

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
REYNOLDSBURG CITY COUNCIL
JULY 9, 2007

President of Council William L. Hills called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Members of Council present: Preston Stearns, Brett Baxter, Doug Joseph, Mel Clemens, Antoinette Newman, Donna Shirey, Ron Stake.

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

Minutes of the regular Council meeting held June 25, 2007 were approved without objection.

Mr. Stake added Contract A and Contract B of the 2007 Street Program. Mr. Hills added Charter Review 0-1-07. Mr. Joseph moved to amend the agenda. Mrs. Newman seconded. Mr. Hills noted that the 2007 Street Program Contracts A and B will become Items 10a and 10b. Mr. Hills noted that the Charter Review 0-1-07 will become Item 16a.

Community Comments and Requests- -Mr. Les Somogyi presented winners for the Reynoldsburg My Home Town Magazine photo contest winners. The winners were Janette Cole, Bridgette Wade, Jennifer Brett, Shua Mapes, and Barbara Boone.

Communications- -Assistant Clerk read report from Clerk of Courts: total monies collected from courts held during June 2007, \$41,254.35. Monies also collected during that period pursuant to Ordinance Nos. 146-94 and 104-02- -\$2,261 for the Computerization Needs Fund and \$185 for the Enforcement and Education Fund.

Reports- -City Auditor Richard Harris made a report on the CAFR. He stated that the Auditor=s Office filed the Annual Financial Report with the State Auditor=s Office.

Mayor McPherson read a letter regarding the Scenic Ohio Award that was given to the City of Reynoldsburg for the Revitalization of Commercial Corridors.

ORDINANCE MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR VEHICLE MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY- - -Assistant Clerk read ordinance by title for the one required reading. Mr. Stake moved adoption. Mr. Clemens seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Stearns AYea@; Mr. Baxter AYea@; Mr. Joseph AYea@; Mr. Clemens AYea@; Mrs. Newman AYea@; Mrs. Shirey AYea@; Mr. Stake AYea@. Motion passed; Ordinance No. 44-07 adopted.

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR 2007 STREET PROGRAM (CONTRACT A); APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY- - -Assistant Clerk read ordinance by title for the one required reading. Mr. Joseph moved adoption. Mrs. Newman seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Stearns AYea@; Mr. Baxter AYea@; Mr. Joseph AYea@; Mr. Clemens AYea@; Mrs. Newman

AYea@; Mrs. Shirey AYea@; Mr. Stake AYea@. Motion passed; Ordinance No. 45-07 adopted.

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR 2007 STREET PROGRAM (CONTRACT B); APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY- -Assistant Clerk read ordinance by title for the one required reading. Mr. Joseph moved adoption. Mr. Clemens seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Stearns AYea@; Mr. Baxter AYea@; Mr. Joseph AYea@; Mr. Clemens AYea@; Mrs. Newman AYea@; Mrs. Shirey AYea@; Mr. Stake AYea@. Motion passed; Ordinance No. 46-07 adopted.

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORATE OF THE AMENDMENT OF SECTION 3.02(b) OF THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG CHARTER AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY- -Assistant Clerk read ordinance by title for the first reading. Item referred to Finance Committee.

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORATE OF THE AMENDMENT OF SECTION 3.02(b) OF THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG CHARTER AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY- -Assistant Clerk read ordinance by title for the first reading. Item referred to Finance Committee.

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORATE OF THE AMENDMENT OF SECTION 6.01(b) OF THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG CHARTER AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY- -Assistant Clerk read ordinance by title for the first reading. Item referred to Finance Committee.

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORATE OF THE AMENDMENT OF SECTION 3.05(c) OF THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG CHARTER AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY- -Assistant Clerk read ordinance by title for the first reading. Item referred to Finance Committee.

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORATE OF THE AMENDMENT OF SECTION 9.01 OF THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG CHARTER AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY- -Assistant Clerk read ordinance by title for the first reading. Item referred to Finance Committee.

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORATE OF THE AMENDMENT OF SECTION 9.01 OF THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG CHARTER AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY- -Assistant Clerk read ordinance by title for the first reading. Item referred to Finance Committee.

A RESOLUTION INDICATING THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO INTENDS TO MAKE FUNDS AVAILABLE TO MATCH FUNDS THAT MAY BE GRANTED BY THE FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO FILE APPLICATIONS WITH THE ABOVE MENTIONED AGENCY; AND REPEALING MOTION PASSED BY REYNOLDSBURG CITY COUNCIL ON MAY 14,

2007- - Assistant Clerk read resolution by title for the second reading. Item referred to Finance Committee.

Mr. DeBolt: Again, the project in question is the reconstruction of Rosehill Road. And as you know, historically the project has been trying to get off the ground for a number of years. So it was decided this year to try to take another crack at a grant that would help us gain the program here in the city based on the fact that it is substantial work and substantial cost that we could not afford it on our own. Therefore, we are applying for the grants to try to make it happen as well as contacting the county for their support. We do have their verbal commitment to make a financial commitment to the project substantial. EMH&T has worked diligently on the grant. And again, with the initial cost that we've given, those are all preliminary costs. And just today, and I gave you a preliminary cost range on Friday of I believe, 6.3 to 6.7 million. And again, in revising the cost even today, Jim Miller our Engineer, has updated that for a cost of 6.4 million. And we thought we would answer any questions that you may have based on some discussion that was last week. And again, I provided the memo today after talking to the Mayor who is out of town, part of last week. And the engineer=s and basically trying to take your concerns into account with the cost and trying to get the best project that we can for the amounts of money that are available, not only through the city, but that we can perhaps get through the grant. So with that, again, I mentioned 10 items there. And I'll just mention the first two if I could and then maybe answer any questions. The Rosehill Road, the project in scope is looking at it from paving Livingston Avenue on the south up to I think, I believe it is Rosedale on the north of Main Street. And there=s some discussion, we really need to pave that much of the road. And I just wanted to point out that we=re talking about a project that=s in 2009 and not a project that=s this year or even next year. That being the case, when we=re looking at our road projects, as you can see, just the one we just passed, the road conditions can change somewhat over, depending on the winter that you get. And notwithstanding, the roads that we=re paving this year, that road would probably be in our top 10 of roads needing some attention in the future. And by the time we get to the 2009 season of looking at roads, most likely, that same road would be in the top 5. So keeping that into consideration, at that time frame, there=s a very good chance that that would be a road that we would want to invest some money in any way on the south side of Main Street. And on the north side again, there=s a couple of issues up there that we=re trying to address including drainage, which we think this project would successfully address. And at the same time, if we did not have the south side of Main as it=s called Phase II, I guess we=re calling it, that that would severely cripple our chances of getting the grant. Because what that does is, there=s enough formula points available by adding the south end of the quadrant. That without that and the grant, what would happen is, our amount of money that we would have to contribute, would probably more than double to get the same chance to get the grant. And again, I=m not an expert on the grant process. Ben is here with EMH&T, would be more than happy to answer any of those questions. But the fact that we would lose so many points and then would have to increase our amount of the grant to get the same work done on the north without getting any work done on the south. So it=s kind of a diminishing returns, but at the same time, we=re trying to get the most we can for the money that we=re investing and the money that=s out there and available. So with that, if you have any specific questions, I know I=ve talked to some of you individually, but Jim, myself and Ben are here to answer them.

Mr. Hills: I believe Mr. Stearns, you were sending this back to committee?

Mr. Stearns: Yes. I'm sending it back to committee.

Mr. Hills: And I will just give a quick little overview. We received in our packets, two different Rosehill projects. Each with different amounts and these, with a cover sheet only.

Mr. DeBolt: Right.

Mr. Hills: We walk in tonight and there's your 10 point memo and the first time we've actually seen some detail which is nice to see. I know I haven't had an opportunity to look at it to any question I ask. You're way ahead of me. You wrote the 10 points, you had the detail, we didn't. We're now seeing new numbers. I certainly would encourage everyone to look closely at it and I would hope most questions would be asked in committee next week rather than Council. We haven't had a chance to look at this. Mr. Clemens, did you have a comment?

Mr. Clemens: Yeah. Just one thing caught my eye as I look at it, these plans are drawn and approved, I don't know, maybe 8 years ago by the county, paid for, and the engineer's did it. And I realize they have to be redesigned. But I'm looking down just towards these figures down towards the end and I'm getting 250,000 for engineering fees for final design, 8,000 for contract bidding, 75,000 for easement acquisition, construction inspection \$486,960, easement acquisition services 225,000, I mean, I add that mother up and it comes up to about \$970,000. And I may want to look into that a little bit closer. Especially the easement acquisition. I don't know, I want to talk about what easements we're talking about. This project has expanded so big and it's got so many different details in it, I think that's something we're going to have to look at and look at close now that we've got a breakdown on it. But I'm not knocking paying anybody but we're talking about close to a million dollars just for the engineering section of it that we've already had plans paid for, I think it was around 300 or 400,000 for it. It's starting to get pretty expensive on that basis right there. So I may have some questions for Mr. Miller when we get together and discuss some of this. Because some of these, I'd like to know really what it's about.

Mr. Hills: Mr. Clemens, I appreciate those comments. And I ask Mr. Clemens who just picked this up first time seeing it, if you all see some issues or questions, please don't hesitate to call Mr. DeBolt, Mr. Miller and try to see if there's some answers to them before the committee meeting. And maybe we'll have a productive committee meeting.

Mr. Clemens: Plus we have the hearing tomorrow night.

Mr. Hills: There is a Public Hearing. Now how many plans are you presenting tomorrow night at the Public Hearing? Just the one?

Mr. DeBolt: Basically, just the one that you have in front of you.

Mr. Hills: Basically, just the one?

Mr. DeBolt: Well, again, with the Public Hearing, we're there to take input from the public. Maybe someone brings up something we hadn't thought about. So we want to remain open to consider the public's points of view. But again, the range that I gave you had, basically were the same proposal except for the leisure path. And again, since Friday when we gave that to you, Jim has been able to wilt the amount down on that to be a more favorable cost.

Mr. Hills: And that Public Hearing's at 7:00 tomorrow night in this Chambers, right?

Mr. DeBolt: That's correct.

Mr. Hills: Mr. Baxter, did you have a question?

Mr. Baxter: Thank you, President Hills. I do. Not so much a question but a request. I would like to see the original design. Do we still have that on record? We paid 350,000 for it. You'd think we'd be able to see that and have something to contrast by next week.

Mr. DeBolt: We have the plans.

Mr. Hills: I'm sure the plans are available through Mr. DeBolt now. The ones that were done before. Certainly they are available to look at.

Mr. Baxter: Okay. So should we just come up and get them from you?

Mr. DeBolt: Yes. If you'd like to see them, we can provide that.

Mr. Baxter: Certainly. Sure. Okay. I'll stop by this week. Thank you.

Mr. Hills: Well, if we have no other comments, this will return to committee and we can have a more informative discussion next Monday.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SEEK FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE OPWC FOR FUNDING OF VARIOUS CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS; AND REPEALING MOTION PASSED BY REYNOLDSBURG CITY COUNCIL ON MAY 14, 2007- - -Assistant Clerk read resolution by title for the second reading. Item referred to Finance Committee.

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE REVISED LIST OF FINAL SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS TO BE LEVIED AND COLLECTED FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF SIDEWALKS AND DRIVEWAY APPROACHES IN THE PHASE IV AREA OF THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO- - -Assistant Clerk read ordinance by title for the second reading. Item referred to Finance Committee.

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE REVISED LIST OF FINAL SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS TO BE LEVIED AND COLLECTED FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF SIDEWALKS AND

DRIVEWAY APPROACHES IN THE PHASE V AREA OF THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO- -Assistant Clerk read ordinance by title for the second reading. Item referred to Finance Committee.

AN **EMERGENCY** ORDINANCE ENACTED BY THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO, HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY (LPA), IN THE MATTER OF THE STATED DESCRIBED PROJECT.- -Assistant Clerk read ordinance by title for the third reading. Mr. Joseph moved to amend the ordinance adding emergency language. Mr. Stake seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Stearns AYea@; Mr. Baxter AYea@; Mr. Joseph AYea@; Mr. Clemens AYea@; Mrs. Newman AYea@; Mrs. Shirey AYea@; Mr. Stake AYea@. Motion passed; ordinance amended.

Mr. Joseph moved adoption. Mr. Clemens seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Stearns AYea@; Mr. Baxter AYea@; Mr. Joseph AYea@; Mr. Clemens AYea@; Mrs. Newman AYea@; Mrs. Shirey AYea@; Mr. Stake AYea@. Motion passed; Ordinance No. 47-07 adopted.

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TAX BUDGET OF THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG OHIO, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2008 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY- -Assistant Clerk read resolution by title for the third reading. Mr. Stake moved adoption. Mr. Stearns seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Stearns AYea@; Mr. Baxter AYea@; Mr. Joseph AYea@; Mr. Clemens AYea@; Mrs. Newman AYea@; Mrs. Shirey AYea@; Mr. Stake AYea@. Motion passed; Resolution No. 48-07 adopted.

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CLERK OF COUNCIL TO CERTIFY GRASS AND WEED CUTTING COSTS FOR COLLECTION BY THE FRANKLIN COUNTY AUDITOR- -Assistant Clerk read ordinance by title for the third reading. Mr. Stake moved adoption. Mr. Joseph seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Stearns AYea@; Mr. Baxter AYea@; Mr. Joseph AYea@; Mr. Clemens AYea@; Mrs. Newman AYea@; Mrs. Shirey AYea@; Mr. Stake AYea@. Motion passed; Ordinance No. 49-07 adopted.

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CLERK OF COUNCIL TO CERTIFY GRASS AND WEED CUTTING COSTS FOR COLLECTION BY THE LICKING COUNTY AUDITOR- -Assistant Clerk read ordinance by title for the third reading. Mr. Stake moved adoption. Mrs. Shirey seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Stearns AYea@; Mr. Baxter AYea@; Mr. Joseph AYea@; Mr. Clemens AYea@; Mrs. Newman AYea@; Mrs. Shirey AYea@; Mr. Stake AYea@. Motion passed; Ordinance No. 50-07 adopted.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

William L. Hills, President of Council

Susie Lyday, Assistant Clerk of Council