we talked to people, who did you talk to? Did you talk to the Trustees, the Administration, who did you talk to? I don't know who you

talked to. So I mean I don't want to get in to that kind of mess. We've been in it before and I don't want to get into it again. That's my only thought. I mean, I think it's a wonderful thing to do. I have no problem with it at all and the quicker we do it the better off we are, but I think we have an obligation.

Mr. Deskins: Councilman Joseph.

Mr. Joseph: Yeah, I just want to make the comment that if the Committee does move this on tonight, you know, it would be a whole week before Council would even be dealing with this and that's plenty of time for the city to contact the other jurisdictions and to find out what their views on it are. I plan to do that tomorrow and, but we've got a week and we can move it forward and if necessary we can put it on hold next week. I think that's the best way to approach it. We don't have to bottle it up tonight, move it on and if necessary, hold next week.

Mr. Deskins: Mayor, you got any comments regarding what he's saying?

Mr. McCloud: No, I think that's fine. I'll be happy to make the phone calls or you know, if Mr. Clemens, you know, I'll make them tomorrow.

Mr. Deskins: Councilman Stake.

Mr. Stake: Thank you Chairman Deskins. I think we heard that this has been on the books for nine years now and I don't understand why we got to move it on tonight if we can talk to the other jurisdictions and find out where they're at on it.

Mr. McCloud: The biggest obstacle is, as I understand it, is the cost. It is not cheap and in addition to just the Kevlar and the gear that they're going to wear is the training so I think that was kind of the sticking point for the previous Chiefs was, who was going to bear that cost. So, with that as a backdrop I...

Mr. Deskins: Thanks for all the comments this evening. What I'm going to do is go ahead and make a motion to refer it on to Council with recommendation for adoption as an emergency under the conditions that these departments are notified within the next week and if we don't hear at our next meeting, we'll hold it at the Council Meeting.

Mr. Hills: Can I make one suggestion.

Mr. Deskins: Yes.

Mr. Hills: Because it started out I know, as Mr. Clemens has said, notify by in writing and the Mayor said and I know Doug is going to make his phone call from his position in West Licking but I

don't think there's any objection to putting together a written document saying that we're moving forward on this, anticipated vote being next week. That just, it's kind of nice having things in black and white later when you look for them rather who said what to whom. So, if we can have something in writing.

Mr. Deskins: In writing.

Mr. Clemens: Put in it's up to their expense too.

Mr. Deskins: In writing.

Mr. Clemens: And personnel. We don't want to put no money.....

Mr. Deskins: You do your conversation, will you do it also in writing so.

Mr. Joseph: Oh yes.

Mr. Hills: I think Doug will, the Mayor will be sending something to West Licking also.

Mr. Deskins: To West Licking to cover his, okay. Okay, I'd like to make a motion that we refer this to Council with recommendation for adoption as an emergency. Second by Mr. Joseph. All those in favor say "Aye". (All voted "Aye") Opposed. Mr. Stake - (Nay). Motion passes. Thank you very much. I would like to close the Safety Committee Meeting at 8:05 p.m..

Safety Committee

- - -Nancy C. Frazier, Clerk of Council

July 20, 2009

(Transcribed/S. Cochran, Ass't. Clerk of Council)

SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

July 20, 2009

Members of Service Committee present: Mel Clemens, Doug Joseph, Barth R. Cotner.
Councilwoman Donna Shirey was absent.

Other members of Council present: Ron Stake, Fred Deskins, Jr., Leslie Kelly, Council President William L. Hills.

Mr. Clemens: I'll call the Service Committee Meeting to order at 8:06 p.m.

The first item on the agenda is approval of agenda. Are there any additions or deletions to the agenda? If not, it'll stand approved.

Item 3 - Approval of minutes of the Service Committee Meeting held July 6, 2009. Are there any additions, deletions, corrections to the minutes? If not, they'll stand approved.

Item 4 - Discussion: Status of sanitary sewer inspection(s) and possible corrections to it. This was brought to me and we discussed it pertaining to a sewer line that crossed Councilman Stake's property, was one that's been done a little over a year ago. There seems to be a problem as far as the land, the way it was returned, and the way it was inspected, and the way it was improved, and there hasn't been anything done about it and facially, it doesn't look good. I have looked at it and it's not something that I would want done on my property. So, I think it's a situation that we need to discuss and I think that Mr. Miller's here and Mr. Kipp's here and I know they know the situation and maybe we can discuss a little bit. Is Mark here or is he hiding from me, no I see you back there Mark. I think, you know, I've discussed this with you too and I know there's problems concerning this. I did

look at it and I don't think it's something I would want and I don't think it's something you would want and I don't think it's something we usually do or let happen or have happen, and I understand the person that had the sewer line run, I know the problems we've had with him and so forth, but if we can't get it corrected, I think we have an obligation to see that it's corrected, if we have to do it ourselves.

Water/Waste Water Supt. Kipp: Okay.

Mr. Clemens: Whatever you think.

Mr. Kipp: I mean that's fine. It's still under the year, it was accepted, and then there's still a year's maintenance warranty and it's still under that warranty until October.

Mr. Clemens: Okay, would you try, I know, I know you've tried to get it back..

Mr. Kipp: We've talked to Mr. Boster again.....

Mr. Clemens: If you would talk to him..

Mr. Kipp: ...and see what we could get done. It would probably be, I don't know if we would want to try to reseed it right now because of the watering, but we can address it, like in September.

Mr. Clemens: I think it would be best to do it, best to do it in the Fall.

Mr. Kipp: About September, which I, between September 15th and October 15th. Now, we'll give him something before September on it, to try to get it done.

Mr. Clemens: Okay. Councilman Stake.

Mr. Stake: Thank you, Chairman Clemens. This, just to clarify, it's not on my property. It's on the property in front of me, which I maintain because no one else does, and I drive my lawn tractor in there. There's ruts, there's holes, there's all kinds of stuff and my neighbors certainly don't appreciate seeing that. I don't appreciate seeing that and I guess, you know, reason I ask Chairman Clemens to put this on the agenda is, not only for my benefit or I guess our, my neighbors' benefit who live in that development, but what recourse do we have I guess when these things are not done properly. I mean, we just, because I tell you, I've got to tell you, because frankly, if I didn't say anything about it, it would stay the way it is and it probably will, I don't know, I mean...

Mr. Kipp: The smaller projects are often the most difficult. Either the small projects or the projects with an out of town developer. Standard projects aren't as much of a problem as we do have with small projects in getting, and there are some contractors who are more difficult than others, to get the job done, that you want done.

Mr. Stake: So Mark, let's cut to the chase, what can we do to make them more accountable and get this taken care of?

Mr. Kipp: Well.....

Mr. Stake: Because that's all really that I'm interested in.

Mr. Kipp: Jim's working on our new development handbook which does address some of these issues.

Director of Engineering Miller: Some of the things that we're doing Councilman Stake are different than what we've done in the past to add accountability. We are entering into agreements with developers for landscaping, things like that. Who takes care of what, when and where and how. We entered into such an agreement with Target and we are.....

Mr. Stake: Can I, I don't want to prolong this more than it has to be so let me just get pointed here. What can we do, do you have a development agreement already written that addresses issues like this?

Mr. Miller: We will have a developer's agreement with every development that will address issues like this, yes. That is what we are working towards with some of the things in the development handbook and some of the things with plot-grade-utility reviews and some of the things with the construction manual that I am also working on putting together.

Mr. Stake: Correct me if I'm wrong, but didn't you say to me that you have already proposed legislation that would correct this problem, in a conversation that we had?

Mr. Miller: Proposed legislation.....

Mr. Stake: Have you already written legislation, or, yes, written legislation that would hold developers accountable for situations like this?

Mr. Miller: I have given sample developers agreements, yes, to the Service Director and we have been moving forward on developer agreements with our developers, since I know both she and I have started working.

Mr. Stake: How long ago was that?

Mr. Miller: I don't remember the date exactly. It was a while ago.

Mr. Stake: Because I, frankly, I mean, like I said, I'm going to cut to the chase, I frankly would like to see this stuff come forward as soon as possible because in my situation, it looks horrible. I know

that we have a serious situation up at the Shoppes at East Broad where they weren't inspected properly and apparently that's gotten away with. So, I.....

Mr. Miller: No it hasn't.

Mr. Stake: Oh, it's not?

Mr. Miller: Nothing's gotten away with. That is an issue that is still ongoing and is, we are working towards resolution on that. But these issues that you've mentioned like.....

Mr. Stake: But if I just can just, if I can just again kind of make it simple, we hire, we require the property owner to hire an inspector to inspect a project like a sewer line going in to a home for instance.

Mr. Miller: The developer, not a property owner, the developer.

Mr. Stake: The developer, the builder, the developer, and if that's not constructed properly, we have no recourse, because if it doesn't work, what do we do? What can we do in that case if it doesn't work?

Mr. Miller: Well, if it doesn't work, you can place a moratorium on connections. In the case with Mr. Boster, it does work, but the landscaping that he performed afterwards is inadequate. But, right now....

Mr. Stake: Let's get.....

Mr. Miller: But the recourse.....

Mr. Stake: Let's do a hypothetical. If it doesn't, I mean I think you told me in another conversation that we had.....

Mr. Miller: The recourse simply is, is we have money that we are withholding in the form of a Maintenance Bond, where if he does not perform the work, we exercise that bond and we perform it ourselves.

Mr. Stake: Well, that's not what you told me the last time we talked. I mean, that's.....go ahead, that's all right.

Mr. Clemens: Let's get back to the situation that we're discussing as far as this is concerned. We do have the bond, if it's not corrected by October, we'll see that it's corrected, if we have to do it, and do it properly. That part I want taken care of. The other part that you're discussing, I think you're going to come before us with another, with the ordinances that you're drawing up that you're making

a change on for the developers, right?

Mr. Miller: Correct.

Mr. Clemens: Okay then, we're, if that's all right, Ron, we'll discuss that.

Mr. Stake: That would be fine, I'd be happy to see that.

Mr. Clemens: All right.

Mr. Hills: Chairman Clemens.

Mr. Clemens: Yes, Councilman Hills.

Mr. Hills: I just want to kind of clarify something in my own mind because I know Mark, you mentioned why they, you have this year's warranty.

Mr. Kipp: Yes.

Mr. Hills: That warranty, just to be sure, if I'm wrong or mis-understand that, that warranty is, if the work's been done incorrectly, he had a year to fix it. It would appear here, as in other cases, I don't know why we've got that year, we won't go back and straighten out the ruts after a year, to see if you did it. I don't think that's what the intent is, because I can tell you right now, if you hadn't re-seeded Rosehill, you'd had people in here, this Council Chamber would have been full. I mean, they finished the work they did and walked on so I'm not sure that, I guess the concept of just that one year warranty, isn't that to be that the work that they did on that property, will be retrofitted to close to what it was previously, or with that potential to be what it was previously?

Mr. Kipp: It's not the maintenance is like either 5%

Mr. Miller: It's 5%.

Mr. Kipp: Five percent.....

Mr. Hills: What, 5% of the cost you mean? Whatever it may be, but the purpose of this, the purpose of this warranty for one year is not to wait 11 months and 28 days before you do reconstruction work. You do that when you finish your project, right?

Mr. Kipp: Yeah.

Mr. Hills: I mean if it hadn't been done in that one year then maybe we take the money out of the account and go do it I guess. Is that where we're coming from?

Mr. Miller: Well, yes President Hills. When you have a project like Rosehill Road, it is written into a contract for seeding, for example, that they do it during a particular set of time and this is the same kind of thing though in a different form that we're trying to do with the developers agreements.

Mr. Hills: Conceptually, it's the same thing.

Mr. Miller: Yes.

Mr. Hills: When you go in and you go to somebody else's property, and you go in through a right-of-way, you try to put the right-of-way back into the form it was prior to interfering with the right-of-way.

Mr. Miller: Original or better yes.

Mr. Hills: Original or better which I'm not sure how you do those things but you try to get somewhere close to where you were. Now I have not seen Mr. Stake's issue. I 'm sure there's probably some other issues around too, but I guess I'm just, when I hear that we're saying something about well, we'll wait until this year, you know, if the person, the developer is finished with that project and he's moved out of there and the job's been done, I think once the 30 days are passed, somebody may be asking somewhere, when you going to finish it up? You can go ahead and do the finishing work.

Mr. Kipp: Last year we had talked to Mr. Boster about the yard work and the engineers had looked at it and it had been re-seeded last year. Now we don't go out and look at to make sure. I never have.

Mr. Hills: I understand re-seeding isn't the biggest issue. Is that, am I right or wrong? I don't.....

Mr. Clemens: No.

Mr. Hills: Re-seeding isn't the biggest issue.

Mr. Kipp: There were ruts last year and seeding issues on the same piece of property, same section and supposedly it was taken care of. Now I don't know if he strawed it and it just covered it but.....

Mr. Hills: But there's nothing to prevent the City employees from going out and taking a look at it?

Mr. Kipp: No, there's not.

Mr. Clemens: Thank you Mark. Thank you Jim. We'll see that it's taken care of, if he doesn't

take care of it.

Okay. Item 5 - Authorization of contract for 2009 Sanitary Sewer Televising and Inspection. Mr. Kipp.

Mr. Kipp: Thank you. We've put, it's gone out for bids. This year's low bidder was Metropolitan Environmental Services. They did come in under bid this year again and they are the lowest and best bidder.

Mr. Clemens: Okay. You have this on there as an emergency.

Mr. Kipp: Yes.

Mr. Clemens: Fine. Are there any questions for Mr. Kipp pertaining to this subject? This is an annual process that we do and he does a very good job of it. Are there any questions from the Committee, members of Council? If not, I'd like to make a motion that we send this to Council for it's first reading as an emergency, and also I'd like to send it to the Finance Committee. Second by Mr. Joseph. All those in favor say "Aye". (All voted "Aye") **Opposed. (No response).** **Motion passes.** Thank you.

Mr. Kipp: Thank you.

Mr. Clemens: Thank you, Mark.

Item 6 - Code Compliance- - *On July 6, 2009 item held; to be kept on agenda so committee can follow up and see results.* This has to do with any Code Compliance that anybody wishes to discuss and it was held on July 6, 2009. The item that had been discussed that night and it was going to be kept on the agenda so we can follow up and see any results. I do have a speaker slip on that and the speaker is Steve Baughn. Please give your name, address if you would please.

Mr. Baughn: Chairman Clemens, members of Council, thank you very much. My name is Steve Baughn, I live at 7374 East Rich Street in Reynoldsburg. I listened intently to the Mayor's response to the Code Enforcement issues I've brought before you some weeks ago on an address by my house. After carefully digesting the Mayor's brief response, I would note that it failed to address the following specific issues: 1) After the inspection of the fence in question on April 1, 2009, by Mr. Domini and Mr. Hopper as outlined in the emails you were provided, why a certified letter was not sent to the resident as mandated and called for in Section 1171.06 by the Zoning Officer; 2) Why did Mr. Domini and Mr. Hopper both sign off on a fence permit for the address in question without the documentation required by the same City Code Section 1171.06 which is supposed to show materials, dimensions, location and manner of support; 3) Why, when Mr. Hopper subsequently inspected my property, that he did not furnish me with a copy of the violation notice as required in Section 107.3 of the International Property Maintenance Code or advised of the right of appeal as mandated in Section 107.2 of the same code. Lastly, again, why the Safety/Service Director felt it necessary to contact

my boss, the Chief of Police to discuss this issue when the original complaint was filed as a private citizen and had absolutely nothing to do with my employment with the city.

Just as a sidebar and an update, I'm fully aware of this case's pending in Mayor's Court, the resident there is supposed to appear on August 6th. I noticed he was replacing the fence post the other night. He has a, I'm sure everyone will be relieved to note that he has taken down the nylon tie wraps and the pieces of steel rebar. What he's replaced them with is metal "T" posts. For anyone whoever grew up around a farm or lived in the country, you'll know the "T" post or the type of fence they put in for barbed wire and electric fence. This is what's holding up the fence now. I didn't come here to argue about what's up. As I said previously, I know the case is pending in Mayor's Court. I did send an email to both the Service Director and the Chief Building Inspector last week, simply pointing this out. I was told that these issues would all be handled on August 6th in Mayor's Court. The only thing that I thought perhaps it might be more expedient to just have somebody go out there, make contact with the resident and say 'hey, we've noticed you've done this. We're still not sure it complies. Maybe you want to clean that up before August 6th' - otherwise, the only thing it's going to do is delay this case which is, by the time the defendant appears on August 6th, this case will be almost five months old, from the time the original complaint was filed. So, I just thought it would be a little bit more expedient to do it that way, but that's up to the Administration how they'd like to handle it. I would again ask for a response to the above issues brought before this Council. Thank you.

Mr. Clemens: Thank you Steve. Are there any questions for Mr. Baughn, from members of Committee, members of Council? Thank you Steve.

Mr. Baughn: Thank you Chairman.

Mr. Clemens: Mayor, do you care to go ahead and make a response or.....

Mayor McCloud: No.

Mr. Clemens: Thank you.

Next item and this is under Code Compliance too since we do have it on there for Code Compliance and it has to do, which was brought up earlier, the Shoppes at East Broad. I don't know how many of you drive up Waggoner Road or anything like that. That's the most dismal looking piece of property for a new shopping center that I've seen. I hope that most people that drive that think it's in Columbus because it has weeds that tall along Waggoner Road. In front of the monument there's weeds that tall. Down Broad Street there's weeds that tall. In front of the new Lowe's, it looks like a farmer's field. I don't understand and I know Pam has had it cut, tried to get it cut once. It looks like they cut it with an axe or tried to really. It was a terrible job. I can't understand how you can build a new shopping center and have it look like that. You drive to Gahanna or Grove City, these other places, they don't look like that. At least they cut the grass, they plant flowers, they do something, especially in front of their big monument sign, I mean. It is terrible

looking, if you don't believe me, go up and take a look at it. I look at it every morning, but go take a look at it, but also down Broad Street, on the corner where the big monument sign is, I just don't understand why we would have a shopping center and a new one like that, that's going to be a good one, leave their property looking like that. Plus there's no fountain in the lake that belongs there, but I think what I would do, I think I would contact the developer or contact Glen Dugger and if they don't want to take care of it, if they want to send a representative, I think the city should take care of it and we should bill them for it and stop playing around with it. I mean, I know how these developers can be, I've been through it with them. You've got to treat them like they treat you. Now that you've treated them nice enough, I think they owe us the respect to make people think it's not in the City of Columbus and it's in the City of Reynoldsburg. So I think if you would Pam, call and tell them, and if they don't want to believe what you're telling them, I'll call and tell them and I'll guarantee they'll believe it. But I wish you would contact them because I know if we have to do it, it's going to take a lot of time to get it looking right because it's certainly, just going up there with a weed whacker isn't going to do it. It does look bad, so if you would look into it for us. All right, thank you. Are there any other questions pertaining to this? Yes, Mr. Stake.

Mr. Stake: Thank you, Chairman Clemens. I don't have a question. I just have a comment. I did appreciate them going back there and cutting all that high, those high weeds that I think were 2 -3 feet high a few weeks ago. They never did come out on the other side of the sidewalks that abut the street and cut those weeds, but you know, for, I think one of the, probably the premier development that we have in the city, for it to look like that is unacceptable and whatever we have to do, we need to do to make sure that they get the job done so they can attract some new businesses in there. Thank you.

Mr. Clemens: Thank you. Are there any other questions pertaining to Code Compliance matters? If not, we'll move on to the next item.

Item 7 - ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH RUMPKE OF OHIO, INC. TO BE THE SOLE PROVIDER OF SOLID WASTE, RECYCLABLE MATERIALS AND YARD WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES FOR WASTE GENERATED BY RESIDENTIAL UNITS, MUNICIPAL FACILITIES AND DURING SPECIAL EVENTS IN THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO- -first rdg 7-13-09.

Do we have any questions for our Service Director pertaining to this? I think she was quite explicit the way she presented it at our last meeting and very understandable. Any members of the Committee have any questions they'd like to ask, members of Council? If not, I would like to send this to Council as an emergency. We've had one reading, this will be the second reading and might as well get it done before we take recess and she can be working with them while we're gone. So I would like to send this to Council for second reading for passage as an emergency. Second by Mr. Cotner. All those in favor say "Aye". (All voted "Aye") Opposed. (No response). Thank you.

Item 8 - ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO: Addition of Subsection (d) "Portable On-site Deliverable Storage Units (PODS)" to Section 1171.06 "Accessory Use, Accessory Structure" OF CHAPTER 1171

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS- -2nd rdg 7-13-09. Does anyone have any questions for our Development Director, Luke. Aaron couldn't be here this evening and I told him I didn't think there would be any questions. I think it's been quite explained, it's been through the Planning Commission where they dropped the fee from \$40 to \$20. Do we have any questions from the Committee, members of Council? If not, I'd like to send this to Council for it's final reading for adoption. Second by Mr. Joseph. All those in favor say "Aye". (All voted "Aye") Opposed. (No response).

Item 9 - ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO: Definition of "Child Day Care" in Section 1131.02 "Definitions" OF CHAPTER 1131 DEFINITIONS; And "Table 1175.01 Permitted Uses and Special Exceptions, All Districts" of Chapter 1175 DISTRICT REGULATIONS - -2nd rdg 7-13-09. Are there any questions for Mr. Haire from members of the Committee pertaining to this item, members of Council? If not, I'd like to make a motion that we send this to Council for approval, third reading. Second by Mr. Joseph. All those in favor say "Aye". (All voted "Aye") Opposed. (No response). And that ends the Service Committee Meeting at 8:30 p.m. Thank you.

Service Committee

- - Nancy C. Frazier, Clerk of Council

July 20, 2009

(Transcribed/S. Cochran, Ass't. Clerk of Council)

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

July 20, 2009

Members of Finance Committee present: Ron Stake, Mel Clemens, Fred Deskins, Jr., Leslie Kelly.

Other members of Council present: Doug Joseph, Barth R. Cotner, Council President William L. Hills. Councilwoman Donna Shirey was absent.

Mr. Stake: I'll call to order the Finance Committee Meeting at 8:31 p.m. Item 2 is approval of the agenda. Are there any additions to the agenda by members of the Finance Committee? I believe we do have one. I'll make it 3a. - 2009 Sanitary Sewer Televising and Inspection Contract Funding. All those in favor say "Aye". (All voted "Aye") Opposed. (No response).

Item 3 - Approval of minutes of Finance Committee meeting held July 6, 2009. Are there any changes to those minutes? Hearing none, those minutes will stand as submitted.

Item 3a - Funding for the 2009 Sanitary Sewer Televising and Inspection Contract. This comes from the Service Committee. Chairman Clemens, anything you'd like to say on this?

Mr. Clemens: No.

Mr. Stake: Okay. This is an annual thing as the Chairman said previously in the Service Committee. I'm sure Mark Kipp does a good job on this. I have a lot of faith in his judgement so I have no problems with this. So I will, are there any questions from members of the Finance Committee on this, members of Council? Then I'll make the motion that we approve the funding to Metropolitan Environmental Services of \$76,560.92 from the Unappropriated Sanitary Sewer Fund, to Account No. 720.736.5365. Second by Mr. Clemens. Any further discussion? All those in favor say "Aye". (All voted "Aye") Opposed. (No response). Motion passes. Thank you.

Item 4 - Discussion: Supplemental appropriation - Mayor's Office Special Counsel account. Mayor.

Mayor McCloud: Thank you, Chairman Stake, members of Council. This is a request from me for an additional \$25,000 from the General, the Unappropriated General Fund for special counsel. As you know, we've been through some labor negotiations and have more to come so, by way of history, I did attach my cover memo. This would put us pretty closely to what was actually expended. Not to say we will expend all of this but the actual expense for the line item was \$49,000 and some change in '07 and \$46,329 in '08. So, that in a nutshell is what this is and what I'm asking for.

Mr. Stake: Any questions or comments from members of the Finance Committee, members of Council? Mayor, I do recall that when you hired an HR Director, you stated that she was versed in contract negotiations. Is she helping out at all, is able to whittle down this amount at all?

Mayor McCloud: I do anticipate that Mr. Stake, yes. She's been, she's been very involved.

Yes is the short answer.

Mr. Stake: Okay, and it's \$25,000 in addition to this year's appropriation. Okay. Any other questions or comments? Then I'll make a motion, you'd like an emergency on this I can see, correct?

Mr. McCloud: Yes please.

Mr. Stake: I'll make a motion that we appropriate \$25,000 from the Unappropriated General Fund to Account No. 110.522.5332 Special Counsel. Second by Mrs. Kelly. Any further discussion? All those in favor say "Aye". (All voted "Aye") Opposed. (No response). Motion passes; as an emergency I meant to say.

Item 5 - Discussion: Confirmation of recommendations of the various Tax Incentive Review Councils, and the Reynoldsburg Housing Council, to continue the TIF and CRA agreements. This comes from our Development Director Lucas Haire. Luke.

Mr. Haire: Thank you Chairman Stake, Council members. This is also another annual item that we take care of. It's approving the continuation of the recommendations of various Tax Incentive Review Councils, and the Reynoldsburg Housing Council. We have a Tax Incentive Review Council for each of the three counties that we have incentives in, which include the Brice and Main TIF, Taylor Square TIF, Taylor Road TIF No. 1 and No. 2., the Kroger TIF, Summit Road TIF and the East Broad Street Community Reinvestment Area. The recommendations of those Boards were that these agreements were all in compliance and they recommend continuation. So I'll ask the Council to confirm that continuation.

Mr. Stake: Are there any questions for the Development Director from members of Finance Committee or members of Council? I just have one brief question and I don't know, does our City Attorney normally sign off on this stuff or, I don't see his initials anywhere on here, on this Legislative Request. I'm just asking.

Mr. Haire: I don't know that he has in the past. I know Mr. Hood is on the Licking County Tax Incentive Review Council so I know he's at least seen those documents, but I don't know in regards to the others.

Mr. Stake: Mr. Hood, do you, is this something, if you just want to say "Yea" or "Nay" and.....

Mr. Hood: I don't remember reviewing these in previous years but as Lucas has mentioned, I am on the Licking County portion of the Tax Incentive Review Council. We did vote to continue those because they are in compliance. I didn't attend the other meetings but the Licking County stuff's in order.

Mr. Stake: Okay, thank you for your comment. Are there any other questions members of Finance Committee, members of Council? No emergency needed on this or - okay, if there are no other questions, I'll make a motion that we send this on to Council for it's first reading. Second by Mr. Deskins. Any further discussion? All those in favor say "Aye". (All voted "Aye") Opposed. (No response). Motion passes. Thank you.

Item 6 - Discussion: Supplemental appropriation - Unemployment Compensation.
Mayor.

Mayor McCloud: Thank you, Chairman Stake. Members of Council, this is a request for supplemental appropriation of \$20,000 to the Unemployment Compensation Fund. It is dwindling quickly and after the July invoice was processed, the balance, the remaining balance is \$4,259 for the rest of the year and we know there's more coming, so.

Mr. Stake: More unemployment coming?

Mr. McCloud: Yes.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Are there any questions for the Mayor from members of the Finance Committee, members of Council? President Hills.

Mr. Hills: One question, when we, if I understand this account right, the Unemployment Compensation, just because someone may not be in your employ today and you're assuming they're drawing from that account, it can be someone who was in your employment three or four years ago. I don't know what the draw down time is. Is it five years, Mayor?

Mayor McCloud: Off the top of my head, I think it is, but I can't, sorry.

Mr. Hills: Someone who was employed three or four years ago, is no longer here, but now is unemployed wherever they were employed, can draw back against the city. I guess that's the deep pocket theory or something of assistance for people who are unemployed but it, I'm not sure I like it but until the General Assembly's willing to change it, I don't know what we can do about it, and that's the unfortunate thing. In other words, we're continuing to pay for the unemployment problems of other businesses and entities and Governments so.

Mayor McCloud: Yes.

Mr. Hills: It's, I guess it's never ending, new names pop up all the time if I understand this correctly, right?

Mayor McCloud: That is correct Mr. Hills.

Mr. Stake: Okay, did that raise any questions from members of Finance Committee, members of Council? Mayor, I don't have a problem with this but if we could maybe have the HR Director give us a little projection on what she, where this might be coming from, I'd appreciate seeing that. Maybe other members of Council would appreciate seeing that.

Mayor McCloud: We will provide everything we have. President Hills alluded to some of the things that arise Mr. Stake. We had, we, the City had an incident where an employee left to go work for another entity and was almost immediately laid off and we're paying a lot of the freight for that. So some of those things come into play. We will provide you all the docs, I'll follow up

and get specifically everything....

Mr. Stake: I'd appreciate that, just so we know what's going on here. That would be great. Any other questions? Like an emergency on this, correct?

Mayor McCloud: Yes, please.

Mr. Stake: Okay then, I'll make a motion as an emergency that we appropriate \$20,000 from the Unappropriated General Fund to the Unemployment Compensation Acct No. 110.595.5165. Second by Mr. Deskins. Any further discussion? All those in favor say "Aye". (All voted "Aye") Opposed. (No response). Motion passes. Thank you.

Item 7 - Discussion: Change of Income Tax Formula (at request of Chairman Stake)- -on 7-6-09 item held for two weeks. And this was at my request back on the 6th of July and we held it for two weeks so members could have an opportunity to see how our income taxes are allocated. I don't plan on moving this forward here tonight or anything like that, but we will be coming back with budget discussions and I think it's appropriate that we know where our income taxes are going in regards to that and if there are any adjustments Council members would like to make, I'd like to hear about those; but are there any questions or comments in regards to that here this evening? Members of Finance Committee, members of Council? If there aren't any, then I'll make a motion that we hold this item 'til we come back from our August recess. Second by Mr. Clemens. Any further discussion? All those in favor say "Aye". (All voted "Aye") Opposed. (No response). Motion passes. Thank you.

Item 8 - Discussion: REDI funding (at request of Chairman Stake)- -on 7-6-09 item held for two weeks. This is Reynoldsburg Economic Development Inc. funding. This was also my request back on the 6th of July and I appreciate the Development Director getting this information on organizations such as REDI and also on the REDI Officers and REDI bylaws and all that other stuff. You know, I had a thought, might be a bad thought, but I did have a thought that we might like to allocate some of the bed tax money that's going to the General Fund to REDI so that we'd have an economic development arm in the city that has some funding to be able to act when needed and that was really my only thought on that. Councilman Clemens.

Mr. Clemens: I agree in a way, but I had a thought that we would raise the bed tax, make it the same as our surrounding cities, and that would, I see no reason why not really. I don't think with the few that we have we're in great big competition with the City of Columbus or anything like that and I don't think really, people pay that much attention to the difference and I think that would help us also with what you're talking about. I think it's something to think about, you know.

Mr. Stake: Well I have had no conversations with the Mayor in regards to raising taxes here in Reynoldsburg.

Mr. Clemens: That's really not a tax for the people here in Reynoldsburg.

Mr. Stake: Well, it is because it's the businesses here and it may have an affect on the business so a tax increase is a tax increase but I again, I'm certainly welcome to any thoughts, discussion.....

Mr. Clemens: I think we should be comparable to what the other cities are. Grove City and the

rest of them seem to have no problem (inaudible) I think it's something to look into, I mean we are looking for money.

Mr. Stake: Well, at this time, I'd like to keep it if I could to the item here. I mean, it's, I think that would be another discussion item. Councilman Deskins.

Mr. Deskins: Thank you, Councilman Stake. I, too, think it's a good idea what you proposed. Got to have some money if you want to do.....

Mr. Stake: If you want to do some economic development.

Mr. Deskins: You've got to have somebody put the money in there and I think it'd be a good idea personally if we had some form of funding that area.

Mr. Stake: Right now, we have \$162,000. I think the estimated bed tax in 2009 was over \$162,000 and I'm just saying right now, maybe we'll just seed money to get going and obviously they'd be audited just like anybody else. I think in the past, Luke, correct me if I'm wrong, I think pretty much REDI has sponsored the developers and whatever breakfast and the Farmers Market, is there anything else that they've sponsored?

Mr. Haire: For the last number of years, no, they haven't done much more than that. I think the last time they received any funding from Council was 1994 and they received an appropriation but....

Mr. Stake: The amount of?

Mr. Haire: I believe it was \$15,000 the last time they received any funding, but for a number of years they've been not as active and their role's diminished since establishing a full time Development Department.

Mr. Stake: Right, and I think you'd be, you can comment on this, but I think it'd be great if we did have an economic development arm separate from the city that was serious about doing some economic development here in the city.

Mr. Haire: Yeah, I think that's a great idea, Chairman Stake. It really allows you to take a proactive role in the economic development of the, your community and it allows you to do a number of things. I passed out Chapter 1724 of the Ohio Revised Code that outlines all the responsibilities and what they, CIC is able to do by Ohio Law and really I can say, it lets you take a proactive approach and enters into some creative agreements with public/private partnerships and with doing some assemblage of land and things like that, that as a Government entity that we're not able to do.

Mr. Stake: And other communities are doing this right now?

Mr. Haire: Yes, we have very active CICs in a number of communities - Grove City, Gahanna, um, a number of other communities.

Mr. Deskins: The City of Columbus has a big incentive for developers when they're trying to bring new developers in for electricity.

Mr. Hills: Aren't they asking for ½% tax increase, to cover something they're doing, right?

Mr. Deskins: No taxes on that electricity so...

Mr. Hills: There are no free dollars around here Mr. Stake.

Mr. Stake: Thank you President Hills.

Mr. Hills: As we talked a few minutes ago, it takes money to make money in a number of different things and REDI certainly, we have some of your trustees need to be juggled around because we've got, it hasn't been looked at for a while. I don't disagree that certainly in moving money over to REDI but I also looked at, this is part of the budgeting process that we need to be looking at in these percentage changes. Where are these dollars going to go and how are they going to go there? Just as you say, you can't do anything unless you're putting money in there. You can't fix streets unless you're putting money in the CIP. You can't do development without some CIP money. So, I think they do go together, now is it, do you, I don't think anybody's saying we're going to reduce what the Visitors Bureau is getting. I think we're saying the statute is set in such a way that they must receive a certain amount. The remainder goes to the city. Now there's talk of do we increase that so the city gets more or do you just take what's there and move it on to REDI? Well, you know I think this is part of the budget discussion that we need to be looking at for this coming year. Because I'm not so sure that, you know, you're doing a good job if you took \$15,000 in 1994 and haven't asked for anything, but I have a feeling you probably didn't have any money since about 1996 either....

Mr. Stake: Which means nothing's happened.

Mr. Haire: Very little. Yes.

Mr. Hills: You don't own anything, but sometimes that isn't all bad. Sometimes not owning something isn't the worst place to be, but I think everybody, I'm hearing some good ideas come up from everybody, but I think it should be in the mix of how are we going to look at as a budgetary item, how are we going to be looking at the funding for the REDI Program. That brings up other questions. Do the others need it, do the CICs need it, I don't know. You're the Development Director, I guess you may be trying to tell us.

Mr. Haire: REDI is the CIC. The other CICs that were formed in the past have been disbanded and no longer.....

Mr. Hills: They are gone now, the Licking County and the.....

Mr. Haire: They're gone.

Mr. Hills: They're all, they've spent their money and went home, right?

Mr. Haire: They've not been continued.

Mr. Hills: They've spent their money and went home.

Mr. Stake: Councilman Kelly.

Mrs. Kelly: I also think that this would be again, you look for being more proactive versus being reactive. You get an awful lot more done when you're being proactive. So I, too, think it would be a great idea to set, to have something set up that allows for economic development to happen at a little bit more quicker pace and a little bit more creatively than we've been able to do. So I'm excited that we're going to talk about that in this budget process so we actually, so we have a clear understanding of what the give-to-get is for that process.

Mr. Stake: Thank you. And President Hills, to address your concern, I put this on for discussion only. I had no plans on sending this forward, because when we do come back, we will be discussing the budget. I was hoping to have, before we go home, the workbooks to be able to look the budget over during the August recess. Mayor, is that going to be possible?

Mayor McCloud: No.

Mr. Stake: No?

Mr. Hills: One thing we may be able to get is the estimation of revenues and expenditures....

Mr. Stake: Any information that we can have before we go on recess would be greatly appreciated, because I know that everybody on Council wants to be involved in the budget appropriations for this year. So, the longer we have to look at it, the better off we're going to be. But again, this is something, food for thought. It's \$25,000, it's making us, I think it's a step in the direction of making REDI a serious economic development arm of the city and it's something that I think, I don't know who would oppose it. Maybe some people will, I don't know. Okay, that being said, are there any other questions or comments? I'll make a motion that we hold this item for two weeks. Second by Mrs. Kelly. Any further discussion. All those in favor say "Aye"; and I meant to say when we come back from the August recess. (All voted "Aye") Opposed. (No response). Motion passes. Thank you.

Item 9 - ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CLERK OF COUNCIL TO CERTIFY GRASS AND WEED CUTTING COSTS FOR COLLECTION BY THE FRANKLIN COUNTY AUDITOR- - 1st rdg 7-13-09. Any questions or comments from members of the Finance Committee in regards to this item, members of Council? I do recall that there's an emergency wanted on this, correct?

Acting Safety/Service Director Boratyn: Yes, it would be, well, we actually don't have to pass it by an emergency if you would pass it next at the, no I'm sorry, I guess you would have to pass it by emergency at the next Council meeting, yes.

Mr. Stake: Okay, and this is to reflect a timing issue I believe, so.

Mr. Hills: It's too heavy to carry much more...

Mr. Stake: Yeah.

Mr. Hills: This thing weighs....

Mr. Stake: Something we want to empty during August don't we. Yes, Mrs. Boratyn.

Mrs. Boratyn: Thank you. It needs to be down there by September 14th so if you passed it next week, the 30 days would pass in August and we could still get it down there so you wouldn't have to do an emergency. You'd just have to waive that you'd only hear it two times.

Mr. Hills: Could I address that for just a second?

Mr. Stake: President Hills.

Mr. Hills: There are certain ordinances, and sometimes I hear people say 'well Council's just doing everything as an emergency'. These next two items, or these two items, this is Franklin County and this is Licking County. This is the city trying to assess the properties on issues that have already been done last year, 2008. Now we've had one reading, we've had two discussions. For us not to go ahead and pass this and get it out of here and down on to the records because the properties are changing hands now, this will never come up with it, I mean, there is not anything wrong with Council passing things as an emergency when it's just an administrative type matter. This has been verified that these people, the work was done, the invoices have been done, they haven't been paid. It's now time to assess it so just when you hear people say Council passes as an emergency, there's some items of administrative nature that why do you want to talk about it for six weeks and I'd certainly rather than let this sit 'til September, I would recommend to Council that this is the type of emergency and if the press wants to debate emergencies, call me. I will, there's no one that ever tries to pass anything if there is an emergency to sneak something through or anything like that. That's not what it's about. But it's kind of a waste of everybody's time and energy to put this much work into this and this is 2008 billings which we are now in July sending to the counties to assess to the properties. Why don't we get it out there and get it over with. Thank you, Chairman Stake.

Mr. Stake: Any other questions or comments? I'm in full agreement.

Mr. Deskins: Amen.

Mrs. Kelly: Me too. I appreciate it.

Mr. Deskins: We all are.

Mr. Clemens: Would you explain that to me again.

Mr. Hills: Word for word?

Mr. Stake: I think it's on tape. You can listen tomorrow. Okay, if there are no other questions

or comments in regards to this item, I will send this to Council with recommendation for adoption as an emergency. Second by Mr. Clemens. Any further discussion? All those in favor say "Aye". (All voted "Aye") Opposed. (No response). Motion carries.

Item 10 - ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CLERK OF COUNCIL TO CERTIFY GRASS AND WEED CUTTING COSTS FOR COLLECTION BY THE LICKING COUNTY AUDITOR- - -1st rdg 7-13-09. Also I'd like this to be passed by emergency and President Hills explained all that earlier. Any questions or comments from members of Finance Committee, members of Council? I'll make a motion that we send this forward with recommendation for adoption as an emergency. Seconded by Mrs. Kelly. Any further discussion. All those in favor say "Aye". (All voted "Aye") Opposed. (No response). Motion passes.

Item 11 - 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, Chapter 6 Personnel Procedures, by adding Section 6.10 "Identity Theft Procedures"- - -1st rdg 7-13-09. I believe there's an emergency requested on this and I believe in the last Committee Meeting, that there were some questions I think I brought up in regards to the City Attorney signing off on that. Since then, I've had a conversation with him, as well we have a memo in regards to that so I think we're okay with that. Are there any questions or comments from members of Finance Committee, members of Council? I'll make a motion that we send this item on with recommendation for adoption as an emergency. Seconded by Mr. Deskins. Any further discussion. All those in favor say "Aye". (All voted "Aye") Opposed. (No response). Motion passes.

Item 12 - ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG OFFICE & INDUSTRIAL INCENTIVE PROGRAM GUIDELINES PREPARED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT- - -2nd rdg 6-8-09; on 6-15-09 item held; *on 7-6-09 item held two weeks*. The reason I did that is the Development Director was not available at the time. I didn't want to send anything on without his being here and his approval and at this time I do believe that, and Luke I guess I'd ask you, Chris Franzmann sent a memo or an email I guess dated 6-14 with a sample ordinance and to make sure that you're fine with that and it complies with what you're looking for.

Mr. Haire: Thank you, Chairman Stake for giving that opportunity. Yes, I agree with the draft that was sent over on June 14th by Mr. Franzmann and that should be the route we go that will allow us the most flexibility and allow us to accomplish what we set out to.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Appreciate that. Are there any questions or comments from members of Finance Committee for the Development Director or anybody else? Members of Council? I'll make a motion that we do send the ordinance sent over by Chris Franzmann on to Council and just looking, what do we have second reading, so we sent us on a third, so we don't need an emergency or anything on this correct? I'll make a motion that we send the ordinance sent over by Chris Franzmann with Council's recommendation for adoption. Second by Mr. Clemens. Any further discussion. All those in favor say "Aye". (All voted "Aye") Opposed. (No response). Motion passes. I'll adjourn the Finance Committee at 8:58 p.m.

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- - -Nancy C. Frazier, Clerk of Council

July 20, 2009

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