

MINUTES REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
REYNOLDSBURG CITY COUNCIL
June 13, 2011

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

Members of Council present: Doug Joseph, Mel Clemens, Barth R. Cotner, Chris Long, Nathan Burd, Fred Deskins, Jr. Councilwoman Leslie Kelly was absent.

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

Minutes of the regular Council meeting held May 23, 2011 were approved without objection.

Mr. Hills: The approval of tonight's agenda, I do have two items to add to the agenda that came out of the Special Finance Committee Meeting at 7:00 p.m. There'll be, we will add a Motion to appoint the IT Director, Mr. Scott L. Teeters. We will add that as Item No. 10a under Motion(s) and also there'll be a second similar ordinance that appropriates funds. So we are going to appoint him, usually these people the Mayor appoints, the Mayor also likes to pay them; so it's just appropriating the funds to make sure his pay is taken care of, and we'll add that as an ordinance Item 15a, and it comes from the Special Finance Committee as an emergency. Any other additions or deletions to the agenda? Seeing none, it will stand. Is there a motion to approve the amended agenda? So moved by Councilman Joseph. Seconded by Mr. Long. Questions or comments? ? **All in favor of amending the agenda state "Aye".** (All voted "Aye") **Opposed.** (No response). It is amended.

Community Comments and Requests:

Dr. Boone: Dr. Richard Boone, 197 Canterbury Lane SW, Reynoldsburg. Chairman Hill, members of City Council, Mayor McCloud, and fellow citizens of Reynoldsburg, last week many of you were present at the Safety Committee Meeting where we heard several different viewpoints on backyard chickens, and I firmly believe that each citizen is entitled their opinion and should be encouraged to express their opinion to the City Council, but we also heard City Council _____ and employees of the city speak, and personally, I was very disappointed. I'd assume that City Council members based their actions and votes on the best possible facts available and not hearsay and rumor.

If you were to take the quotes that were in the paper and go to the poultry barn at the Ohio State Fair, or to the Ohio National Poultry Show in November, which is the largest gathering of poultry in the country, how do you think they would react? Do you think they would say we'd gotten our facts right, or do you think we had heard hearsay and rumor? When I was a child, I played outside in the cold. I have childhood memories of cold. When I grew up, I attended school and they taught me the facts. The fact is, there's no real thing as cold. It's not an atom, a wavelength, or a mathematical reality. There's the absence of heat energy, yes. Knowing the difference is very important to us. Your refrigerator at home doesn't produce cold. It dissipates

heat. It dumps it into your kitchen. Your air conditioner at home does not make cold, it pumps low grade heat outside. Each day we benefit from knowing the difference between childhood experiences of cold and knowing the facts.

When I was a child, I was afraid of the dark, but at school they taught me the facts. The fact is, there's no such thing as dark. It's not an atom, a wavelength, or a mathematical reality. There's the absence of light energy, yes. You do not turn on a darkness generator at home. You turn off your lights or shut the blinds. Knowing the difference is important to our lives.

At the next Safety Committee, I'd like us to examine several objections to backyard chickens and calmly look at them to see if they are myth or fact. I don't think the childhood tales and unsubstantiated claims should be the standard used by this Council. From my memory, in the newspaper article, I have several statements that I think we might want to talk about and I've taken the liberty of restating them as something that's more of a verifiable statement. The ones I collected were: One - a few well-cared-for backyard chickens must produce more bad odors than animals allowed under the current Reynoldsburg ordinances. Second, a few well-cared-for backyard chickens must be more insect-ridden than the animals allowed under the current Reynoldsburg ordinances. Third, a few well-cared-for backyard chickens must be noisier than the animals currently allowed under the Reynoldsburg ordinances. Fourth, a few well-cared-for backyard chickens will generate a significantly greater number of dangerous predators than the animals currently allowed under the current Reynoldsburg Code, and Fifth, a few well-cared-for backyard chickens will drive down the resale value of houses more than the animals currently allowed under the Reynoldsburg Code. There are others; I'd be glad to add them to the list. These are common myths. They often make published lists like the ones Councilman Kelly gave you to read ahead of time last meeting. I'm sure we can address these with facts. What I'd like to know is are we going to have an open mind to look at the facts?

Compared with the _____, it might seem like backyard chickens is just a nuisance, but let's put it in some perspective. Several times at the last Safety Committee Meeting, it was mentioned that Reynoldsburg is now a city. It's not out in the country; cities should be places where chickens are banned. At one point, this statement about who we are as a city was based on looking back to how far Reynoldsburg has come from a village of 600 people and as soon as there is a black and white distinction between country and city, the statements assume some definition of city. It assumes we all have some common set of values and behaviors, but I don't believe we all hold those in common in that assumption of what a city is and it certainly excludes me from being a decent member of such a city; but instead of looking backward, if you look forward, you can see that Reynoldsburg is not isolated and an island from the rest of the world. Reynoldsburg is, in fact, a suburb, and you cannot be a suburb of nowhere. Reynoldsburg is part of the 1.5 million people in the greater Columbus metropolitan area. There's really no clear line where the city ends and the country begins anymore. Reynoldsburg is part of Ohio where agriculture is the number one business; where green technology is the promise for the future. Today we have seven billion people on the planet and about four billion live in cities, so the people in Reynoldsburg are far from being alone in living in a city. All four billion city people on the planet - they like to eat. Like most of you, those four billion city people want to eat a balanced diet that includes protein. I've been to Africa University in Mutare, Zimbabwe several times and discussed with these city folks how they raise chickens, make yogurt and grow mushrooms to provide low cost, sustainable protein for their city folks. Now you may think that backyard chickens is just a nuisance, but I see it as part of a tool to teach my children about a sustainable global economy with seven billion people and counting on this planet. Reynoldsburg is not a city isolated from a global economy

searching for sustainable ways of life. Backyard chickens are part of the future for this planet, not just part of its past.

Mr. Hills: Any questions of Dr. Boone? Thank you for your comments. Anyone else desire to address Council on an item whether it's on, or not on the agenda this evening? (No response)

Clerk read Motion: That the Council of the City of Reynoldsburg does hereby approve the Mayor's appointment of Scott L. Teeters, Jr. as Director of Computer Systems for the City of Reynoldsburg. - -Mr. Joseph moved adoption; Mr. Deskins seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Joseph "Yea"; Mr. Clemens "Yea"; Mr. Cotner "Yea"; Mr. Long "Yea"; Mr. Burd "Yea"; Mr. Deskins "Yea". Motion passed.

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR 2011 STREET PROGRAM, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY- -
-Clerk read ordinance by title for the one required reading. Mr. Clemens moved adoption; Mr. Long seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Joseph "Yea"; Mr. Clemens "Yea"; Mr. Cotner "Yea"; Mr. Long "Yea"; Mr. Burd "Yea"; Mr. Deskins "Yea". Motion passed; Ordinance No. 19-11 adopted.

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE HUBER SUBDIVISION WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECTS; APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY- -
-Clerk read ordinance by title for the one required reading. Mr. Joseph moved adoption; Mr. Burd seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Joseph "Yea"; Mr. Clemens "Yea"; Mr. Cotner "Yea"; Mr. Long "Yea"; Mr. Burd "Yea"; Mr. Deskins "Yea". Motion passed; Ordinance No. 20-11 adopted.

AN ORDINANCE DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A LEASE AGREEMENT FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A TELECOMMUNICATION SYSTEM FOR THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY- -
-Clerk read ordinance by title for the one required reading. Mr. Joseph moved adoption; Mr. Burd seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Joseph "Yea"; Mr. Clemens "Yea"; Mr. Cotner "Yea"; Mr. Long "Yea"; Mr. Burd "Yea"; Mr. Deskins "Yea". Motion passed; Ordinance No. 21-11 adopted.

AN ORDINANCE DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE TELECOMMUNICATION SYSTEM FOR THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY- -
-Clerk read ordinance by title for the one required reading. Mr. Joseph moved adoption; Mr. Long seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Joseph "Yea"; Mr. Clemens "Yea"; Mr. Cotner "Yea"; Mr. Long "Yea"; Mr. Burd "Yea"; Mr. Deskins "Yea". Motion passed; Ordinance No. 22-11 adopted.

ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATION IN ORDER TO SUPPLY BID DOCUMENTS FOR DISTRIBUTION, ADVERTISE FOR BIDS, REVIEW BIDS RECEIVED, AND PREPARE BID

TABS FOR THE HUBER SUBDIVISION WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECTS;
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY- -Clerk read ordinance by title for the one required reading.
Mr. Joseph moved adoption; Mr. Clemens seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr.
Joseph "Yea"; Mr. Clemens "Yea"; Mr. Cotner "Yea"; Mr. Long "Yea"; Mr. Burd "Yea"; Mr. Deskins "Yea". Motion passed;
Ordinance No. 23-11 adopted.

ORDINANCE MAKING TRANSFER OF FUNDS WITHIN THE COMPUTER DEPARTMENT
ACCOUNTS IN ORDER TO HAVE MONIES AVAILABLE FOR PAYMENT TO THE NEW
DIRECTOR OF COMPUTER SYSTEMS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY- -Clerk read
ordinance by title for the one required reading. Mr. Joseph moved adoption; Mr. Burd seconded.
With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Joseph "Yea"; Mr. Clemens "Yea"; Mr. Cotner "Yea"; Mr. Long "Yea"; Mr.
Burd "Yea"; Mr. Deskins "Yea". Motion passed; Ordinance No. 24-11 adopted.

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TAX BUDGET OF THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG OHIO,
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2012 AND DECLARING AN
EMERGENCY- -Clerk read ordinance by title for the first time. Mr. Hills set a Public Hearing
for June 27, 2011, Monday at 7:15 p.m. in Council Chambers.

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CLERK OF COUNCIL TO CERTIFY
GRASS AND WEED CUTTING COSTS (2010) FOR COLLECTION BY THE FRANKLIN
COUNTY AUDITOR- -Clerk read ordinance by title for the first reading. Item referred to
Finance Committee.

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CLERK OF COUNCIL TO CERTIFY
GRASS AND WEED CUTTING COSTS (2010) FOR COLLECTION BY THE LICKING COUNTY
AUDITOR- -Clerk read ordinance by title for the first reading. Item referred to Finance
Committee.

ORDINANCE APPROVING SALARY FOR NEW CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL I- -Clerk read
ordinance by title for the first reading. Item referred to Finance Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

William L. Hills, President of Council

Nancy C. Frazier, Clerk of Council