

SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

July 3, 2006

Members of Safety Committee present: Brett Baxter, Ron Stake, Doug Joseph, Donna Shirey.
Other members of Council present: Preston Stearns, Mel Clemens, Antoinette Newman, Council President William L. Hills.

Mr. Baxter: I'll call to order, the Safety Committee meeting at 7:30. The first item on the agenda is approval of the agenda. I do have a speaker slip here, so I will add that if I could as 3a. I don't believe I need a motion for that do I Nancy?

Mrs. Frazier: Just ask for approval please.

Mr. Baxter: Ask for approval.

Mr. Stake: What's the subject?

Mr. Baxter: The subject here is, lights on Haft and Livingston. Everybody okay with that on the committee? I see yeses from everybody so I'll go ahead and add that as 3a.

Item 3 is approval of the minutes of the Safety Committee meeting held June 19, 2006. Are there any changes or additions to those minutes as published? (No response). Hearing none, I ask that they be submitted and stand as published.

Item 3a is a speaker slip from Shirley Archer. Shirley, are you here?

Ms. Archer: Yes.

Mr. Baxter: Would you come up to the mike please? If you'd give your name and address please for the record.

Ms. Archer: Shirley Archer, 7150 East Main Street, Apt. D103, Reynoldsburg.

Mr. Baxter: Thank you so much. And what is your issue tonight?

Ms. Archer: I'm wondering if there's any possibility, or if it's being looked upon to get a light at Haft and Livingston at any time?

Mr. Baxter: You're talking about a stop light?

Ms. Archer: Yes.

Mr. Baxter: Okay.

Ms. Archer: There's a stop sign there now, but I'm talking about a light. Yes. Do you know if that's an issue?

Mr. Baxter: I'm not aware of anything in the works for that myself, personally. Have you spoken with Sharon Reichard, our City Safety/Service Director on this?

Ms. Archer: No.

Mr. Baxter: I would recommend that be your first direction to head, is have a conversation with the Administration. Mayor, I'm not sure, do you know anything about this?

Mayor McPherson: No, we have nothing in the works for a light there. It hasn't been looked at.

Ms. Archer: It seems to be getting worse and worse to be able to turn left there. Especially during school when the kids get out from going to school. So can this be brought to someone's attention in the meantime?

Mayor McPherson: I think you just did.

Mr. Baxter: You just made us aware that there's something that should be looked at and see what comes about from that.

Ms. Archer: Okay. Alright.

Mr. Baxter: So the walk-away from this is, I will talk with Mrs. Reichard, and I'm sure the Mayor will as well, and let her be made aware that there's, at least in your mind, a concern there. We can at least address it and see if there's any action that needs to be taken or not. Okay?

Ms. Archer: Alright. I appreciate that. I think secondly on my list was, does the Council or Building Commission or whatever you might call it, approve, or who does approve when condos, apartments, homes, are built? I'm talking about the new ones over on 256, over there and Livingston.

Mr. Baxter: And what's your question?

Ms. Archer: Who approves something like that to do that?

Mr. Baxter: Well, I think it's a Service question but it goes through the Planning Committee, and then it's addressed with Council and Council approves it as well.

Ms. Archer: So Council does have the final approval?

Mr. Baxter: That's correct.

Ms. Archer: Okay. I guess my concern is, it's apartments I believe.

Mayor McPherson: Condominiums.

Mr. Baxter: Condominiums I believe are being built there as well as commercial property across the frontage.

Ms. Archer: A combination?

Mayor McPherson: Well, there are no apartments. It's strictly condominiums. And out in front are going to be commercial buildings. Like banks and things like that, restaurants.

Ms. Archer: Okay. I thought I saw a sign up there that said luxury apartments. But maybe that's not the word I saw. Because I don't stop in the middle of 256.

Mayor McPherson: They were approved as condominiums. If there's a sign up there that says luxury condominiums, I'll definitely look on my way home tonight. It's not what they were approved for.

Mr. Baxter: I looked at it recently. It doesn't say either one, Mayor. When I looked at it, it doesn't say apartments or condominiums. It just shows what it looks like and gives the name of it and that's about it. So I could see where you could make the assumption they were apartments.

Ms. Archer: But they are supposed to be condominiums?

Mr. Baxter: Correct.

Ms. Archer: Okay. I did not read the sign at that and I was just concerned about more apartments, more children, more schools. That's where I'm coming from. More schools, more taxes, and at the same time, the Council was concerned a few months ago about us elderly people on fixed income paying more taxes to schools. And yet I was trying to understand why you would approve something that might bring more children, and more schools, and more taxes. So is there any other proposals for anything, apartments, or anything? Are we about expanded as much as we can?

Mr. Baxter: I think that's a rather general question. So that would be hard to stipulate. I'm sure there's much more in ways of building to be looked at in the next several years to Reynoldsburg. If they're to be apartments, or condos, or homes.

Mr. Hills: Mr. Baxter, I'm not aware of any apartments pending though.

Mr. Baxter: Not that I'm aware of at this point, no.

Mr. Hills: I don't think there's any that's been proposed, but I did want to clarify, if I could Mr. Baxter.

Mr. Baxter: Certainly.

Mr. Hills: When you made the reference a minute ago on the increases to senior citizens, the

Council has...and the Administration...there will be a tax increase on the ballot in August, but to clarify, if you're on a senior citizen fixed income, you will not be paying any of that tax. That's an income tax. It's not property tax.

Ms. Archer: Yes. I understand that. But I figure maybe down the line somewhere, as the building goes, and so goes the apartments, so goes more children or even homes, then that leads to property tax. I mean, I would be paying that if I bought something. This tax that might be coming up for a vote.

Mr. Hills: No ma'am. This is an income tax.

Ms. Archer: Oh. So people that work.

Mr. Hills: It's income tax, and it's only on wages earned. And (not) senior citizens absolutely, unless they're a wage earner. But if you're on a fixed income, pensions, social security, no you will not be taxed in any way, shape or form. That's why there was much discussion as to go the route of the income taxes versus any of the property taxes which does affect anyone that owns property.

Ms. Archer: I understand that better now. The third issue I think on my list was, I believe there was something passed here about eyesore homes in the neighborhood. There was some ordinance passed I believe.

Mr. Baxter: We had a Property Maintenance Code that was passed some time ago back to insure that we could keep up our homes in the City of Reynoldsburg.

Ms. Archer: Well, I'm not sure what that entails. But there is at least one that I get concerned about that's rather shabby looking and an eyesore in my eyes. So I didn't know what was...

Mayor McPherson: If you get us the address, we'll go out and look at it. With the new code, there's a lot of things we can do now that we couldn't do in the past. So just send us the address or call us and we'll certainly go look at it.

Ms. Archer: Send it to you?

Mayor McPherson: Yes.

Ms. Archer: Alright. That's all I had. Thank you.

Mr. Baxter: Thank you, Ms. Archer.

The last item is a Discussion, Approval to apply for ongoing D.A.R.E. Grant; and Resolution of Support. And Chief, I see you back there. You're looking awful comfortable and look good. What do you have to say?

Chief Suci: Well, this is just our ongoing application for our D.A.R.E. Grant so we can continue the D.A.R.E. program in our schools and a request for a resolution from Council supporting the D.A.R.E. program.

Mr. Baxter: And I might add, that's a great program. And having children who were a part of that program starting way back when they were in grade school, you see the benefits now as they're getting older. I don't know how it works for much older kids, but for my children, they know all about D.A.R.E. They know all the officers involved with it and it's a great program. I totally support it.

Chief Suci: Again, this is just so we can continue the grant to help us fund the D.A.R.E. Officer. A resolution supporting the same. And we did attach the emergency legislation to it due to the fact that we have to return this back by I believe, August 11.

Mr. Baxter: Correct. So what you're asking then is the committee forward this on to Council as an emergency?

Chief Suci: Yes, sir.

Mr. Baxter: Very good. And as far as a resolution, have we seen anything?

Mr. Hills: I think this will come as a resolution because it is the application. So that it would only be one reading. So there won't be a need to put the emergency. I'll check with Mrs. Frazier to be sure. That is correct. Correct?

Mrs. Frazier: That's correct. Just a motion.

Mr. Baxter: So we should just need a motion then?

Mr. Hills: Right. Just do a motion for an application to the ongoing D.A.R.E. Grant.

Mr. Baxter: Okay. That sounds good then. We won't need to worry about emergency.

Mr. Hills: And then as far as the resolution, if there's one drafted we can certainly do that at the same time.

Mrs. Frazier: Accept the resolution. That's the motion.

Mr. Baxter: Very good. And have we seen the resolution?

Mrs. Frazier: Probably for the last 10, 12 years.

Mr. Baxter: Okay. Very good. Alright. Thank you.

Mr. Hills: I have a feeling we'll have one Monday night.

Mr. Baxter: I have a feeling we will. Alright. With that said then, I will move that we forward this on to Council with a recommendation from the Safety Chair that we accept this motion and approve it. I have a second from Councilman Stake. All in favor? (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Motion carries. I thank you Chief.

Chief Suci: Thank you.

Mr. Baxter: And with that I will close the Safety Committee meeting at 7:40. And thank you.

Safety Committee

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SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

July 3, 2006

Members of Service Committee present: Mel Clemens, Doug Joseph, Preston Stearns, Donna Shirey.

Other members of Council present: Ron Stake, Brett Baxter, Antoinette Newman, Council President William L. Hills.

Mr. Clemens: I'd like to call the Service Committee meeting to order at 7:41.

The first item on the agenda is approval of the agenda. Do I have any additions or deletions? (No response). If not, it'll stand approved.

The next item, approval of the minutes of June 19, 2006 Service Committee meeting. Do I have any changes to the minutes? (No response). If not, they'll stand approved.

The next item, Discussion, Acceptance of annexation of .52+/- acres in Truro Township; VanFossen; approved by Franklin County Commissioners on March 14, 2006; rec'd. by Clerk of Council on 4-21-06. It can come to our committee July 3, 2006 which is today. Are there any questions before we move this on for the first reading? (No response). If not, I'd like to make a motion we send this to Council for the first reading. Do I have a second? Second by Mr. Stearns. All in favor, say aye. (All voted "Aye").

Next item, ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT AN APPLICATION FOR ANNEXATION OF .60+/- ACRES IN TRURO TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF FRANKLIN, STATE OF OHIO, TO THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO (Wesley S. Mendenhall). It had its first reading on 6-26-06. Is there any discussion pertaining to this annexation? (No response). If not, I'd like to make a motion to send it to Council for the second reading. Do I have a second? Second by Mr. Joseph. All in favor, say aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Thank you.

Item number 6, ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR INSTALLATION OF A 24" WATER MAIN ON EAST BROAD STREET FROM WAGGONER ROAD EAST TO THE TAYLOR ROAD TANK YARD; APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. It had its first reading on 6-26-06. I believe we had a lengthy discussion on this with Mr. Kipp explaining the reasons on why this water is needed for the installation of the new two million dollar water tank that will be built by the City of Columbus next to our one million dollar water tank. Are there any other questions pertaining to this item? (No response). Members of the committee? (No response). Members of Council? (No response). If not, when we discussed this, Mark would like to have this moved on. Since there's no discussion or more questions on it, it is an emergency. I'd like to send it to Council for its second reading with a motion for approval as an emergency. Do I have a second? Second by Mr. Joseph. All in favor, say aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Thank you.

Next item, ORDINANCE APPROVING SPECIAL EXCEPTION USE PERMIT - (7435 East Main Street, proposed use of land/structure - Upholstery - Auto Related Business); applicant, Dave Hines. Added to 6-26-06 Council agenda and read for the first reading. Mr. Hines I believe, is here. Yes. Would you like to come up? We have the Special Exception Use Permit that's been forwarded to us from the B&Z Commission with approval, and it had some condition on it, added to it, only one vehicle can be worked on at a time; the vehicles can only be worked on inside the building. Maybe you can explain one thing. I don't understand that only one vehicle can be worked on at a time. I understand vehicles can be worked on inside the building. Do you know why? And I've read the minutes and so forth. Do you know why that was put on there?

Mr. Hines: I have limited space. It's a 2 car garage separated by an entryway. A handicap accessibility goes in through that way as well. And there's a door that will separate it off from the existing office area. And I normally get like, maybe like 1 or 2 cars a month to re-upholster the seats and maybe to repair or re-upholster the seats. Or maybe to repair or re-upholster the head liner. I have limited space so I can only schedule them in according to as businesses are, I'm

attending, or assisting the existing businesses.

Mr. Clemens: I have a couple of other questions. You're in business now as an upholstery shop?

Mr. Hines: Yes.

Mr. Clemens: And this Special Exception Use Permit is just to add 'auto related' to it. Am I correct on that?

Mr. Hines: Yes.

Mr. Clemens: The other question I have, and I've looked at it a few times and so forth, and the only problem that bothers me on it, on the situation, is the parking at the garage. Because I've noticed, and I noticed today when you back your SUV up to the door, it blocks the whole sidewalk clear to the street. And not only that, there was a white car parked on the sidewalk in front of the business. Is that one of your cars? Or is it somebody that works for you?

Mr. Hines: Yes. Yes.

Mr. Clemens: And they're parked on the sidewalk, taking up the whole sidewalk and the street. And that's against the law, is what I want to try to get across to you. Those are the things that I worry about, is that you're blocking the sidewalk. I understand that you have to pull up there and unload your goods or unload what you're doing and so forth. Then I went back and checked a couple of hours later and it was still there. Both of them are still there and the garage door is up and you were working, somebody was working there. I just want to know how you're going to handle that. I mean, I understand you have to back up, load and unload and things like that but you can't leave it there. You can't leave the other car, the white car that was parked taking up the whole sidewalk and everything. Do you have any plans to correct things like that?

Mr. Hines: Yes, sir. I can obey the law and just go ahead and park on the street that's available for me in the front there. That will free up the parking lot. And also, I have permission from the owner of the building for me as well as my customers and those that are employed with the business to be able to park in the back.

Mr. Clemens: That's my only thought. My only problem is, is the handling of the parking situation in front. The upholstery shop seems like a good thing. I am certainly not opposed to that. But I think the parking has to be controlled. I'd hate to put it on there as a condition. You have a couple of other conditions on there. And knowing me, I would turn you in if I see it. I'm just going to be honest about it. So I think that's one thing you have to correct. I just want to bring it to your note. And I do know that you have to back up, unload, and load. But the other car parking there shouldn't be there. And when you're not loading and unloading, you ought to move yours too.

Mr. Hines: That's correct. I will comply.

Mr. Clemens: Okay. Are there other questions? Yes, Mr. Hills.

Mr. Hills: Mr. Clemens, if I could, because you bring up a good point. And I want to clarify what we have to everybody here, any vehicle, now yours is over the sidewalk, is absolutely a violation of our police codes I believe. It is a citable offense. Parking ticket, things like that. So I would like to remind everybody, certainly as a business, you want your customers to be able to walk up and down in front of your business. Just like everywhere, anyone who sees vehicles that are parking, we seem to be kind of bad right now, I don't know if it's company or anything else, we've got an awful lot of vehicles which the back end will often block the sidewalk. Many of us don't understand, but that is a citable offense to do that. So I think it's important to remind all the residents and their guests that you don't want to be blocking sidewalks. That's the thing that causes wheel chairs unable to get through. It causes kids and adults to have to walk out in the street and go around the cars. So just as a reminder Mr. Clemens if you don't mind, I think we all need to be reminded again, occasionally not to block sidewalks.

Mr. Clemens: Mr. Hines, I have looked over your application and you have a good application. You did fulfill our code and send information to, presented it to the B&Z and we all have it in front of us and so forth. Members of the committee, are there members of the committee that would like to ask Mr. Hines a question? (No response). Members of Council? Yes, Mr. Baxter.

Mr. Baxter: Chairman Clemens, thank you. The question I have, you said you have two car garages. Are you planning on working on vehicles in both of those or just the one side? I was a little confused. You were saying that one was used for a wheel chair access and into the office.

Mr. Hines: No. Just one.

Mr. Baxter: So you are just using one of the bays?

Mr. Hines: Right.

Mr. Baxter: And do you have intent to have vehicles parked around the building at any time stage to be worked on?

Mr. Hines: No.

Mr. Baxter: Okay. So that won't be an issue for parking?

Mr. Hines: No.

Mr. Baxter: Okay. Very good. Thank you.

Mr. Clemens: Okay. Thank you. Other members of Council? (No response). This has been presented before Council as an ordinance. And unless Council has a reason, I would like to send this to Council with a rule suspension. That way it'll speed the time up a little bit. Because after it goes to the Mayor for signature, then you still have 30 days before it becomes law. So it's going

to be a little while before you'll be able to operate your business as far as auto related.

Mr. Hines: Okay.

Mr. Clemens: But this will speed it up some. So I would like to make a motion to send this to Council for the second reading as a rule suspension. Second by Mr. Stearns. All in favor, say aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Hines.

The next item on the agenda, ORDINANCE APPROVING SPECIAL EXCEPTION USE PERMIT - 1756 AND 1762 Brice Road, proposed use of land/structure - The Spot Family Fun & Billiards Club; applicant, Pat Manley. Added to 6-26-06 Council agenda and read for the first reading.

Mr. Maszon: I'm Michael Maszon. I'm the actual president of The Spot Family Fun & Billiards. My architect, Pat Manley was the one who is taking care of all of that.

Mr. Clemens: Okay. Thank you. Your name is Pat...

Mr. Maszon: My name is Mike Maszon. I'm the actual president.

Mr. Clemens: Okay, Mike. You're here in a little different situation too. Yours was approved by the B&Z Commission and sent to Council with some conditions as far as the Special Use Permit is concerned.

Mr. Maszon: Correct.

Mr. Clemens: I've looked it over and looked at some of those and so forth. Our problem is, and the problem is that the application wasn't completed the way it should have been and there was no additional information according to 1145.03 with the application when it went before the B&Z Commission.

Mr. Maszon: Correct.

Mr. Clemens: Rightfully so, the B&Z Commission did not have the proper application. It did not have the backup information that was to be there. Therefore, it should have been tabled. They shouldn't have heard it to start with. They sent it on to us with some conditions that, some of them are right, but I think there's others too that probably should be added. Now the problem is, you know, since it didn't follow the zoning code, I don't think it's fair for Council to hear it. Because on 1145.07, the section of that says, 'Council may disapprove a Special Exception Use Permit by finding upon its own consideration and review that any of the standards of the code would be violated'. And the code was violated. It would be my intention this evening to ask the committee, or discuss it with the committee, to return this to the B&Z Commission for a re-hearing so they have the proper application that's signed, and have the proper fill-in that's required in 1145.03.

Mr. Maszon: Now, is that the form that they had me send over to you guys?

Mr. Clemens: I met with the Zoning Officer and discussed it with him and had him call you and he said he would, and have another application signed and the backup information sent over, which he did. And which we all have in front of us. And I think the only thing that's different is you have the layout of the billiards parlor, but I think you have a shuffle board there and you were going to change that and have...

Mr. Maszon: I'm just removing the shuffle board and putting video games there instead. And I don't know, now those video games will rotate in and out so there's no real way to say what size they're going to be or dedicate that particular...

Mr. Clemens: But since the code wasn't followed and we have had problems in the past by moving on ordinances that have come to us with not the proper filling of the application and so forth. It has caused us additional problems. The Mayor has worked on this and he's worked on it hard. And this happened that you came in between the time when we were in the process of two different Zoning Officers that this slipped through the hoops. Now, I do intend to ask the committee to approve sending this back to B&Z.

One thing I would like to bring up, I don't like the time element on some of it because you addressed it as a family, for teenagers, a family business and so forth. To be run in that direction, you've asked for some 2:30 hours. Especially on a Thursday. I can't understand why you'd want it on a Thursday night. I can maybe understand on a Friday or Saturday. But even at that, a family billiards bar, and teenagers, and you're trying to prove, I don't think they're out after code any how.

Mr. Maszon: It's a mixture too. I'm not just looking for teenagers. By no means would I want only teenagers inside the facility.

Mr. Clemens: You know we do have a curfew.

Mr. Maszon: Yeah.

Mr. Clemens: And another thing, they didn't put on here, they thought they did. A couple of them told me they did but they didn't, that this situation should be added to the conditions. And I would recommend it to the B&Z if we send it back. If not, we can do it. That there would be no alcohol beverages on the premises.

Mr. Maszon: Oh, yeah. Yeah.

Mr. Clemens: Now the reason I bring that up is, if it's not on there, once it's approved, we have no way of knowing later on that an application would be filed for a liquor permit for beer, wine. I understand, you can shake your head all you want, don't get me wrong. I understand. You could change ownership and you could go like that. Our intention is to keep it, and I've seen nice billiard parlors, don't get me wrong. I know what you're talking about. But absolutely would not want any liquor sales at any time or apply for any liquor license, beer license, or anything like that. So I think that's one of the conditions that can be added. I talked to the City Attorney and

he said that's proper and it would be legal to do that. So I think that should be added and I would recommend the B&Z do that if we send it back. If not, Council can do it.

Mr. Maszon: Again, it's never been my intention to have alcohol in the facility. I've been gearing this completely...

Mr. Clemens: I understand.

Mr. Maszon:Shooters, which is a non-alcoholic facility that I grew up shooting in.

Mr. Clemens: But things do happen.

Mr. Maszon: And again, _____ was putting those restrictions.

Mr. Clemens: Things happen a year from now and things like that.

Mr. Maszon: I understand.

Mr. Clemens: So I would like to mention to Council, I think by, and I spoke with our City Attorney about this, by the application, 1145.03 throughout not being completed properly, that it would be proper for us to return this to the Building and Zoning Commission for review and they would send it back to us with whatever conditions they want to add. At least they would have the opportunity to, and I discussed it with one of them and he really felt he needed more but he didn't know what to do and so forth and so they passed it. And I feel that it's not a slight towards them in any way. There were only three of them there and they felt that they could move it on. But I would like to recommend it to the committee that we send this back to the B&Z Commission. And I'd like to make a motion at this time that the Special Exception Use Permit on the 1756 and 1762 Brice Road, Reynoldsburg, Ohio, be sent back to B&Z Commission for reconsideration. Do I have a second? Second by Mrs. Shirey. All in favor, say aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Also, I would recommend that Nancy notifies them, that possibly they could set up a special meeting so that you don't have to wait.

Mr. Maszon: Again, I'd just like to get this process moving forward.

Mr. Clemens: That's true. So maybe they could set up a special meeting. I don't know what they have planned this month but somehow work it out so that you do not have to go another 6 weeks or so before you meet with them. And have the proper information, which I do know that you have that, our Zoning Officer does have that he can give to them for their reconsideration. And I want to thank you for coming this evening.

Mr. Maszon: Oh, not a problem.

Mr. Clemens: Okay. Thank you. I do have on this issue, two speaker slips. One of them is Tom Eller. Tom.

Mr. Eller: Chairman Clemens, thank you. My name is Tom Eller, 6471 Lexleigh Road. And I think you're headed in the right direction by sending this back. I had a chance to review the minutes of the June 15 Zoning Board meeting and it's a pretty sad situation. And as Chairman Clemens mentioned, I think this one fell through the cracks of an outgoing Zoning Officer, and an incoming Zoning Officer, and perhaps an interim Zoning Officer. But it's just an awful situation. This is an entire application. I don't know how many committee people or Council people have seen this but it's not even signed. And as we, some of us have learned the hard way, that 1145, it's not difficult to comply with but there are a number of issues in there that specifically must be addressed that were not addressed here. So I think the right thing is happening. But I do want to take issue with one thing I heard Chairman Clemens say that, I believe he indicated that the Zoning Board did pass this particular issue. And on page 13, at the very top of page 13 of the minutes of that meeting, one of the members, after they were discussing the pros and cons of where to go with this, because they were desperately trying to make something good happen out of something that just was a totally incomplete package. But when they came to making a motion, one member said that we have to make one minor change. And here it quotes, "We're not making a motion to approve it. We're making a motion to pass it to Council for approval". This can't happen. They're not authorized to do that. 1145 says clearly, The Zoning Board, they have two options. Once they hear an issue, they can approve it or they can deny it. That's all they can do. They did really neither one here. In essence, you could argue they denied it because they failed to approve it. Essentially, they tried to dump it in Council's lap which they're not authorized to do. And then as I read on, after the motion to pass upon to Council, there was further discussion of the issue. And then, I can't find anywhere that there was a second to the motion. Procedurally, that was a problem. There was a vote. There were only three members there. There was a quorum. But there was a vote but there was no second. So for a number of reasons, this really does have to go back to square one. And I'm not objecting to the operation, I'm just objecting to the procedure. And if we're going to have these rules and laws, we've got to figure out a way to follow them and make them work. They're not that difficult.

Another issue I'm concerned about is Chapter 711 in the code that applies to billiard rooms. Now I haven't heard that come up yet. But the way I read 711, now I took it off the internet and I hope it's still relevant, but it covers everything a person has to do to set up a billiards operation in Reynoldsburg. From the application process, to the _____, to everything. So I hope our new zoning people can figure out what the proper application process is. Whether it's 711 or 1145 or both, and work with the applicant and maybe a special meeting. We don't want to slow the process down. But if we're going to move forward with it, we have to make sure it's done in compliance with the various codes. So again, I want to emphasize that the way I read the minutes, this was not approved by the Zoning Board. And really, it can't move on. So I think Chairman Clemens and his committee is doing the right thing. Send it back. Let's get it fixed so it's within the law and then let's move it forward and get those spaces leased out there. Thank you.

Mr. Clemens: Thank you, Tom. I think that's basically what we said. They didn't follow the code and that's why it's going back. The next speaker is Mr. Wright.

Mr. Brandon Wright: Hello everyone. Greetings, Council. I guess he really summed it up. I thought we were actually going to discuss the actual permit. So I will reserve my comments for

when it does come back up. But I just want to make sure, it just seems like the demeanor of the conversation right now is that the applicant actually did something wrong. And I just want to make sure that we have things in process Mr. Clemens, if you can definitely address this with the Zoning Board to make sure that this doesn't happen again. And also, I just wanted to make sure that since the applicant did come through the process, that we give them kind of like an expedition hearing I guess when everything's corrected on the application to make sure that that's just kind of fair. So that's all that I have to say.

Mr. Clemens: Let me explain it. It is going back. And the applicant, I'm not blaming the applicant on this at all. It should have been handled properly through the Zoning Department and make sure the applicant had followed all the qualifications that's there. That's why it is going back. It wasn't handled properly and he will have a hearing before the Zoning Board, and he will have a hearing if it comes before Council, and he will be here to discuss it with us, and we will have questions for him. He did, after my request, send in a new application, and he did send out a binder which was a good one and I think it will go back to committee for them to look at, and we all have it. So if it is sent back to us by the B&Z Commission, there will be a public forum on it. Everybody will have the right to speak, including the owner.

With that, I'd like to call the Service Committee adjourned at 8:06.

Service Committee

July 3, 2006

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FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

July 3, 2006

Members of Finance Committee present: Ron Stake, Mel Clemens, Brett Baxter, Antoinette Newman.

Other members of Council present: Donna Shirey, Preston Stearns, Doug Joseph, Council President William L. Hills.

Mr. Stake: I will call to order, the July 3 Finance Committee meeting at 8:07.

Item number 2 is approval of the agenda. Are there any changes to the agenda this evening? (No response). None being heard, the agenda will stand.

Item number 3 is approval of the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held June 19, 2006. Are there any changes to those minutes? (No response). None being heard, the minutes will stand as submitted.

Item number 4 is Discussion, Supplemental appropriation for Vehicle Maintenance. Larry Ward. Hello, Larry.

Mr. Ward: Good evening. How are you doing? In February, shortly after I was in to discuss the purchase of a bucket truck and a salt truck, we had our annual inspection for the existing bucket truck. There were several critical problems that needed to be corrected and it ended up costing \$8,008 to get the bucket truck repaired. That, along with the other normal repairs, we are down to only about 8 or 9 hundred dollars left in outside repairs. So I'm asking for an additional appropriation to carry us through until the end of the year.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Are there any questions from members of the committee? Mr. Clemens.

Mr. Clemens: Yes. Larry, how much do you annually spend on the outside for repairs?

Mr. Ward: Between equipment repairs and vehicles repairs, which vehicle repairs is usually the

most, probably maybe 15 or 16 thousand.

Mr. Clemens: It's my understanding, and the Mayor's working on this and I give him credit, trying to save our budget, that we do not have a, our top man is no longer there as far as, that handles the equipment. Isn't that correct? Keith?

Mr. Ward: Yes. He resigned and started his own business.

Mr. Clemens: So to me that's probably a savings _____ his pay and his benefits is probably 50 to 55 thousand dollars a year.

Mr. Ward: Correct.

Mr. Clemens: And if, and I looked at it, and I think the Mayor's looked into it, if we can handle by sending our bigger stuff out and getting repairs and keeping it under fifteen, sixteen, or twenty thousand dollars, we're saving ourselves possibly \$30,000 a year by handling it that way.

Mr. Ward: Yes.

Mr. Clemens: It's a job.

Mayor McPherson: If I could add, since I have been looking into this, one of the problems that we have is not what we farm out, it's all the work that we do in-house. And we've had 2 full time mechanics doing all that work. As a result of that, we've been able to keep things up. They do more than just automobiles. They do the tractors. They do the small lawn mowers when they come in. They do what hydraulics they can. So there's a whole lot of things that the chief mechanic and the assistant mechanic do in the process of the daily operations of the city. And I do have a couple of costs of what mechanics would charge us on the outside. And that would just be for automobile repair. You have to consider all the other things that they do as to whether or not, our outside money that we spend would just sky rocket if we sent everything outside that we presently do on the inside. So at this point, I haven't made a concrete decision. I'm still looking at it. But I can tell you that all the numbers that I'm garnering right now are leaning toward trying to replace the inside mechanic, instead of going outside with all the repairs. But again, we're not going to hire anybody until I'm positive that that's the best way to go.

Mr. Stake: And in the meantime, if we do need repairs we will have to send those outside and we would _____ to pay for those.

Mayor McPherson: We'll have to send them outside until we make that decision. That's correct. Which is another reason I think Larry's here asking for the make-up on the 8,000 that we didn't count on.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Any other questions from members of the committee? Mr. Baxter.

Mr. Baxter: Chairman Stake, the question I have is, we do have an assistant. We do have

somebody doing maintenance, correct?

Mayor McPherson: That's correct.

Mr. Baxter: Brakes, to tire chains, the maintenance on the cruiser vehicles, those type of things. We still have somebody doing general maintenance.

Mayor McPherson: That's correct.

Mr. Baxter: So you're not talking about sending that out of house to work on, correct?

Mayor McPherson: No.

Mr. Ward: These are things like transmission repairs, rear ends. We've got a cruiser down now. Since we were so low on funds, instead of sending that out to get the entire rear end replaced, we purchased a rear end. So Mike's going to be tied up for a couple of days just tearing out the old rear end and getting a new one in. And he just came back off of a week's vacation so everything's piled up right now.

Mayor McPherson: To give an example, a radiator repair would run on the outside, 600 to \$750. And we're able to do that for \$275. So there's a substantial savings. If we go outside, we pay parts, price, plus profit. If we stay inside, we use like NAPA, we get our cost. So that's a substantial savings. So when you start looking at the numbers, it's really surprising how much money we save by having in-house.

Mr. Stake: Yes, Mrs. Newman.

Mrs. Newman: I agree with you Mayor as far as your leanings to have it done in-house. Whenever I think mechanic, I always think rip-off. And I just think we'd be far better off having our in-house people doing our repairs. And as far as convenience, we don't have this equipment because maybe we'll need it. We do need it. And we need it done according to our schedule, not according to some mechanic's schedule. So I really feel that we'd be better off having two in-house people.

Mr. Stake: I see our City Auditor back there. Mr. Harris, did you have something to say?

Mr. Harris: Just a couple of things here to kind of go along with that. And Mr. Clemens had asked how much was spent on motor vehicle maintenance outside. In 2003 it was \$15,448. In 2004 it was \$20,456. And in 2005 it was around 15,500. When you look at how much they spend on the supplies, when they buy parts and stuff, it's 52,000. So you can see from that, that a huge percentage of what's being done is being done in-house. It looks like it's only being caused because they're down to one mechanic. Now if the appropriate, I'm not one for appropriating money you really don't need, if the appropriation is not, if you don't consider that proper, you can certainly move the savings that they're going to get from not having a second mechanic from the 5100 accounts to the 5200 accounts in order for him to pay for that if you don't, at this point, don't want to, wish to, appropriate more money. Because certainly, they're probably going to make a

decision here at some point in time down the road whether or not they're going to bring that on. If they decide to, then it's just going to be a matter of either replacing that or we'll have to look and see if there's an appropriation needed when they hire somebody. But you certainly have that option if you don't want to appropriate the additional money.

Mayor McPherson: Our goal Ron, just for information, our goal is to have this decision made some time the first part of September at the latest. We'd like to even have it maybe in the end of August. But we're still getting some bids and things like that.

Mr. Stake: And that being said, I think any savings on the personnel side at the end of the year would come back to the General Fund any ways, wouldn't they? So I'd hate to take money out of there and then have to put it back later on and keep doing that. So, at least that's my own feeling.

Mr. Baxter:

Mr. Baxter: Chairman Stake, a question I have is based upon the appropriation itself. You had an expectation of spending 'x' amount for 2006 and that's gone. And now you're looking to supplement that until the end of the year. Where are you coming up with your numbers and projects as to determine what is going to carry you through to the end of the year?

Mr. Ward: I looked at the last couple of years from July through the end of December, and it was right around the \$10,000 mark.

Mr. Baxter: Very good.

Mr. Ward: If we hadn't of had that large repair for the bucket truck, that extra \$8,000, we'd come pretty close.

Mr. Baxter: Okay. I'm surprised. Were we supposed to repair that bucket truck? I thought that was going to be turned in when we bought the new equipment.

Mr. Ward: No. We're keeping that truck.

Mr. Baxter: When did the decision get made? Because when we spoke about purchasing the new salt truck, I thought that was going to be traded in.

Mayor McPherson: No. I don't think we ever talked about trading that one in.

Mr. Baxter: Very good. I think we spoke about it in the barn, Mayor.

Mayor McPherson: We might have. But I think overall, the decision was made that it's still usable. And for an \$8,000 repair as opposed to a \$90,000 purchase, we decided to keep it and get a few more years out of it.

Mr. Baxter: Okay. Thank you.

Mr. Stake: Well Larry, in your June 20 memo, you sum up the need for this. Some of the costs that we have, and then you've got some other checking account register information here too as well to give us some documentation. I appreciate that. Are there any other questions from members of the committee? (No response). Members of Council? (No response). And you're looking for emergency legislation and to provide for repairs to police cruisers and other city vehicles to be able to pay for those services, is the need for an emergency. Okay. Then if there aren't any other questions or comments, then I'll make a motion that we send this forward to Council with recommendation for adoption as an emergency. Do I have a second? Second by Mrs. Newman. Any further discussion? (No response). All in favor, please state aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Motion passes. Thank you.

Item number 5 is our ongoing discussion on the Police and Parks & Recreation Impact Fee Study which was added January 17, and last held June 19. Members in their packets this weekend, received a new study, updated study here. I imagine everybody has not had an opportunity to review that. What I'd like to do at this time, and we can entertain any questions or comments, but what I'd like to do at this time is to I guess, hold this further until we come back after August. I guess until the first committee meeting in September to give us an opportunity to look at this. Also to give the Administration, City Attorney, and anybody else who's interested, have some more discussions with the people who are preparing the study, and I guess have a final report on it at that time. Are there any questions or comments? (No response). Okay. Then none being heard, I'll make a motion that we hold this until the first committee meeting in September. Seconded by Mr. Clemens. Any further discussion? (No response). All in favor, please state aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Motion passes. Thank you.

And item number 6 is the RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TAX BUDGET OF THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2007 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. We had a public hearing on June 26, and it was read for the second time on June 26. This does contain emergency language although it's going to be going through the three readings. Are there any questions or comments from members of the committee on this item? Mr. Baxter.

Mr. Baxter: Chairman Stakes, I'm just questioning the purpose for the emergency. I'm not sure I understand why it needs to be there.

Mr. Harris: State statute says it has to be to the Auditors of all three counties by July 20.

Mr. Baxter: Right. So it's a date issue. I was looking for it and I couldn't see what it was. So thank you.

Mr. Stake: Timing issue. Yes.

Mr. Baxter: Okay. Thank you.

Mr. Stake: Thank you, Mr. Harris. Are there any other questions or comments from members of the committee? (No response). Members of Council? (No response). None being heard, then

I'll make a motion that we send this on for its third reading with recommendation for adoption. Do I have a second? Second by Mr. Baxter. Any further discussion? (No response). All in favor, please state aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Motion passes. Thank you. And I'll adjourn the Finance Committee meeting at 8:19.

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