

MINUTES REGULAR COUNCIL
REYNOLDSBURG CITY COUNCIL
June 23, 2003

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

Members of Council present: Eric Gilbert, Mel Clemens, William Hills, Lane Beougher, Ron Stake. Councilwoman Sarah Cannella and Councilman Jim Wade were absent.

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

Minutes of the regular Council meeting held June 9, 2003 were approved without objection.
Minutes of the special Council meeting held June 16, 2003 were approved without objection.

Mr. Clemens moved to add a motion for an extension to a liquor permit request; to add legislation regarding the widening of State Route 256/I-70 exit ramps; and at the request of Mr. Hills, to add legislation regarding the funding of the widening of the Street Project on State Route 256. The amended agenda was approved with all voting "Aye". Mr. McCloud noted that the request for the extension on the liquor permit would become Item 9a, and the legislation regarding 256 would become Item 13a, and the ordinance making the appropriation for the widening of State Route 256 would become Item 13b.

Community Comments and Requests- -Mayor McPherson stated there were lots of celebrations going on regarding the Bicentennial. He presented Mary Hudson, Executive Director of the Reynoldsburg Community Activities Bureau, with a Proclamation declaring July 3, 2003 as "Ohio Bicentennial Wagon Train Day" in the City of Reynoldsburg.

Mrs. Hudson stated that the Sacred Threads International Quilt Exhibit was being held at the Reynoldsburg High School through July 1. She said the Bicentennial Wagon Train would be in Reynoldsburg on July 3, and there were activities planned for Civic Park. She said on July 4, there would be activities planned at Civic Park for the Bicentennial Boom, and the 4th of July parade would take place at 2:00 p.m. Mrs. Hudson said the Bicentennial Boom Fireworks would begin at 9:45 p.m.

Mrs. Hudson also announced: (1) the American Cancer Society would be bringing a "Relay For Life" to Reynoldsburg which would be held at the track at the Reynoldsburg Junior High School on August 23, and August 24, 2003. There would be a kick-off rally on July 16, 2003 at the library at 7:30 p.m.; (2) the tenth annual "Fitness Challenge" would be September 1, 2003; (3) the thirty-eighth annual "Tomato Festival" would be in September also; (4) the Chamber of Commerce would be having a golf outing; (5) the Rotary Club would be having a golf outing also; and (6) the Historical Society and the Livingston House Society would be having five concerts in the parks this summer.

Reports- -Mayor McPherson introduced Mary Burcham, the new Floating Secretary for the city.

Mayor McPherson presented a Proclamation to Paul Walsh, Parks and Recreation Director, declaring July, 2003 "Parks and Recreation Month".

Motion(s)

Clerk read motion: That the Council of the City of Reynoldsburg does hereby request a thirty day extension of the time stated on the "Notice to Legislative Authority" for permit no. 6548697 whereby responses must be postmarked no later than 7/7/03.- -Mr. Clemens said the proper information to do the investigation was not yet available. Mr. Clemens moved adoption. Mr. Hills seconded. All voted "Aye". Motion passed.

ORDINANCE ACCEPTING "GANG RESISTANCE EDUCATION AND TRAINING" GRANT; AUTHORIZING CITY AUDITOR TO ESTABLISH "G.R.E.A.T." GRANT FUND; APPROPRIATING FUNDS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY- -Clerk read ordinance by title for the one required reading. Mr. Clemens moved adoption. Mr. Stake seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Gilbert "Yea"; Mr. Clemens "Yea"; Mr. Hills "Yea"; Mr. Beougher "Yea"; Mr. Stake "Yea". Motion passed; Ordinance No. 42-03 adopted.

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR INSTALLATION OF A NEW CHILLER FOR THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY- -Clerk read ordinance by title for the one required reading. Mr. Clemens moved adoption. Mr. Gilbert seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Gilbert "Yea"; Mr. Clemens "Yea"; Mr. Hills "Yea"; Mr. Beougher "Yea"; Mr. Stake "Yea". Motion passed; Ordinance No. 43-03 adopted.

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR 2003 SANITARY SEWER TELEVISIONING INSPECTION PROJECT, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY- -Clerk read ordinance by title for the one required reading. Mr. Gilbert stated that the legislation was approved as to form by the City Attorney. Mr. Gilbert moved adoption. Mr. Beougher seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Gilbert "Yea"; Mr. Clemens "Yea"; Mr. Hills "Yea"; Mr. Beougher "Yea"; Mr. Stake "Yea". Motion passed; Ordinance No.44-03 adopted.

ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATION FOR REIMBURSEMENT TO MORPC FOR ACTUAL COSTS INCURRED FOR THE COORDINATION OF THE SCIP/SGF, AND/OR THE LTIP AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY- -Clerk read ordinance by title for the one required reading. Mr. Hills moved adoption. Mr. Beougher seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Gilbert "Yea"; Mr. Clemens "Yea"; Mr. Hills "Yea"; Mr. Beougher "Yea"; Mr. Stake "Yea". Motion passed; Ordinance No. 45-03 adopted.

THE FOLLOWING IS AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE ENACTED BY THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG OF FAIRFIELD COUNTY, OHIO, HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY (LPA), IN THE MATTER OF THE STATED DESCRIBED PROJECT- -Clerk read ordinance by title for the one required reading. Mr. Underwood said the agreement had a paragraph that was not correct. Mr. Brandt said this was a request to consider funding of the improvements that were proposed on State Route 256. Mayor McPherson stated that there was no question, that over the past several months, traffic at the intersection of 256 and Taylor Road had gotten worse. He said they saw this coming probably a year and a half, two years ago when development began there. He said early on, they started having meetings with the City of Pickerington, with their Mayor, with the engineer, and our engineers. He said they met with MORPC and ODOT. He said they had several meetings as they went along. He said he

would be remiss if he didn't say one of the biggest catalysts of getting this project rolling, was the fact that they had a private company, NOCA Ltd., Bob Nelson, put up front money to get some engineering done. He said he is one of the biggest proponents here of private/public partnerships. He said he thinks they have a great partnership with NOCA Ltd. and with Bob Nelson. He said Bob Nelson put up tens of thousands of dollars to get the engineering rolling on this. He said we do need to make sure to recognize him for what he's done. He said a lot of times private businesses take money out of their pocket and never see the realization of it.

The Mayor said Julie Gwinn with ODOT, District 5, and John T. Grow with Trans Systems Corporation would address the issue. Mr. Grow handed out information. He said they were brought into this by Mr. Nelson about six months ago to analyze some of the existing conditions on 256 and to perhaps make some recommendations for improvement within the Reynoldsburg section. He said once they became involved and began looking at the traffic patterns, they found that it was not a simple solution. He said it is something that needs to involve ODOT and Pickerington in order to add additional capacity through this area. He said they found that adding additional turn lanes, either on 256 or on the side streets really doesn't accomplish anything. He said what you really need to do here to make things work better in the short term, is to create additional capacity, additional thru lane movements on State Route 256. He said this is not a long term fix, because a long term fix is probably reconstruction of this interchange down the line. He said what they're trying to do right now is to maximize what they can do with the existing pavement that's out there, working with what they have between the bridges, and under the bridges and so forth. He said what this project does, is add an additional lane northbound on 256 coming out of Pickerington beginning at 204, and carries that through the interchange, up into Reynoldsburg. He said similarly, an additional southbound lane is constructed beginning at Taylor Road and continuing south through the interchange, down into Pickerington. He said it tapers out as you get towards the Marcus Theater area. He said they're not really widening, not adding a lot of pavement. He said there are some areas that have pavement additions. He said primarily it is resurfacing and restriping the existing pavement, narrowing the lanes somewhat, narrowing the offset to the barrier somewhat, but still a safe condition. He said they would actually construct new barrier on the outsides of 256 through the interchange area that's a different shape, a little bit safer for this speed, and gives a little bit additional width. He said there are two new signals that are constructed as part of this project. He said one is at the Farmsbury Drive intersection which is warranted today for a new signal. He said a couple of studies have shown that. He said the second one is at the eastbound to northbound off ramp at 256. He said that current loop ramp comes off, you get a lot of jockeying for position, or weaving within that single lane as it is headed northbound towards the signal. He said this proposal has been shown to be an improvement regarding phasing, and can really make an improvement here regarding progression and storage from one signal to the next throughout the corridor. He said it will also improve conditions getting off I-70 into Reynoldsburg. He said this brings two lanes down to a signal there as a duel right turn. He said during the p.m. when most people are entering into Reynoldsburg from the freeway, that green time will be extended for that movement so that flow will be enhanced, and also there will be spacing between the signal so the vehicles can choose their lane alignments and so forth as they head north. He said those are probably the primary changes in this.

He said one additional thing, the northbound right turn at Taylor Road will become a continuous movement. He said it will be taken out of signal control which is an improvement to that movement. He said in overall, the corridor level of service, or the mobility through the

corridor, is increased by 60% or something along those lines, creating a good bit of additional capacity between Farmsbury, past 204, just by moving these vehicles through an additional lane in each direction. He said all of the signals from Farmsbury down through 204 will be interconnected and coordinated as part of this effort. He said the study started about 6 months ago. He said ODOT eventually brought them in to do additional studies because of the potential they saw for this solution as a short term, good fix. He said ODOT then hired them to do the construction plans, which will be completed in about three or four days. He said they are preparing the final plans and will bring the project to construction in mid-August bid date. He said the plan now is to bring it to construction in August and have the work completed by the middle of November of this year. He said all of these improvements will be in place very quickly.

Ms. Gwinn stated that this is a project that they haven't been working on very long. She said typically, they give a lot more notice than what they are giving today about a project coming. She said they are breaking land speed record here as far as project development, doing a lot of things concurrently. She said the legislation, the cover letter that was sent, outlines what to expect as far as final legislation. She said the legislation will be developed once the plans are sent downtown. She said they will do a final estimate. She said there will be final legislation based upon those quantities in the plans. She said this is their best guess at this point as far as what the project costs are. She said in reality, those could go up and down as they refine the information that they have. She said once the project sells, they will again do another refinement of the costs that are due from ODOT, Pickerington, and Reynoldsburg. Mr. Clemens asked her to explain how this will help our intersection at Taylor and 256, the left hand turn. Mr. Grow said that the dual left turn out of Taylor Road, headed either toward the interstate or south into Pickerington, many times those dual turn lanes don't get utilized very well. He said people load up into one lane because they know what lane they need to be in at the next intersection, or maybe they know what lane they need to be in down at 204. He said one of the problems is lane continuity through this entire area. He said therefore you have lanes loading unevenly starting at Taylor and then going all the way through; the same thing northbound. He said this creates additional capacity through this area, gets vehicles onto the freeway more quickly, gets vehicles through the interchange, and all the way down past 204 more quickly, allowing those additional vehicles to allow additional green time then to be allocated throughout the corridor, then also to serve some of the side streets, movements being Taylor Road and the Reynoldsburg portion, and 204 down in the Pickerington portion. Mr. Clemens said that's fine. He said that's one of our major problems.

Mr. Hills said the change in the ordinance was "ODOT shall assume and bear 100% of all cost within the limited access portion of SR 256. The city shall assume and bear 100% of all cost outside of the limited access portion of SR 256 within the Corporation Limits of the City". He said to put that in terms that we can all understand - basically, Reynoldsburg is going to be participating in the cost around the light at Farmsbury, and what is outside of that limited access portion, which would be somewhere on 256 around Farmsbury, down to the Taylor Road access. He said Pickerington is, in essence, on the farther southern side around 204, 256, they're participating in the upgrade and the development of that. He said he sincerely appreciated ODOT, Pickerington, and NOCA. He said this was an excellent example of how government entities can come together and address a need; that it does sometimes take some of the private push to get it started. He said this was an excellent example of what can be done. Ms. Gwinn said Mr. Hills had a perfect understanding of the funds splits for 256 and who's paying for what.

Mr. Clemens moved to amend the ordinance by incorporating the new language just received from the City Attorney. Mr. Gilbert seconded the motion. All voted "Aye". Motion

passed; ordinance amended.

Mr. Clemens moved to waive the mandatory committee referral rule. Mr. Beougher seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Gilbert “Yea”; Mr. Clemens “Yea”; Mr. Hills “Yea”; Mr. Beougher “Yea”; Mr. Stake “Yea”. Motion passed. Mandatory committee referral and recommendation rule waived.

Mr. Clemens moved adoption as an emergency. Mr. Hills seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Gilbert “Yea”; Mr. Clemens “Yea”; Mr. Hills “Yea”; Mr. Beougher “Yea”; Mr. Stake “Yea”. Motion passed; Ordinance No. 46-03 adopted.

ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATION FOR THE WIDENING OF STATE ROUTE 256 AT INTERSTATE 70 EXIT RAMPS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY- -Clerk read ordinance by title for the one required reading. Mr. Hills stated that the ordinance provided the appropriation of \$308,000 from the unappropriated Capital Improvement Fund regarding the issue just discussed. Mr. Hills moved to waive the mandatory committee referral rule. Mr. Clemens seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Gilbert “Yea”; Mr. Clemens “Yea”; Mr. Hills “Yea”; Mr. Beougher “Yea”; Mr. Stake “Yea”. Motion passed. Mandatory committee referral and recommendation rule waived.

Mr. Hills moved adoption. Mr. Stake seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Gilbert “Yea”; Mr. Clemens “Yea”; Mr. Hills “Yea”; Mr. Beougher “Yea”; Mr. Stake “Yea”. Motion passed; Ordinance No. 47-03 adopted.

ORDINANCE ACCEPTING “HOMELAND SECURITY OVERTIME PROGRAM GRANT” IF AWARDED- -Clerk read ordinance by title for the first reading. Item referred to Safety Committee.

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY AUDITOR TO FILE AN APPLICATION AND ENTER INTO A PROJECT AGREEMENT FOR STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (SCIP) FUNDING FROM THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION (ISSUE 2) FOR THE REYNOLDSBURG MAJOR COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR PROJECT - PHASE 2- -Clerk read ordinance by title for the first reading. Item referred to Safety Committee.

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY AUDITOR TO FILE AN APPLICATION AND ENTER INTO A PROJECT AGREEMENT FOR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (LTIP) FUNDING FROM THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION (ISSUE 2) FOR THE REYNOLDSBURG MAJOR COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR PROJECT - PHASE 2- -Clerk read ordinance by title for the first reading. Item referred to Safety Committee.

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH EMH&T, INC. FOR THE REYNOLDSBURG MAJOR COMMERCIAL CORRIDORS STREETSCAPE PROJECT PHASE 2, FOR THE PREPARATION OF SURVEY, SCHEMATICS, DESIGN DEVELOPMENT DOCUMENTS, FINAL CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS: DRAWINGS AND SPECIFICATIONS, AND BIDDING FOR THE REYNOLDSBURG MAJOR COMMERCIAL CORRIDORS STREETSCAPE PROJECT- -Clerk read ordinance by title for the first reading. Item referred to Safety Committee.

ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO: Amending Section 311.02 "Parades and Assemblages: Permit; Fee." SUBSECTION (d) OF CHAPTER 311 STREET OBSTRUCTIONS AND SPECIAL USES- -Clerk read ordinance by title for the first reading. Item referred to Finance Committee.

ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 24-03 PASSED BY REYNOLDSBURG CITY COUNCIL ON APRIL 14, 2003 WHICH AUTHORIZED E.M.H.&T. TO PREPARE SPECIFICATIONS AND ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR PAINTING OF THE EAST BROAD STREET AND TAYLOR ROAD WATER TOWER; AND RETURNING APPROPRIATED MONIES TO WATER FUND- -Clerk read ordinance by title for the first reading. A rules suspension had been recommended, but not enough members were present. Item referred to Finance Committee.

ORDINANCE MAKING TRANSFER OF FUNDS WITHIN TAX ADMINISTRATOR'S ACCOUNTS- -Clerk read ordinance by title for the first reading. Item referred to Finance Committee.

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING E.M.H.&T. TO PROVIDE SERVICES REGARDING ADA CURB RAMP DATABASE UPDATE FOR WORK PERFORMED IN 2002; SURVEY OF INTERSECTIONS INCLUDED WITHIN SIDEWALK ASSESSMENT PHASES IV AND V; AND DEVELOPMENT OF A DRAFT IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR ADA COMPLIANCE WITHIN PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAYS; AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE; **AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**- -Clerk read ordinance by title for the second reading. Mr. Clemens moved to amend the ordinance as redrafted 6-20-03. Mr. Stake seconded. All voted "Aye". Motion passed; ordinance amended.

Mr. Clemens moved adoption. Mr. Hills seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Gilbert "Yea"; Mr. Clemens "Yea"; Mr. Hills "Yea"; Mr. Beougher "Yea"; Mr. Stake "Yea". Motion passed; Ordinance No. 48-03 adopted.

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING E.M.H.&T. TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES REGARDING NPDES PHASE II STORM WATER PROGRAM YEAR ONE SERVICES; AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE- -Clerk read ordinance by title for the second reading. A rules suspension had been recommended, but not enough members were present. Mr. Hills suggested emergency language be considered at the next committee meeting for the items that had been recommended for rules suspensions to keep them on track. Item referred to Finance Committee.

ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO: CHAPTER 505 ANIMALS AND FOWL- -Clerk read ordinance by title for the third reading. Mr. Clemens said at the request of Lt. Moser and the Police Department, the item would be returned to committee for further discussion. Item referred to Safety Committee.

ORDINANCE APPROVING FINAL PLAT OF QUARRY PARK SECTION 3 PART 3- -Clerk read ordinance by title for the third reading. Mr. Hills moved adoption. Mr. Stake seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Gilbert "Yea"; Mr. Clemens "Yea"; Mr. Hills "Yea"; Mr.

Beougher “Yea”; Mr. Stake “Yea”. Motion passed; Ordinance No. 49-03 adopted.

ORDINANCE APPROVING FINAL PLAT OF TAYLOR WOODS SECTION 9- -Clerk read ordinance by title for the third reading. Mr. Hills moved adoption. Mr. Beougher seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Gilbert “Yea”; Mr. Clemens “Yea”; Mr. Hills “Yea”; Mr. Beougher “Yea”; Mr. Stake “Yea”. Motion passed; Ordinance No. 50-03 adopted.

ORDINANCE APPROVING FINAL PLAT OF SUMMIT RIDGE SECTION 5- -Clerk read ordinance by title for the third reading. Mr. Hills moved adoption. Mr. Clemens seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Gilbert “Yea”; Mr. Clemens “Yea”; Mr. Hills “Yea”; Mr. Beougher “Yea”; Mr. Stake “Yea”. Motion passed; Ordinance No. 51-03 adopted.

ORDINANCE APPROVING FINAL PLAT OF THE PARK AT WAGGONER SECTION 2 PART 2- -Clerk read ordinance by title for the third reading. Mr. Hills moved adoption. Mr. Clemens seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Gilbert “Yea”; Mr. Clemens “Yea”; Mr. Hills “Yea”; Mr. Beougher “Yea”; Mr. Stake “Yea”. Motion passed; Ordinance No. 52-03 adopted.

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TAX BUDGET OF THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2004 **AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**- -Clerk read resolution by title for the third reading. Mr. Hills moved to amend the resolution as redrafted 6-20-03 which included emergency language. Mr. Beougher seconded. All voted “Aye”. Motion passed; resolution amended.

Mr. Hills moved adoption. Mr. Clemens seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Gilbert “Yea”; Mr. Clemens “Yea”; Mr. Hills “Yea”; Mr. Beougher “Yea”; Mr. Stake “Yea”. Motion passed; Resolution No. 53-03 adopted.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Bradley L. McCloud, President of Council

Nancy C. Frazier, Clerk of Council
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