

MINUTES REGULAR COUNCIL
REYNOLDSBURG CITY COUNCIL
June 24, 2013

President of Council Doug Joseph called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Members of Council present: Chris Long, Monica DeBrock, Leslie Kelly, Cornelius McGrady III. Members of Council absent: Mel Clemens, Barth R. Cotner, Scott A. Barrett.

The Invocation was given by Councilman Long. Mr. Joseph led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the regular Council meeting held June 10, 2013 were approved without objection.

Approval of agenda - - - Mr. Joseph said the following items would be held and returned to committee: Item 12 ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR 2013 STREET PROGRAM; APPROPRIATING FUNDS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; Item 13 ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION/INSPECTION/TESTING SERVICES FOR THE 2013 STREET PROGRAM; APPROPRIATING FUNDS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; Item 14 ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS FROM SPONSORSHIP MONIES RECEIVED AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; and Item 24 ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO PURCHASE TWO POLICE VEHICLES FOR REYNOLDSBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT **AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**. Mr. Joseph said the Executive Session (requested by President of Council Joseph to discuss the appointment of a public official; and to discuss Imminent Litigation) would also be postponed until the next Council meeting. The amended agenda was approved with all voting "Aye".

Mayor McCloud said he would also like to have pulled from the agenda, number eleven (ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATION FOR ELECTRICAL NEEDS IN HUBER PARK FOR THE REYNOLDSBURG TOMATO FESTIVAL AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY). Mr. Joseph said that item would have to be formally referred back, but he had made a note.

Communications- - -Clerk read that Council had received the Budget by Classification document from the City Auditor's office on June 12, 2013 and was through May 31, 2013.

Clerk read report from Clerk of Court: total monies collected from courts held during the month of May 2013 - \$42,371.50; monies also collected during that same period pursuant to Ordinance No. 146-94 and Ordinance No. 104-02 - - - \$3,940 for the Computerization Needs Fund; and \$45 for the Enforcement and Education Fund.

Reports- - -Mr. McGrady said he had no additional information to report from the West Licking Fire District, and asked if there were any questions. There were no questions.

Clerk read Motion: That the Council of the City of Reynoldsburg, pursuant to the Investment Policy of the City of Reynoldsburg, does hereby approve the Treasury Investment Board's recent selection of Stifel Nicolaus as an approved security broker/dealer.- -Finance Committee Vice Chairman Long moved adoption. Mr. McGrady seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Long "Yea"; Mrs. DeBrock "Yea"; Mrs. Kelly "Yea"; Mr. McGrady "Yea". Motion passed.

Clerk read Motion: That the Council of the City of Reynoldsburg does hereby appoint Robert Linder to serve an unexpired term on the Planning Commission; term will end January 15, 2014.- -Mr. Long moved adoption; Mrs. DeBrock seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Long "Yea"; Mrs. DeBrock "Yea"; Mrs. Kelly "Yea"; Mr. McGrady "Yea". Motion passed.

ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATION FOR ELECTRICAL NEEDS IN HUBER PARK FOR THE REYNOLDSBURG TOMATO FESTIVAL AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY- -Clerk read ordinance by title for the one required reading. Mrs. DeBrock said, "This item comes to Council from the Community Development Committee to stand for its reading and we would like for it to be referred back to committee." Mr. Joseph said unless there were questions or comments, the action would be approved. Mrs. Kelly said, "I'm just trying to be, clarify for myself, you wanted to remove this, so, help me understand what we're doin'."

Mr. Joseph: In order for this to be terminated, or altered, it'll have to be sent back to committee. And that's what we're doing.

Mrs. Kelly: Okay.

Mr. Joseph: Any other questions?

Mrs. Kelly: Brad, do you wanna share, so everybody knows, I didn't have a chance to tell anybody why we want to remove, or why you want to remove it?

Mayor McCloud: Yes, I'd be happy to, Mrs. Kelly. First of all, this figure of money is below \$10,000 which I'm authorized to expend. Mr. Harris, the City Auditor, has worked with me to identify existing funds within the budget so we don't have to appropriate new ones, so this is no longer necessary.

Mrs. DeBrock: Could I request a figure of how much money the city spends on community events, just so that we have a ballpark figure, you know, community events are what makes our community, but I think we need to know what we're spending on the entire events that we have in our community.

Mayor McCloud: I assume you mean overtime, personnel overtime for

Mrs. DeBrock: Personnel overtime for, you know, parades, even when it's supported by the community, there's still city investment and city money spent. The Tomato Festival, obviously we have Parks and Rec, and the Police Department, equipment; if there could be a ballpark figure of how much we spend as a community just so that we have that knowledge.

Mayor McCloud: I will get that to you.

Mrs. DeBrock: Thank you.

Mr. Joseph asked for further comments (no response). Mr. Joseph said the item would be returned to committee.

ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO: Amending Section 505.03 "Animals Running at Large" OF CHAPTER 505 ANIMALS AND FOWL- - Clerk read ordinance by title for the second reading; item referred to Safety Committee.

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF ONE GALION DUMP BODY AND HOIST (STREET DEPARTMENT)- - Clerk read ordinance by title for the second reading; item referred to Safety Committee.

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF ONE 10' FLINK SNOW PLOW (STREET DEPARTMENT)- - Clerk read ordinance by title for the second reading. Item referred to Safety Committee.

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF ONE 2014 INTERNATIONAL 4300 FOR STREET DEPARTMENT- - Clerk read ordinance by title for the second reading; item referred to Safety Committee.

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TAX BUDGET OF THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG OHIO, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2014 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY- - Clerk read resolution by title for the second time. Mr. Joseph said, "Mr. Harris, I have a couple questions on this. This item is an emergency and we're not able to pass anything this evening as an emergency; what is the best way for you to proceed with this legislation tonight?"

Mr. Harris: We've always done this as an emergency cause it does not have to be to the county until July 22nd, so this is generally gone three readings and then passed on the third reading as an emergency; the Mayor signs it; and it still gives me enough time to have this transmitted to the counties that need it.

Mr. Joseph: Okay. So we'll just return it to committee.

Mr. Harris: Just return to committee and then it'll be read for the third time and passed.

Item returned to Finance Committee.

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CLERK OF COUNCIL TO CERTIFY GRASS AND WEED CUTTING COSTS (2012) FOR COLLECTION BY THE FRANKLIN COUNTY AUDITOR- -Clerk read ordinance by title for the second reading. Item referred to Finance Committee.

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CLERK OF COUNCIL TO CERTIFY GRASS AND WEED CUTTING COSTS (2012) FOR COLLECTION BY THE LICKING COUNTY AUDITOR- -Clerk read ordinance by title for the second reading; item referred to Finance Committee.

ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO: Section 191.15 "Credit For Tax Paid To Another Municipality" of Chapter 191 Income Tax- -Clerk read ordinance by title for the second reading. Mr. Long said while he did not support the ordinance, he would refer it back to committee.

Mrs. Kelly said she had a comment: I was very glad to hear, from the last committee meeting, that there has been some movement in regards to putting a levy forward vs the income tax credit; however, I do believe there's a difference between, and as they talk about it in the Ad Hoc Committee Report that everybody continues to talk about, in there it talks about giving voters the opportunity to vote for the levy before we would move to considering an income tax credit decrease. However, I do think there's a difference between giving people the opportunity to go into the polls, and giving people the opportunity to be informed voters. I think before we were to put something on a ballot, we need to make sure that we have clearly outlined, in writing, and something that is in clear English that everybody can understand, something that can be published in the papers so that people in the community understand this is what our need is, and then also specifically what that money is going to go to, it's going to, whether it's going to hiring police officers, community resource center, whatever the Administration is planning for that money to go to, that we have clearly put that out there so that everybody can see that, and also have a clear plan for what that campaign is going to look like, more than broad statements of 'we're going to do capital improvements, or improve our streets' - what specifically are we going to do. And if we don't have, if we do not do this, I believe we'll give the impression to the community that we're putting this levy on as a formality, because Council's just gonna do the tax credit reduction anyway. If we don't do this, we're setting the levy up in November for failure. I think if we rush to put it on in November without having a clear, outlined plan of to, how we're going to, what that campaign is going to look like, how we're going to move forward, how we're going to educate people, how we're going to get the word out there, how we're going to clearly articulate and communicate the need, the wants, what we're going to do, I don't think it's going to go forward. And I don't know that I can support doing that without those things that...I don't know; I can't support it without those things in place, because we have to inform them, not just say, okay, here we have an opportunity for you to vote, but we're not going to give you all the information to do it as an informed voter. That's it.

Item referred to Finance Committee.

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE FFY2013 Supplemental Section 319(h) GRANT (The City of Reynoldsburg Senior Center NPS Reduction Project); and APPROPRIATING THE CITY'S PORTION OF FUNDS (40% match)- -Clerk read ordinance by title for the third reading. Mrs. DeBrock moved adoption; Mrs. Kelly seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Long "Yea"; Mrs. DeBrock "Yea"; Mrs. Kelly "Yea"; Mr. McGrady "Yea". Motion passed; Ordinance No. 42-13 adopted.

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Doug Joseph, President of Council

Nancy C. Frazier
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