

MINUTES REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
REYNOLDSBURG CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 26, 2006

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

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

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

Minutes of the regular Council meeting held June 12, 2006 were approved without objection.

Mr. Clemens moved to amend the agenda by adding two Special Exception Use Permits: (1) Ordinance Approving Special Exception Use Permit, 7435 East Main Street, Proposed Use of Land/Structure, upholstery, auto related business; (2) Ordinance Approving Special Exception Use Permit, 1756-1762 Brice Road, Proposed Use of Land/Structure, The Spot Family Fun & Billiards Club. Mr. Joseph seconded. The agenda was amended with all voting "Aye". Mr. Hills noted that the two items would be 13a and 13b.

Community Comments and Requests- -Mr. Hills: I have no speaker forms but this is the time of the agenda where if someone wants to address Council or make any statements to make Council aware of issues, we certainly entertain that. Yes, do you have a statement?

Mr. (Ken) Wright: Yes, I do.

Mr. Hills: When you complete your statement, would you please fill out a speaker form and turn it into the Clerk?

Mr. Wright: I sure will. The reason I didn't fill one out is because it has to do with the items that were just added. My comments concern the spot which is the name of a proposed pool hall for 1756 and 1762 Brice Road. Leaving aside the issue of an illegitimate application submitted to the BZBA, I have three other reasons why I believe the Special Exception Use Permit in this case, should be denied.

The first reason is that this pool room would be located in the southwestern quadrant of Reynoldsburg. It is this area which has the city's highest incidents of violent crime. Adding a youth hangout here would be like trying to put out a fire with gasoline.

The second reason is that although the pool room presumably would not serve alcohol, the location is surrounded by liquor establishments. A few doors to the south in this same Century City commercial strip is a State Liquor Store and drive-thru carry out. Across the street facing the Century City property is the Pop A Top Carry Out. The Century City shopping center property also hosts the Wasabi Bar and another bar called The Well. Next to the proposed pool room on the north is the Century City Apartments which is also the site of Smokey's Bar and Billiards. Smokey's and the Wasabi Bar have been the scenes of serious violence. I believe that the no alcohol policy of the proposed pool room could be undermined by being so close to so many businesses that sell or serve alcohol.

My third reason for opposing this project is that many residents in Huber and other neighborhoods around the Brice/Livingston area have become acutely concerned about any proposals which could have a negative impact on the area. This area of Reynoldsburg is not blighted yet, but it is stressed. What sense does it make to raise taxes on the people of Reynoldsburg in order to hire more police, and then permit new businesses which will likely increase the need for even more police? I'm not against people shooting pool, and I'm not against someone making money from people shooting pool, but I am against people shooting people. In this case, I do worry that the spot will become better known as the trouble spot. And I'd just like to share this with the Council. It's a couple of lines from the Reynoldsburg News. June 14, 2006. Here's a quote from one of the police reports. It says, "While patrolling the 6300 block of Century City, officers noted that juveniles were breaking curfew. One of the boys ran when officers came near and before officers caught up with him, he dropped a semi-automatic hand gun, police said". And that's all I'll read of it. So I'd definitely like you to consider not allowing that. I'd urge the Council members too, to go over to the area and check it out before you consider whether you should approve it or not, but don't go at night, and don't go alone. It would be bad. Thanks a lot, Mr. Hills.

Mr. Hills: Sir, if there are additional comments, they can be brought up when the matter comes before Council a short, little while later this evening.

Reports- - Jim Nolen, P.E., EMH&T gave status report on Reynoldsburg Major Commercial Corridors Revitalization: Phase 2.

Sharon Reichard, Safety/Service Director gave a final report on Community Cleanup. (Documentation on each report on file in Clerk of Council's office).

ORDINANCE MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR CITY RECORDS COMMISSION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY- - Clerk read ordinance by title for the one required reading. Mr. Stake moved adoption. Mrs. Newman seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mrs. Newman "Yea"; Mrs. Shirey "Yea"; Mr. Stake "Yea"; Mr. Stearns "Yea"; Mr. Baxter "Yea"; Mr. Joseph "Yea"; Mr. Clemens "Yea". Motion passed; Ordinance No. 51-06 adopted.

ORDINANCE MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR SPECIAL ELECTION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY- - Clerk read ordinance by title for the one required reading. Mr. Stake moved adoption. Mr. Clemens seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mrs. Newman "Yea"; Mrs. Shirey "Yea"; Mr. Stake "Yea"; Mr. Stearns "Yea"; Mr. Baxter "Yea"; Mr. Joseph "Nay"; Mr. Clemens "Yea". Motion passed; Ordinance No. 52-06 adopted.

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)- - Clerk read ordinance by title for the first reading. Item referred to Service Committee.

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- - -Clerk read ordinance by title for the first reading. Item referred to Service Committee.

ORDINANCE APPROVING SPECIAL EXCEPTION USE PERMIT - (7435 East Main Street, proposed use of land/structure - Upholstery - Auto Related Business); applicant, Dave Hines. Clerk read ordinance by title for the first reading. Mr. Clemens stated that there was a stipulation that was not in the motion from BZBA that only one vehicle can be worked on at a time, and vehicles can only be worked on inside of the building. He said there were also other issues that need to be looked into. He said Council may want to put a 6 month review on this also. Item referred to Service Committee.

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- - -Clerk read ordinance by title for the first reading. Mr. Clemens stated that he has problems with this issue. He said the application was not signed which is a requirement by 1145.03. He said also, the information that is required from 1145.03 through 1145.09 was not available at the time. Item referred to Service Committee.

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TAX BUDGET OF THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2007 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY- - -Clerk read resolution by title for the second reading. Item referred to Finance Committee.

ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATION FROM TAYLOR SQUARE SCHOOL TIF FUND FOR OBLIGATION TO SCHOOL DISTRICT- - -Clerk read ordinance by title for the third reading. Mr. Stake moved adoption. Mrs. Newman seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mrs. Newman "Yea"; Mrs. Shirey "Yea"; Mr. Stake "Yea"; Mr. Stearns "Yea"; Mr. Baxter "Yea"; Mr. Joseph "Yea"; Mr. Clemens "Yea". Motion passed; Ordinance No. 53-06 adopted.

Mr. Hills stated that the next meeting would be July 3, 2006.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

William L. Hills, President of Council

Nancy C. Frazier, Clerk of Council

(Minutes compiled/S.Smith, Ass't. Clerk of Council)