

MINUTES REGULAR MEETING
REYNOLDSBURG CITY COUNCIL
July 13, 2015

President Doug Joseph called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM

PRESENT: Barrett, Kelly, Clemens, Cotner, Long, Skinner, Joseph

ABSENT: McGrady III

Invocation- Councilman Scott Barrett

Approval of Minutes

a. City Council – Regular Meeting – June 22, 2015

Minutes stand approved.

Approval of Agenda

Council President Joseph: Approval of Agenda: I have three reports we are going to add this evening. One from the Mayor, one from the Service Director, and one from the State Auditor's Office. All in favor, please say "Aye", "Aye". Opposed, " ". Thank you.

Community Comments and Requests

Arley Owens, 7954 Slate Ridge Blvd, Reynoldsburg: Today I am here to inform City Council and the Mayor in regards to a new community organization that we are creating. It's entitled. "Keep Reynoldsburg Beautiful", and the timing is perfect because Pataskala and Whitehall are also in the organizational phase in creating their own respective affiliate, which will be members of "Keep Ohio Beautiful", and "Keep America Beautiful." The reasons why we are doing this is pretty clear. If anyone is familiar with "Keep America Beautiful", it is the nation's largest improvement organization. They sponsor "Keep Ohio Beautiful Month", "America Recycles Day", "Recycle Mania", and other community based and community driven drives, litter prevention/beautification projects, and so forth. We decided to do this because we felt that Reynoldsburg needs to be in the lead in terms of keeping this community beautiful. There's a lot of great things going on in Reynoldsburg. I have talked with some of the associations. Slate Ridge Association, which I'm a member of, has already approved, and support, "Keep Reynoldsburg Beautiful". I believe it is something that we need to do. We have the opportunity to become an affiliate. I will be the organizer. I will be soliciting volunteers. I will be soliciting in kind donations to pay for the activities and the events, and everything that we need in order to become a "Keep America Beautiful" affiliate. And that process takes place over a period of six months. It starts with the training, with the potential new board members. I have already on our advisory council, Rumpke Resource Recycling Systems, the President of "Keep Ohio Beautiful", and others are waiting in the wings for me just to give them a call. So I think it's a great thing that we can do. We can build on success. I believe Reynoldsburg would be a vital part, which I call the "Main Street Mind Set." Because you will have "Keep America Beautiful" affiliates beginning in Columbus, Whitehall, Reynoldsburg, Pataskala. It's a first. There is no other state that has affiliates that close, and linked by one common street, which is Main St. Is there any questions? I guess what I am requesting is for the City Council and the Mayor to endorse and approve the affiliation with "Keep America Beautiful" through "Keep Reynoldsburg Beautiful". And I have plenty of information to leave

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behind if you want to find out more about the association, "Keep Ohio Beautiful", and "Keep America Beautiful."

Council President Joseph: Yes, Ms Kelly.

Councilman Kelly: Hi there, thank you for coming and sharing with us. Have you been in contact with Mary Hudson, who organizes our community clean up?

Mr: Owens: Yes, I talked with her, and she actually agreed to be on the advisory council. And, one of the things that we can help her with is, any and everything needed to improve the Livingston House. Part of the folks that are part of the "Keep Ohio Beautiful" organization is Sherman Williams. And, I have worked with them in the past. I use to work for the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, and I was a grant writer, and corporate sponsorship program. I have worked with many corporations. But, Mary and I have talked, and she has agreed to be on the Advisory Council.

Councilman Kelly: That's great. Thank you.

Mr. Owens: And I agreed to help her with all of the clean up activities.

Council President Joseph: Other questions? Yes Mr. Barrett.

Councilman Barrett: Thank you for doing this. It's a good initiative. I think our city needs this and I personally would be happy to help, so keep that in mind. I will tell you that the local Ace Hardware reached out to us about six months ago, and this is the type of project that they really want to help with. So, if you will get with me after the session tonight, I will share that with you.

Mr. Owens: I will do that.

Councilman Barrett: Thank you.

Council President Joseph: Councilman Clemens.

Councilman Clemens: Is it a resolution you are looking for, for our support?

Mr. Owens: A resolution would be perfect. That would be in keeping with what "Keeping America Beautiful" looks for in terms of becoming an affiliate. The President of "Keeping America Beautiful" was here Friday, and I had a chance to meet and talk with her, and she is very pleased to know that Reynoldsburg is going to be a part of the organization. I told her I would send her a basket of tomatoes. She was thrilled with that.

Councilman Clemens: Mayor, could you have a resolution drafted up?

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Communications

Council President Joseph: Next is "Communications." Clerk could you please go over these two items?

CLERK OF COURT REPORT MONTH ENDING MAY 2015

Total monies submitted as of May, 2015: \$30,756.00
Computerization Needs Fund: \$2,220.00
Enforcement & Education Fund: \$170.00

POSTAGE REPORTS ENDING JUNE 30, 2015

Reports

REPORT FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor McCloud: Thank you President Joseph and Members of Council. Just Friday, it was brought to my attention that if someone googles "Reynoldsburg City Water Payments" on line, one of the choices is a for profit entity. And it looks like it could be our website. The city seal is on there. There is a list of phone numbers, of contacts of the different departments, except they charge a fee. And it takes, I'm told, five days to post. Now when our citizens pay online, directly through the official website, there is no fee, and it is credited automatically. I don't think this is illegal. If I gave Barth Cotner monthly to pay my water bill, and \$10 for his trouble, I think that would probably be within the boundaries of the law. But, more than anything, I wanted everyone to know that it is there, and to be weary. I talked to the City Attorney about it on Friday, and we are going to follow up. I just wanted to bring that to everyone's attention.

Council President Joseph: Any questions for the mayor? Thank you.

REPORT ON FLOODING BY NATHAN BURD

Mr. Burd: Thank you President Joseph, Members of Council, I just want to take a minute tonight to talk about last night. As you all are very well aware, we had a sudden and unusual rain event that caused significant flash flooding in Reynoldsburg, Pickerington, Gahanna, east Columbus, and other areas throughout our region. By some reports, including a measurement taken at our own Water Department, we had almost four inches of rainfall, just like that, which is highly unusual. Obviously, flash flooding can be dangerous, as a resident looking out their window, and seeing what they saw last night, they would be concerned. I just want to take a moment tonight to make sure it is clear that the problems we had last night, and that the other cities had, was not due to any deficiencies in our stormwater drainage system. It was due to a rain event that most of us have not seen before in our lifetime. We had a couple of roads closed briefly, but once the rain stopped, the water did drain fairly quickly, almost everywhere. And, we had no remaining issues overnight, or this morning, in terms of flooding. Our stormwater staff spent the entire day checking drains and inlets, making sure there were no new blockages or problems. They did not find anything that would be a concern. Depending on who you listen to, there is a chance for more bad weather tonight and tomorrow. In fact, some are calling for more flash

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flooding. We hope that is not the case, but, I just wanted to be clear that last night was definitely unusual. I spoke to numerous residents today who said they have been here a couple of decades and have never seen anything like that.

Council President Joseph: Any questions?

AWARD PRESENTATION FROM THE OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE'S OFFICE

Mr. Harris: Thank you Chairman Joseph, Members of Council, the city has always maintained a very good relationship with our fine staff and State Auditor, Dave Yost, and he has sent Tim Craft out here tonight to present us with an award.

Mr. Craft: It is my honor and pleasure to be here. A lot of times when the Auditor of State's office comes knocking on the door, it isn't good news. But tonight is one of those nights, where I get to deliver good news. I'm here today to present the city and Auditor, Richard Harris, with the Auditor of State's Award of Distinction, which is the highest award our Auditor of State's office gives out for financial keeping. So when the Auditor of State's Award of Distinction is given to those entities filing annual accurate and timely financial reports, in accordance with GAP, as well as receiving a clean Auditor's report. A clean Auditor's report means your financial audits do not contain any financial recovery, material citations, material weakness, significant deficiency, single audit findings, or a questionable cost. What I like to talk about is, that's what it takes to qualify for that. The Auditor of State audits somewhere around 5800 public entities every year. And, out of those 5800 public entities, from the Ohio State University, to the smallest township in Vinton county, roughly right around 5% of those, receive this award. So that is to say that, here at the city of Reynoldsburg, the Auditor's office is working in the ninety-fifth percentile. And, to take it even a step further, Richard Harris has a lot of these awards sitting on his wall. So much, Council might have to build him a bigger wall. But, to be able to do that, year in and year out, is something quite impressive and I think the City of Reynoldsburg should take a lot of pride in that. So, with that, I will present Richard with the Auditor of State's Award of Distinction.

Mr. Harris: This is not an award just for me, I have a staff of four people. Our accounting manager, Joni Crawford, Deputy Auditor, Sharon Michael, Tax Administrator, Brenda Browning, and my secretary, Jennifer Clemens. They do a great job, not only for me, but for the people of the city. We thank Mr. Craft, and Auditor Yost, for the fine job they do and helping us in doing our audit. And thank you for the support the Auditor's office has gotten over the years.

Motions

MOTION THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG DOES HEREBY APPOINT ROBERT LINDER TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF ZONING & BUILDING APPEALS WITH A TERM BEGINNING JULY 13, 2015 AND ENDING MARCH, 2016. --- Cotner. Finance Committee.

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RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Barth R. Cotner, At Large
SECONDER:	Chris Long
AYES:	Barrett, Kelly, Clemens, Cotner, Long, Skinner
ABSENT:	McGrady III

LEGISLATION REQUIRING ONE READING

61-15

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR THE 2015 EAST BROAD STREET TANK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Chris Long
SECONDER:	Barth R. Cotner, At Large
AYES:	Barrett, Kelly, Clemens, Cotner, Long, Skinner
ABSENT:	McGrady III

62-15

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE 2015 EAST BROAD STREET TANK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Chris Long
SECONDER:	Mel Clemens, Ward IV
AYES:	Barrett, Kelly, Clemens, Cotner, Long, Skinner
ABSENT:	McGrady III

63-15

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF \$3,906.94 FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED GENERAL FUND TO PAY FOR ADDITIONAL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH DAMAGES TO THE SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER BUILDING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. --- Cotner. Finance Committee.

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RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Barth R. Cotner, At Large
SECONDER:	Dan Skinner, At Large
AYES:	Barrett, Kelly, Clemens, Cotner, Long, Skinner
ABSENT:	McGrady III

64-15

ORDINANCE TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF SERVICES PERFORMED PRIOR TO THE AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. --- Cotner. Finance Committee.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Barth R. Cotner, At Large
SECONDER:	Chris Long
AYES:	Barrett, Kelly, Clemens, Cotner, Long, Skinner
ABSENT:	McGrady III

LEGISLATION FOR FIRST READING

68-15

ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO: SECTION 160.02 "AUTHORIZED POSITIONS, PERSONNEL, CLASSIFICATION AND PAY GRADE" SUBSECTION (F) "POLICE DEPARTMENT"; OF CHAPTER 160 EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (FIRST READING 7/13/2015 ~ REQUESTS PASSAGE AS EMERGENCY AT SECOND READING.) --- Long. Safety Committee.

RESULT:	REFERRED TO COMMITTEE	Next: 7/20/2015 7:30 PM
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ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH EMH&T TO DESIGN AND BID THE LIVINGSTON AVENUE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT; APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (FIRST READING 7/13/2015 ~ REQUESTS PASSAGE AS AN EMERGENCY AT SECOND READING.) --- Cotner. Finance Committee.

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LEGISLATION FOR SECOND READING

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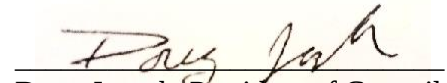
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ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH PHOENIX DISTRIBUTORS, FOR THE TRADE IN OF CURRENT WEAPONS. (SECOND READING 7/13/2015). --- Cotner. Finance Committee.

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Adjournment


April L. Beggerow, Clerk of Council


Doug Joseph, President of Council