

MINUTES REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
REYNOLDSBURG CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 11, 2007

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 May 29, 2007 were approved without objection.

Mr. Hills thanked the members of the Design Review Board for resolving an issue regarding a sign at 2195 Baltimore-Reynoldsburg Road. The applicant had asked that their request for an appeal hearing be withdrawn, as a result of the board's action.

Mr. Hills noted that legislation had not been received for Items 11 and 12; and that they needed to be removed from the agenda and returned to committee, to be considered by Council when the legislation is available. Mr. Clemens moved to amend the agenda by removing Items 11 (Legislation regarding Amending Ordinance No. 75-06 - adjust amounts - Phase IV sidewalk assessments) and 12 (Legislation regarding Amending Ordinance No. 76-06 - adjust amounts - Phase V sidewalk assessments), and returning them to committee. Mr. Stearns seconded. The amended agenda was approved with all voting "Aye".

Anthony Sestito: My address is 390 Jonell Lane, Reynoldsburg, Ohio, zip code 43068. I've been a resident approximately 21 years at that address, and what I come to address was, the issue of illegal immigrations affecting this country. It seems like our elected officials in Washington don't have a clue. It seems that the people at the state level don't have a clue. And the only ones left are those of us at the local level. So I'm basically asking you fine people to look into this issue as far as, do we have illegal immigrants in our community? And what is the impact on our community? Because I know as far as school is concerned, the average cost in America to pay for the education of a child in this school system is \$8900. My taxes at the moment is like \$2700. I know approximately 2,000 of that goes for schools. It's insufficient. That's at my pay raise. And I know these people, most of them who are coming in this country aren't making what I make or what you make. So we're basically subsidizing them. And for those businesses that hire them, again, we're subsidizing them. And that's not right. And I know in certain segments of our community, there are people unemployed or under-employed. Basically, illegal immigration suppresses wages at the lower end by 8%. Now please tell that to your fellow Americans who are having a hard time making ends meet, because they're not getting enough pay. Why? Because of supply and demand. So I ask you fine people to please look into it and see what you can do to drive certain elements out of our community if need be. Legally, of course. And if there's businesses basically hiring illegals, why can't we go after them? Because they're hurting people in our community. Just not me. But you, as well as other taxpayers. As well as basically those who are receiving services. So I would just ask that if you could, please look into this issue. Find out what you can do for those of us who are legal residents. And I've nothing against people who come into this country legally. Because we all probably had some ancestors somewhere back who came in legally. But those who come in illegally, I should say, we should not welcome, because we have our own issues that we need to address. We have limited resources in our

community - prime example is the Police Department. You guys are having to try to address part of that tonight. Well, guess what? When we have to have the funds go for other purposes, there's less for police, less for other services for legal residents of our community. I just would ask that you look into that.

Jane Klein: Good evening all. My name is Jane Klein and I live at 7053 Retton Road raceway. And I have lived there with my family for 35 years. We raised our two sons and have been parents of 28 foreign exchange students at different times, three of which lived in our home and attended Reynoldsburg High School for one year. We live in a single family home. We are now retired and have a perfect condo; one floor plan. And if we want to pay condo fees, we can hire someone to mow our lawn or shovel our walk in the winter time. A few weeks ago, I read in the local newspaper, that three homes in our subdivision, or very near, have been turned into hotel/motel types for workers for Five Seasons Landscape. What a shock! Who are Five Seasons Landscape? I looked them up in the phone book and found that they were located on Mink Street in Pataskala. Goodness! Not even a Reynoldsburg business. Our City Attorney said that he didn't think we could do anything about this situation since there wasn't a clear definition of a single family dwelling. And that the men in question may all be relatives of one another according to the attorney for the Five Seasons Landscape. Well, ladies and gentlemen, I'm here to tell you that if it looks like a duck, and it walks like a duck, and it quacks like a duck, I'll just bet it's a duck. These are hotel/motels. And no matter how the attorneys try to prove otherwise and tell us, I'm not buying it. Now I know we can probably not do one thing about this situation of these three hotel/motels. But I do hope that you folks are going to prevent any more of this kind of destruction of our Huber Subdivision by taking time to define in writing, and voting if necessary, the single family dwelling. And to my fellow Reynoldsburg residents, with home prices the way they are right now and so many homes for sale, you too may have a hotel/motel next door to you with eight or ten men living there. Let us remember that Five Seasons Landscape is owed nothing by us residents as they don't even have a business here in our city. Let us not deal with them, and encourage others not to deal with them also. Thank you for your time.

Communications- - Clerk read report from Clerk of Courts: total monies collected from courts held during May 2007, \$43,402. Monies also collected during that period pursuant to Ordinance Nos. 146-94 and 104-02- - \$2,554 for the Computerization Needs Fund and \$225 for the Enforcement and Education Fund.

ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO: CHAPTER 160 EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION, SECTION 160.02 "AUTHORIZED POSITIONS, PERSONNEL, CLASSIFICATION AND PAY GRADE" SUBSECTION (f) "POLICE DEPARTMENT" TO ELIMINATE THE POSITION OF ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER; and to DELETE SECTION 149.01 "ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER" of CHAPTER 149 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY- - Clerk read ordinance by title for the one required reading. Mr. Joseph moved adoption. Mr. Stake 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. 41-07 adopted.

ORDINANCE MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR

WATER/WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT FOR VACATION AND SICK LEAVE PAYOUT 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 "Nay"; Mr. Joseph "Yea"; Mr. Clemens "Yea". Motion passed; Ordinance No. 42-07 adopted.

ORDINANCE ENACTED BY THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO, HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY (LPA), IN THE MATTER OF THE STATED DESCRIBED PROJECT.- - (Mill and fill - S.R.256) - - Clerk read ordinance by title for the first reading. Item referred to Safety Committee.

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TAX BUDGET OF THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG OHIO, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2008 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY- - Clerk read resolution by title for the first time. Mr. Hills set a Public Hearing for June 25, 2007 at 7:15 p.m. in Council Chambers.

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

ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO: REPEALING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 741 SOLICITORS- - Clerk read ordinance by title for the third reading. Mr. Stake moved to amend the ordinance as redrafted 6-5-07. Mrs. Shirey seconded. All voted "Aye". Motion passed; ordinance amended.

Mr. Stake moved adoption. Mr. Joseph 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. 43-07 adopted.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

William L. Hills, President of Council

Nancy C. Frazier, Clerk of Council
(Minutes compiled/S. Lyday, Ass't. Clerk of Council)