

MINUTES REGULAR MEETING
REYNOLDSBURG CITY COUNCIL
June 13, 2016

President Doug Joseph called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM

PRESENT: Joseph, Clemens, Long, Skinner, Cicak, Luzader, Spalding

ABSENT: Cotner

Invocation - Councilman Chris Long

Approval of Minutes

a. City Council – Regular Meeting – May 23, 2016

Minutes stand approved.

Approval of Agenda

Agenda stands approved.

Community Comments and Requests

Mark McKenzie, 1014 Lancaster Avenue: I just wanted to let you guys know that this is the 2 year anniversary of the closing of the Pine Quarry Park bridges and that since the day they were closed, people have continued to use them. They climb under or over the barricades that are at the bridges and you cannot actually tell that the bridges are deficient from the top, you really have to go under them to know and at this point, they've been there for so long, my appreciation is that the number of people that are using the bridges are actually increasing. I understand that we tried to get a grant for it but that that grant fell through and I think it's time to start looking at repairing or replacing those bridges instead of looking at the people that are crossing them as being troublemakers or anything, think of them as people who are doing acts of civil disobedience because they are ready to have the bridges replaced.

Mr. Joseph: Thank you very much, any questions or comments for Dr. McKenzie? I have a question for the City Attorney regarding this matter. With people ignoring the signage, if anyone were to be injured doing that, does the City have any liability? Since we do have signage telling people not to do that?

Mr. Hood: No. We wouldn't be liable if they hurt themselves and the bridges were open. We have immunity because it's a public park and under the statute of the state, we have certain immunity for those types of activities for a host of reasons similar to our skate park. I'm sure you may be concerned about liability there because it's pretty rigorous activity, things like that we have immunity because if we weren't afforded immunity, nobody would have skate parks like that, no one would have bridges across Quarry Park and there's a whole host of reasons but because it's a governmental function that we undertake, we are immune from liability.

Mr. Joseph: What is the penalty for people violating the rules on not using these bridges if they were caught in the act or were injured, is there some kind of citation that would occur?

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Mr. Hood: I'm not aware, no body has been issued a citation since we've closed the bridges I know we haven't prosecuted one. That may be better discussion between the Chief and I, maybe a criminal mischief charge but I don't know that we're really interested in doing that, we just want to make sure people are recreating safely.

Mr. Joseph: Thank you. Any further questions for the City Attorney? Thank you very much.

Communications

AUDITOR REPORTS, APRIL, 2016

Departmental Budget and Budget by Classification ending April 30, 2016 read into the minutes.

Reports

No reports.

LEGISLATION REQUIRING ONE READING

55-16

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A LEASE REGARDING CONSTRUCTION OF A TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWER AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. --- Clemens. Service Committee.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mel Clemens, Ward IV
SECONDER:	Brett Luzader, Ward II
AYES:	Clemens, Long, Skinner, Cicak, Luzader, Spalding
ABSENT:	Cotner

56-16

ORDINANCE TO VACATE A 4,230 SQUARE FOOT UTILITY EASEMENT LOCATED AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF WAGGONER ROAD AND EAST BROAD STREET AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. --- Clemens. Service Committee.

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RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mel Clemens, Ward IV
SECONDER:	Dan Skinner, At Large
AYES:	Clemens, Long, Skinner, Cicak, Luzader, Spalding
ABSENT:	Cotner

LEGISLATION FOR FIRST READING

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TAX BUDGET OF THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG OHIO, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2017 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (FIRST READING 6/13/2016). --- Cotner. Finance Committee.

Public hearing scheduled for Monday, July 11, 2016 at 7:15 p.m.

RESULT:	REFERRED TO COMMITTEE	Next: 6/20/2016 7:30 PM
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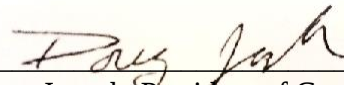
LEGISLATION FOR THIRD READING

57-16

A RESOLUTION TO WAIVE THE PROVISION OF SECTION 971.16 OF THE CITY'S CODIFIED ORDINANCES FOR THE 2016 TOMATO FESTIVAL. (SECOND READING 5/23/2016). --- Skinner. Community Development Committee.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [5 TO 0]
MOVER:	Dan Skinner, At Large
SECONDER:	Stephen Cicak
AYES:	Clemens, Long, Skinner, Cicak, Spalding
ABSTAIN:	Luzader
ABSENT:	Cotner

Adjournment


Doug Joseph, President of Council


April L. Beggerow, Clerk of Council