

MINUTES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
REYNOLDSBURG CITY COUNCIL
June 2, 2014

Members of Community Development Committee present: Leslie Kelly, Cornelius McGrady, III., Barth Cotner, Chris Long, Scott Barrett, Dan Skinner.

President of Council Doug Joseph was present.

Councilwoman Kelly called the meeting to order at 7:30pm

Approval of Agenda.

Approval of the minutes of the Community Development Committee Meeting held 05/19/14.

Mrs. Kelly: The next item up for business is one of our favorite things that come before Council:

Community Clean Up Student Poster Awards.

Mrs. Hudson stated that the Clean-up Campaign is an award winning program in its 8th year. She stated that Community Clean-up day is Saturday, June 7th, 2014 from 9a.m. until 3p.m. which includes services from Cintas, red bin recycling, bulk disposal, Habitat for Humanity, the Furniture Bank of Central Ohio, a flag drop off, a bicycle drop off and the Reynoldsburg Fix Up Assistance Program which has already had 13 requests. The Fix Up Assistance Program runs from the 7th-15th. Poster contest winners are receiving re-usable bags with the sponsors listed and the winning poster on the other side. There were over 500 entries. Special thanks to Jennifer King, an art teacher at 4 of the Reynoldsburg elementary schools for getting everything together. Thanks given also to Megan Brooks from Primrose Reynoldsburg School who had the students participate there as well.

Poster Winners are as follows:

Daniel Owusu
Mechalya Levert
Jenna Leach
Caitlin McKillip
Brynn E. Dwenger
Alexa Leach
Alexas Dumas
Eduardo Ramirez
Jordon Whatley
And the grand prize winner Kortney Grimm.

Students presented their posters to Council and the Audience.

Discussion: Safety Concerns/Parks & Recreation Department.

Mr. Barrett: I brought this up at our last meeting speaking about concerns that have come to my attention regarding JFK and Huber Park Conditions. I emailed out just some of the comments that I had and thought that maybe this would be a good opportunity if Mr. Brown wanted to speak to any of them.

Mr. Brown: Certainly I thought it'd be appropriate. Why don't you just go ahead and read through your questions and I'll address them as you ask them.

Mr. Barrett: The first one and probably one of the more severe cases, with all of the rain we've had this spring particularly, there's been a lot of flooding take place along the Main Street bridge, where the athletic trail goes underneath there. I know we can't control flooding, but on a number of occasions, the mud and I guess silt maybe from the creek really made that impassible and one of the things tonight we're going to talk about is the safety concerns for the Senior Center Parking lot and after looking at them both, I would say that that would probably beat that as far as the safety concerns after a flood. Were you able to look at that or address any of that or?

Mr. Brown: Yeah, I would disagree comparing the trail to the senior center parking lot with the usage. Just in the fact in that the Senior Center Parking lot takes places with 2000 members who, largely a lot of them are aging out, have physical disabilities and/or limitations and the surface, I mean agree to disagree, the surface is unsafe. We've talked about this several times, whereas the trail again it is kind of a hit or miss thing with the floods. It comes down to FTEs-full time employees. Typically you want 1 FTE per 15 acres of park space. We have 5 FTEs and almost 300 acres of park space. Just do the math. We are doing the best we can with what we have. Our grounds crew does an exceptional job staying ahead of the mowing. Staying ahead of our day to day actions as far as a grounds crew. We spend a lot of time on grass. We spend a lot of time on getting baseball and soccer fields ready to go. There is a fine balance. If a day or two goes by we have mud at that section then we have mud at that section. We will get to it and address it. You and I have talked about that particular area. It is an FTE issue but it is also a capital improvement issue. I've talked to a lot of people who have walked that trail for a long time. That is no new problem. It didn't just start this spring. It has been a problem for years. Again to fix that and mitigate that rain water that mud. . . It is going to take some monies. It will take engineering to look at that and fix that bank and to keep that mud and water off that embankment and that trail. Can we get to it faster? Yes certainly and we will. To compare mud on a trail that is a pedestrian trail to a senior center parking lot is unfair in my opinion.

Mr. Barrett: I guess it would be maybe the perspective would change if you had the opportunity to navigate it at the right time. If we are so low on FTEs which it sounds like you are why are we taking on all this additional field business? The additional field use that we are doing requires additional maintenance if I understand that at all which I am pretty sure I do.

Mr. Brown: That's true. Again it comes down to that report I sent to all of you. Mr. Barrett talking about pulling in revenue and using our resources that we have. We have 19 baseball

fields so we could cover them up and get rid of them and just mow them or we can try and make them nice and bring teams to our city and make it a destination. To do that it needs to be nice. So there is a fine balance but again do we want to make a step in the direction of making our Parks and Rec program a quality of life issue where people want to move here or do we just want to be a Parks and Rec department on a website. Those are questions to ask.

Mr. Barrett: I just hope we are not charging too far ahead without being good stewards of the resources that we inherited which is this wonderful park system and athletic trail which I do know is used a lot. Seniors use it all day. There is always someone on those trails. I think if nothing else I understand that you can't correct the problem and you may not have looked into a CIP and what it takes to correct it. I think as stewards of this property which you are that action should be taken and if that is putting up tape saying do not go under there again it is a safety concern. Jed-city attorney Mr. Hood are we exposed for a risk on these trails if these trails are unsafe similar to the parking lot deal?

Mr. Hood: We are covered by our sovereign immunity under statute 27.44 for recreational activities in buildings and grounds. So I say a definitively no but we are charged with a duty to maintain not only that utility but all utilities that we undertake whether they be streets that need repair and that they are free from any intrusions. Yes we have an obligation to keep them free from open and obvious nuisances like that but are we subject to liability because of those? No I would say no.

Mr. Barrett: That could wrap up items 2 and 4 from that list. Item 2 was the overall condition of the path which other than the fact that it is eroding it holds large puddles of water. I can imagine a kid on a bike having to choose between going thru a muddy bunch of grass or a pothole. That is an accident. But we just heard the attorney speak to that. The overgrown vegetation I am assuming because that impedes the actual path that you can take on the path. That goes back to your full time employee deficit. Is that correct?

Mr. Brown: Again if I could speak on that. I can't speak on your specific usage of that trail but I can say that we spent about 28 hours in the fall and about 25 hours in the winter blading about 12 feet on either side of that trail from Livingston Ave to all the way through JFK park. There were sections of that trail that you couldn't see the creek. We wanted to push though some of that so we could see the creek from the trail. I spent some time on Sunday walking thru the trails and certainly you can see the 12 foot sections on either side of the path. Certainly we will stay on top of that. There are some issues with the bank and being sensitive to the trees and shrubbery. With Franklin Water and Soil as well. We can't just go in there and smoke those banks.

Mr. Barrett: There is no one talking about banks here. This is vegetation. Here is what I am thinking. There is a path that is 12 foot wide and if you were to go straight up from there vegetation has grown over that. In other woods you couldn't walk there because you would have to go around the vegetation. I'm not talking about impeding the creek. Sounds like you are on it. How about the last one? The temporary baseball fencing. I see it is gone now.

Mr. Brown: Again the conversation with the entity that put that fence in was they received some

information on what a temporary athletic fence is. An athletic temporary is not a chain link fence that is 6 feet high. They missed the mark on the intent of a temporary fence. I asked them to take it down. A temporary fence for an athletic fence is a mesh fence that is about 4 foot high with PVC tough grade pipes that are rated for 100lbs. If 100lbs hit it they break so no one will get hung up on the fence. The fence was not suitable for that usage.

Mr. Barrett: One out of 4. That is not bad.

Mr. Clemens: Since we are discussing the recreation part of it. . . We have the Tomato Festival coming up again and if I remember right last year it was said we were going to have permanent electricity down there. Do we have it this year?

Mr. Brown: No we do not.

Mr. Clemens: Just a question ok. Don't promise it anymore.

Mr. Brown: I don't believe that I promised that.

Mr. Clemens: That was brought up last year because we were spending double and that if put the money in there last year we would take care of it and not worry about it this year. We would have permanent electricity in the park. So we didn't have to spend that over and over again. Check the minutes if you want to.

Mr. Brown: If you'd like to speak on that we certainly can. Bringing electricity into the park is a two way deal. The \$10K that was spent was for the distribution system for the electricity. Whether we bring electricity into the park or not we will always have to pay that \$10k every Tomato Festival for the distribution to push it from one generator to the next. That was all we talked about. We met with AEP engineers. . . .(Inaudible)

Mr. Clemens: It was stated last year that we would have electricity.

Mr. Brown: It is roughly \$100K to bring electricity. . .

Mr. Clemens: No, I understand that. You can let it go but that is what was stated last year.

Mr. Barrett: Frankly that is the way I remember it too. Mayor did you have a comment on that?

Mayor McCloud: Yes, There were no promises made and I think you all would remember if we spent 6 figures on electric at the Tomato Festival. The exploration was done. The research was done. It was deemed economically not feasible under the circumstances that we face.

Mr. Clemens: I think that is fine. You should report back to us. And if you want to read the minutes it stated that we would solve this problem by having permanent electricity in the park. I'm fine with it was resolved by studying it and so forth but we didn't get the information back. That is all I am asking for.

Ms. Kelly: Does anyone else have any other questions? Yes Mr. McGrady?

Mr. McGrady: Thank you Councilwoman Kelly. Joe just to reiterate what we talked about the other day when I met with you about Pine Quarry Park, I have some additional information that I have to share with you. The one thing I have to point out is I have pictures if you are interested in the pictures and the deficiencies that I referenced to you. In addition to that I want to say it is a gorgeous park and I have thought about *** there and camping out. Clearwater stream with the slate bottom, deer tracks, chipmunks and etc...but the thing that was called to my attention is what a neighbor described as a widow makers, hanging branch limbs 6 inches around, fallen trees and this maybe another capital improvement project like you said earlier. The trees that have uprooted are leaning against each other. The hanging branches-I'd like to see some attention there to address those safety concerns in that park as well. Then another walker pointed out to me that both bridges have frames that are rotting. These bridges were erected in 1980 so they are 34 years old. Attention is needed in Pine Quarry Park as well. One thing that the lady from Land trust -Kim made reference to 2 grants that are out there available. An Ohio Natural Works for \$75k for acquisition or restoration. Then the Land and Water Conservation Fund which is \$50K which is land acquisition or park restoration as well. I am just bringing those to your attention that maybe you can come up with some sort of beautification plan for that park.

Mayor McCloud: We would be happy to take a look at the structural integrity of the bridges. As long as I am Mayor we are not going to be dragging dead trees out of the woods. We can manage expectations now. Trees fall in the woods. We are not going to drag them out. It is a natural state of vegetation.

Mr. McGrady: Mr. Mayor I made reference to the trees that were falling and leaning against other trees. I see where there is some debris to where they moved trees to the side. I did not make reference to pulling anything out. I am just saying fix the possible safety hazards that are in the park.

Ms. Kelly: Any other questions?

Mr. Barrett: Mr. McGrady's comment about the bridge at Pine Quarry. Is there any inspections done on that?

Mr. Brown: We will take a look. I do believe they are inspected and tagged. I will report that back to you.

Ms. Kelly: Anybody else?

Mr. Brown: Real quick can I say one more thing? Mr. McGrady and the dead trees-Last year we spent around \$18K on dead trees within our park system. We are well behind the curve of getting rid of dead trees specifically dead ash trees. Guys with big brains that do this for a living say that ash trees have about 6 or 7 years before they start limbing off possibly killing people. We are going through the parks and getting rid of trees. We recently cut down 7 dead ash trees in Huber Park right next to the path. Mr. Barrett you probably saw those near the path. We are steadily just

moving along park to park and addressing dead trees. We certainly have worked on the dead trees in Pine Quarry Park as well.

A RESOLUTION TO WAIVE THE PROVISION OF SECTION 971.16 OF THE CITY'S CODIFIED ORDINANCES FOR THE 2014 TOMATO FESTIVAL. (1st reading 05/12/2014).

Ms. Kelly: Ok. Thank you very much. We will now move onto to our last item. A resolution to waive the provision of section 971.16 of the city codified ordinance for 2014 Tomato Festival. It had its second reading on May 27th 2014. Any questions? Ok then I would like to send this to Council for its 3rd reading. Do I have a second? Second by Mr. Long. All voted aye. Motion carries.

Adjourned 7:59pm

Community Development Committee
- - -April L. Beggerow, Clerk of Council
June 2, 2014

MINUTES SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
REYNOLDSBURG CITY COUNCIL
June 2, 2014

Members of Safety Committee present: Chris Long, Dan Skinner, Mel Clemens, Leslie Kelly, Barth Cotner, Scott A. Barrett, Cornelius McGrady, III.

President of Council Doug Joseph was also present.

Chairman Long called the meeting to order at 8:00pm.

Approval of Agenda

Approval of minutes of the Safety Committee meeting held 05/19/2014.

Discussion: Proposed Amendment to Ord. 55-02 establishing phases for sidewalk program.

Nathan Burd: This topic has the potential to be confusing. I will try and summarize it as best as I can and as quickly as I can. 20 years ago in 1994 the city was broken up into geographic regions that we referred to as phases. The idea was that the city would go in order of those phases to make sidewalk repairs throughout the residential areas. Those phases were amended in 1999 and again in 2002. The legislation you have in front of you will revise the changes again. The main problem as they are written now is that Phase 6 by ordinance is the next phase that we are required to do if council chooses to move forward on this. Phase 6 right now is huge. It is a residential area west of Rosehill Road as well as everything in the Licking County between Main and Broad. 20 years ago Licking County between Main and Broad looked quite a bit different than it does now. We need to make that phase more manageable and more realistic. The proposal in front of you would limit phase 6 to the area west of Rosehill. You can see it on the provided map. It would divide the rest of the city that has not been covered in previous phases into new phases. I worked with MH&T on this map to create phases that were manageable and realistic. When the 2002 amendment was done we stop at phase 6. The problem with that is all the areas in yellow have not been done as of it. If we don't do this we just won't ever do phase 6 because it couldn't be afforded. If we do this it will be more realistic to move forward on this. If council agrees to this proposal it doesn't initiate work on the next phase but we will bring forward a cost estimate on phase 6 very quickly. MH&T has actually got that started. So that would be done as follow up legislation to this. I will try and answer any questions you have at this time.

Mr. Long: Nathan I understand that one of the reasons that these are being redrawn well two of the reasons is the sections out in Licking County didn't exist at the time that the original ordinance was done and if we follow how it is written the project cost goes from \$600K to over \$2 million in projections. There is no way we can even begin to afford that.

Mr. Burd: It would be millions of dollars to do that phase as it is written now. Again the sticking point is that it is an ordinance right now. The only way to mitigate the problem is to change the ordinance.

Mr. Long: Any questions from members of the committee? Hearing none I will make a motion to send this on to council for its first reading. Can I get a second? Second by Councilman Clemens. All voted "Aye". Motion carries.

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH COMMERCIAL FITNESS SOLUTIONS, INC., FOR THE PURCHASE OF RECONDITIONED TREADMILLS. (2nd reading 05/27/2014). Motion to send onto council for 3rd reading and recommendation of adoption. Second by Councilman Skinner. All voted "Aye". Motion carries.

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO PURCHASE ONE DURACO DURAPATCHER FOR THE STREET DEPARTMENT. (2nd reading 05/27/2014).

Mr. Burd: When Keith brought this forward a few weeks ago and his comments about why we think this is needed. He touched on the idea of potholes that we fill with the Durapatcher will hold. Potholes that have been filled with our cold patch often don't last. We are often spending 2 or 3 times on a pothole. I think that is a real benefit to this. Most entities that use this machine say it pays for itself in the 1st year. That is very likely to happen here. We like the idea of making a repair and having it stay repaired as opposed to continually going back. We did not request emergency language on this originally but I am here tonight to request that you consider it. Primarily because we will have it a month sooner and can start to address some of the issues that still remain. Quicker than if we waited a month. It will likely take 5 to 8 weeks from the time we order it until we receive it so we would rather it be sooner rather than later. If you wouldn't mind adding emergency language onto it we would appreciate it. If you are not comfortable with that we will move forward as is.

Mr. Long: I think that we are in a position where we think that there still is work that needs done from this last winter and the more efficient way that it can get done. Sooner the better. What we will do is I will make a recommendation to send this forward as an emergency. Second by Mr. McGrady. All voted "Aye". Motion carries.

Adjourned 8:06pm

Safety Committee
- - -April L. Beggerow, Clerk of Council
June 2, 2014

MINUTES SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING
REYNOLDSBURG CITY COUNCIL
June 2, 2014

Members of Service Committee present: Mel Clemens, Scott A. Barrett, Leslie Kelly, Barth R. Cotner, Chris Long, Cornelius McGrady, III., Dan Skinner.

President of Council Doug Joseph was also present.

Chairman Clemens called the Service Committee Meeting to order at 8:07pm

Approval of agenda

Approval of minutes of the Service Committee meeting held 05/19/2014.

Discussion: Special Exception Use Permit #164498 6153 Radekin Road, Applicant Jeanne Cabral. (1st reading 5/27/2014).

Mr. Clemens: Council McGrady requested this be added to the agenda. Is there anyone here representing this subject? Is there anyone here from the zoning department here representing the city? If not I will put this on hold.

Mr. McGrady: Let me just identify. Thank you Councilman Clemens. I made contact with Aaron telephonically and advised him that this matter was coming before Council because I had some questions on it because in reading this, I couldn't get a clear definitive answer based on the material if it was a day care or a learning center. Because one of the speakers made reference that no it's not a day care and the other speaker made reference to the fact that we'll provide day care services in the afternoon. But the most important question is, is the, let's say they go to the learning center. Individuals that do not need tutoring will go to the day care. So the first question is, how does that change the capacity requirements within the day care, per the written document that they have with ODJFS which is the state? So in continue reading, the bullets by the board said well, they'll leave that decision to Council if they determine to be a day care. Well where I have concerns is that, we cannot circumvent the state law, we can add to the state law, because if the law says the playground outside is 60 square feet per child, so I really need to know what's the capacity of the current day care to see if they are in compliance with the state for the current outdoor playground. Now although the law says, you do not have to require outdoor, you can indoor, but if there is indoor, you have to have 1000- 1400square feet separate from the recreation center. But in looking at the blue print, there are no dimensions on this at all, so I have questions for this young lady and I requested Aaron to have them here to address those questions. So I don't know how we want to deal with this.

Mr. Clemens: It's brought up; I'm going to bring up one more. And I know Leslie was involved in this and was quite interested. We Ok'ed one, a daycare center up here that's hooked the filling station...

Mrs. Kelly: mmmhmm I remember the gas station.

Mr. Clemens: and that mother set there and nothing has been done on that, especially nothing has been done out back that we discussed as far as a fence and Mayor, I would ask you if you have any chance, would check and see if that 6 month deal is up on that? I don't think we have anybody here that would... If there is, then that's no good any more, but I can't remember the date we did it, but there was a lot of discussion pertaining to that day care because of the outside and how it was hooked to the filling station and so forth.

Mr. McGrady: I want to add one more thing, and, I'm going to need guidance from you Mr. Hood, because I'd like to see a moratorium for one year on daycares until we can tighten up our shot group on our codes for day cares.

Mr. Hood: Moratoriums are inherently dangerous. What I would suggest to you as we've talked about in the past, when you look at the consideration for any Special Exception Use Permit, which is before you now, which is not a permitted use in the zoning district that they are intending to place this business that you stick to those qualifications and make specific findings after you hear testimony from the applicant or after you read the BZBA report or the recommendation to you from the BZBA and see whether or not the proposed use whether it be a childcare facility or other meets the intentions of the code. If it does not I would always urge you to decline the application for a Special Exception Use permit. That is what you are supposed to be determining when they appeal to you. So it is real easy for me to say keep to the code but the code is there to help you or guide you through these types of hearings and make those specific findings whether or not they proposal meets the intent of the code there by meets the design or the zoning requirements of that neighborhood or that district.

Mr. Clemens: Can I ask you a question? As they come up on something like this and the applicant is notified of the hearing and they don't show up to answer questions and we hold it for X number of weeks. Can we vote it down?

Mr. Hood: I would make sure that they are absolutely notified when they are asked to come before council. It is very difficult for you to find without any testimony of the applicant that it meets or does not meet the intention of the code. I would certainly suggest that if council notifies them via the clerk's office and they failed to appear at a hearing it will be very difficult for them to ask for this permit that they are being granted by council.

Mr. Clemens: There is no hurry. I can put this on hold and notify them again.

Mr. Hood: Because you have read it yes there is a requirement that we don't delay these things improperly. Because it was on the agenda and was discussed we can keep it for two weeks. We can notify the applicant to be here next time. If they chose not to appear I think you have your answer.

Mr. Clemens: Ok I then would like to put this on hold if there is no more discussion on it.

Mr. McCgrady seconded the motion. All said Aye. Motion carries.

Mr. Hood: I will make sure we get a hold of them at their last known address.

Mr.McGrady: Mr. Hood I will be with you this week to further discuss moratorium.

Adjourned 8:14p.m.

Service Committee

- - -April L. Beggerow, Clerk of Council

June 2, 2014

MINUTES FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
REYNOLDSBURG CITY COUNCIL
June 2, 2014

Members of Finance Committee present: Mel Clemens, Scott A. Barrett, Leslie Kelly, Barth R. Cotner, Chris Long, Cornelius McGrady, III., Dan Skinner.

President of Council Doug Joseph was also present.

Chairman Cotner called the Finance Committee Meeting to order at 8:07pm

Call to Order

Approval of agenda

Mr. Cotner: One item at the request of the Mayor we are going to hold item #7. We will pull that from tonight's agenda.

Approval of minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held 5/19/2014.

Discussion: Ad Hoc Committee Report (2011); addressing structural imbalance; possible adjustments.

Mr. Cotner: Ongoing process to determine and what choices we will make will continue to keep this here discussing it. We just received a memo this evening that was to Mr. Barrett to Mr. Harris. We just got it tonight. Does anyone want to talk about it now?

Mr.Barrett: I asked him to address our questions from the last committee meeting and as usual he did a wonderful job. I apologize to the audience that you do not get to see this so I will do my best and walk throughout. At our last committee meeting we had a couple different ideas that would in some way address part of the revenue imbalance and deficit that we have faced as a city. It came down to 3 ideas on the table. One would be a reduction in the tax credit and that would be wherever you work whatever city and whatever you pay now in income tax Reynoldsburg will credit you on your local form. So you are not paying it twice. There is also a suggestion to maybe seek a levy on your property tax. That would be in a mil or 2 mil levy. The third idea would be to raise our local income tax rate by .5% that was a suggestion brought up by Mr. Skinner. If you remember the last one put on the ballot was 1%. Really what Mr. Harris did was a wonderful job. He translated that to estimated dollars and what it would mean to the city. It was projected out over a period of about 5 years. Preparing that he did a nice analogy of how many lane miles of roads that we have in our city. There is 270 lane miles of road in Reynoldsburg. Just as a barometer of that 270 the last project we did was on Lancaster Ave and that was 1.87 lane miles of road and that costs us 965K so just shy of a million for 1.87 miles. Doing the math they way that he has done is it's a cost to us to repair a lane mile of road around a half of a million dollars. You can take the 270 lane miles of road at half a million dollars of each mile and go from there. We went as far as getting an estimate from EMH&T who does a wonderful job for us and their estimate for street repairs would be about 2.2 million dollars a

year to take on a project that would get us whole again. As far as street repairs. That kind of gives you an idea as to where we are at as far as that for infrastructure. What do these 3 ideas mean? That is what I want us to discuss and build on it from here. If we do a 50% reduction in the tax credit that will net us additional income of around 3 million dollars a year. A 1 mil levy which was one of the suggestions from Mr. McGrady. 1 mil levy would net us about 700K a year so a 2 mil would net us 1.4 mil. Mr. Skinner's suggestion of potentially a .5% income tax increase would be relatively close to that 50% tax credit reduction. Right around the 3 million dollar a year mark. The interesting thing is how many miles of road that we can repair during the course of a 5 year period when you look at the reduction or the income tax increase vs. the levy. The levy would net us . . . a 1 mil levy would give us repairs to roads right around 6.7 miles of road remember we have 270 miles of road. So obviously double that for the 2 mil levy. The 50% reduction or the income tax increase would net us over a 5 year period what would be equivalent of just over 21 miles of road repair so still again with the consideration that we have 270 lane miles of road and as this 5 year period is up it is going to be even more erosion and decay. It is kind of humbling in a way that we have a pretty large project ahead of us to address. The neat thing is with that tax credit reduction if you are following the bouncy ball and I talked about 2.2 mil a year estimate from EMH&T and that would be getting us about 3 million in revenue. That would give us about 800K surplus. We would be moving the ball on the road project and it would give the administration that additional capital to do some things. We do not have any shortage of that. We heard tonight that we can't even keep our parks safe as far as the athletic trails and we have questionable bridges. Those are all going to be addressed at some point. That is just the beginning. When we hear about the sidewalk project and how to keep that moving forward—that is going to take cash and while we have become clear that we do have some sort of emergency fund. That is not going to be enough to get us where we need to go. That's what this speaks to. I hope I did it justice. Usually I just count on Dick to chime in and bail me out. Any questions? I will do my best to answer them.

Mr. Clemens: No and I'd appreciate it. I thought about this for a long time and since Dan brought it up about the .5% increase. I don't like to force something on somebody like the credit. Don't get me wrong-I would do it in a minute-I would do it tomorrow. Those top 2 should be discussed. I don't think the millage would pass. I don't think we would have a chance there although our property tax is very low. Most people don't know that. To do any good we would have to go to 4-5 mills and that really sounds like high cost. It is a tough choice to make if we want to go back to the ballot. It is a lot of work. Half a mil would help us but my problem with that is that once it is done we would never get more. That would be the end of it. I think whatever happens we need at least a million dollars or more for capital improvements. Not only roads. I would go with either top 2-preferably the tax reduction. The problem is we have over 19k registered voters and only 3k voted in the last election. That is the big problem. If nobody cares enough to come out and vote it makes it hard. It is difficult to decide which way to go. Personally I brought up the tax credit and I would stick by it. I am not too stubborn to listen to the other options I guess. Personally I think we need more money other than just for the streets. I would cut the streets down from 2 million a year to 1.5 million and then be able to do some capital improvement. Anyhow that's how I feel about it.

Mrs. Kelly: Personally I would like for us to go for the income tax increase of .5%. I still do not

agree with imposing a tax on people. We haven't tried to go for the .5% and I would like for us to go that way. I would also echo what Mel said a little bit. I don't think we should say if we get this we are going to fix all the roads. We need to be clear that these would be opportunities that would be there versus this is for sure what is going to happen with that. We don't want to promise something to the people and then not be able to deliver.

Mr. Long: I agree with Mel Clemens on the aspect as far as the .5% I was a proponent back in 2011 and in 2013. I did not see the reason to go for the full 1%. Then again there are a number of people that sat there and said well as Mel did "if we don't take it now we are never going to get it". I also believe very strongly that there are very clear divisions between wants, needs and wishes and to what councilwoman Kelly had said I do think we need to be very specific in anything that we are proposed to go ahead spend this on. Thank you, sir.

Mr. Skinner: I remember seeing something last year that was the numbers of citizens that the 2 different tax options would affect and it was fairly staggering. Do you know off hand what would the percentage of citizens compared to what percentage of folks. . . . Inaudible.

Mr. Harris: When you get into tax information a lot of it is privileged. The best estimate that we have come up with is around 80% of the people who live in Reynoldsburg work somewhere other than Reynoldsburg. The vast majority is in Whitehall and Columbus which is t 2.5%. Approximately 2/ of the money from rate increase would be paid for by people who do not live in Reynoldsburg. They work in Reynoldsburg but they live somewhere else. Does that answer your question?

Mr. Skinner: Yes. Thank you. Do you remember off hand what the .5% raise would bring in?

Mr. Harris: It gets you right about the same as the 10% reduction. It is within a couple hundred thousand dollars. It is virtually the same.

Mr. Skinner: I am not in favor of the tax credit reduction. I think most of my colleagues know that. I thought it was a conversation worth having though. Why it continues to go at 2.5? Why weren't 2 considered? So that's way I brought it up. I think it is good . . . as Barth said several weeks ago all options were discussed. I am happy to see that.

Mr. Clemens: I think it was discussed. The point and I think Councilman Long brought it up. And I'll say it again. You are only going to get it once. The object is and has been the city needs additional funds. People want to talk about swimming pools and recreation centers. It isn't going to happen unless we come up with funds that can be spent for these items. Now not only are people going to have to pay for it to build it. We will have to borrow money to open it and then we will have to pay money to join it once it is done or whatever you want to do. To talk about these things while having no additional income coming in is ridiculous. When you talk about getting additional funds or any way you want to go-even if I say tax reduction-I'm not talking about building all this kind of stuff. I'm talking about things that are needed by the city. Needed. That is what it was done for-we needed the money. We are talking about putting ourselves up with other communities and we want to be like the other communities. We are never going to be

like the other communities with the income we have coming in. You can just forget about it. That is all there is to it. When Whitehall goes above us by about 4-5 million dollars in revenue then you know we are in trouble. I want to see this city improve-not stay stable. It is easy to stay stable. I don't want to be that way. I won't be here too long anyway and I want to see things change. It is easy to say that. Newark that's way. You want to go to Newark? They haven't done anything. They are tearing half of the downtown down. Licking county is Heath and the different ones have peddled themselves up but not Newark. If you want to end up like Chillicothe-You ought to go down there and look around. You can look at cities that have expanded like New Albany, Dublin and Grove City. And Gahanna. They are moving forward. We are not moving anywhere. We talk about bringing industrial businesses out here. What are we going to do? Borrow money to help them? We don't have any money. That is why it went to 1% and not half %. I am to the feeling now that-I have got to be honest. People don't care about Reynoldsburg. Or they would get out and support Reynoldsburg. I am starting to feel that way now so if you want to go to .5% then goes to .5%. We will get 2.5 million dollar and just sit on it and that's it. We are never going to get the other half. I have talked about it for I don't know how many years and I know you all get tired of listening to me. I am getting tired of listening to me. If it goes to .5% fine. Ill support it on the ballot. Then later I will bring it up again because it won't pass.

Mr. Cotner: I think most of us have given up well maybe not given up but put it on the far back burner the dream of rec centers and pools and some of those things we would love to see. I have made it very clear that I would love to see those things but I guess I have got to accept the reality of where we are. We've got to make sure some of these infrastructure needs are met. We have got to make sure that some of the safety issues are very adequately addressed. With the conversation of a .5% gives us somewhere to go. It is not perfect. Maybe we don't get anything else. Maybe we are having this conversation and are needing more money later. If we can get something now and do something now and accomplish something now is better than not. A few million dollars is still nothing to be ashamed of. I think we co do it? I think we can accomplish something. This city-this administration has accomplished a lot on little for a very long time. Even if we can find a way to push that .5% if we can get people to support that maybe it shows that we as a council are listening. I know we don't get a great turn out at elections but at least we are showing people extra efforts and that we are trying to be interactive and communicating with the community. I think we need to think about that too.

Mrs. Kelly: Mel the one thing you said that I do not agree with and you and I have talked about this. I do not agree that the people in Reynoldsburg do not care.

Mr. Clemens: Oh I do. No doubt about that.

Mrs. Kelly: I know you do. I do not believe that the people in Reynoldsburg do not care. I think it is up to us. There has not been a formula that has worked. It is up to us to communicate the need and to communicate it in a way that they can handle. Maybe a .5 increase would be something that people could handle. I have talked to numerous people who it's not that they don't care. Everybody I have talked to cares. I think we-everyone of us up here and administration to give them a reason. It is up to us to help them find a reason. Quality of life programs and Parks and Rec.-for a lot of people that is a reason. That is one of the reasons that I

moved here. The parks and the schools. We have got to give people a reason and we have got to find the right way and the right formula to do that.

Mr. Clemens: I agree with you Leslie because you said this is the last time and I agree with you. You know what happened last time. I will go along with .5%. Don't get me wrong. When it is done and I come back and what to do the other I expect everybody to listen.

Mr. Joseph: Yes Chairman. One of the observations I had last time when I spoke to people who opposed the ballot issues was that they thought it was too high and too vague. The other thing council may want to consider is earmarking it for streets that way people know what it is going for and not it not necessarily salaries. Actual public improvements. That is something we should think about as well.

Mr. Cotner: Absolutely. That is something the mayor shared last time. I agree.

Mr. Clemens: I thought the mayor did a good job last time. He went out and worked and showed what it was about. I agree. We talked a good game but we have got to get out and really work to get it passed. It is not just these guys sitting up here. It has to get to the people.

Mr. Cotner: Speaking of the people-we have a couple of others to share.

Brett Luzader, 1116 Gibson Road, One of the statements that Mrs. Kelly made about not wanting to force the issue on the residents by implementing the reducing the tax credit. One of the statements that Mr. Harris made was roughly 67% would be paying the income tax increase. Aren't you still forcing people to pay the income tax who don't have a say in how that money is spent? At least if you do the credit it is being paid by the people that live in directly in this city whose property values will be affected by the infrastructure repairs and improvement made to the city. Dick can correct me if I am wrong but didn't you say 80% . . .

Mr. Harris: 80% of the people who live here work somewhere other than Reynoldsburg.

Mr. Luzader: Therefore would be affected by the credit but not the income tax increase?

Mr. Harris: Well that is not necessarily true.

Mr. Luzader: Well if they are working in a place that is less than 2% they will be affected?

Mrs. Kelly: Yes. The 67% that you talked about-they would be getting that however for me I would prefer for the people who are residents of Reynoldsburg to not have as many of them as possible to not have a taxed forced upon them.

Debby Peck, 487 Fall River Drive: Couple of things-I think that we did a good job last year of trying to educate the voters, What I found in talking with neighbors and friends in Reynoldsburg and also when hosting one of the coffees is. . . It was alarming to me to find out that people did not know what city they were paying their income taxes to. A lot of them didn't even know. It

astounded me. I realized that some people get their W-2 forms and get everything together and then go and have someone else do their taxes. They do not even pay attention. It amazes that there were people who would have voted against the income tax levy that actually would not have even cost them anything. They don't even know or understand it. I think this income tax credit is so confusing and when you have that discussion going on in the newspaper at the same time you have the discussion about possibly putting a levy on the ballot. Then when you decide to put the levy on the ballot we keep discussing back and forth the income tax credit. It is just too confusing for people. Another comment I wanted to make was I am not able to see but I appreciate what Scott shared with us from Mr. Harris talking about how much money we could have coming into the city based on the different scenarios and how we could approach that and get voter approval. I think we need to talk about what is the cost to the voters and maybe they weren't even the voters. What is the cost to the working citizens of Reynoldsburg when you look at these different scenarios? Putting a .75 additional tax onto 80% of the citizens here who work and if they are already paying 2.50 is there anybody here that thinks that 3.25 is a little much when you have people in Reynoldsburg that are paying 1.5. I think that is a pretty big disparity. What I would like to see is a .5 income tax going back on the ballot and we need to try and educate again. It is very difficult to educate but I just think that it is important. I understand about property values. I read about it. "This is affecting my property values." I saw what happened without property values when people lost their jobs, when people weren't getting pay raises. We saw that people couldn't pay for their homes and they were foreclosed upon. If you took .75 and added it to the people who can't vote you are just going to bully. You are going to be bullies and take it from them. How much is that going to cost them and what is that going to do to a homeowner who may be looking at an extra \$80-\$100 a month. Is that going to help my property? Homeowners are going to struggle to pay. I just think that is something that we have to think about. How much is this costing the citizens? That's all I have to say.

Mr. Barrett: Great and excellent points. It is stuff that I chewed on over and over again. The gap in that whole argument which is valid is the fact that we are not a little in the hole. We are significantly in the hole.

Mrs. Peck: I understand that. I have lived here. . .

Mr. Barrett: . . . Unfortunately to get out of the whole it is not going to be a little event. It is going to be a great event. You are right though. It is tough. Thank you.

Mr. Harris: A couple things. I have talked to a couple of you on this. If you decide to go for 2% I will certainly support it. As I have supported the last ones. Obviously I think we have all come to the conclusion now that there is a revenue short fall here and we have to do something about it. Let me say this about going back to the ballot. We can talk all you want to but the schools will tell you. . . Dr. Ross and Mr. Dackin told me this. They have never passed a levy with school buses running. At this point they don't see a downside for not voting for this. Until you find a way to get them to the polls you are not going to pass this. Now the second thing is if you decide to and it fails we are sitting back here again in December talking about the same thing that we are talking about right now. There has to be a plan other than hoping that it gets passed. We have to have a definitive plan. We can't just hope and wish. We have to come up with money and we

have to come up with it pretty quickly folks

Gary DeMont, 7797 Priestly Drive: I am strongly opposed to reducing the tax credit. I do work in Columbus and I do pay 2.5. Another .75 would be a pretty big increase. I think it is a fairly high rate already. I'd rather see the residents here share some of that burden at an equitable level that we play at other places. I know my tax does not go to the city of Reynoldsburg and I apologize for that. I really wish it would but it doesn't. That is another issue. Maybe we need a constitutional amendment to make our taxes go to the city where we live where we have a voice in that government. I don't understand this. I grew up out of state. We didn't have city income taxes. The one city that did was the city of Chicago. You worked and lived in the city of Chicago then you paid to the city of Chicago. You work someplace else then you paid to the city of Chicago. You paid where you could vote. Anyway that is a sidetrack. I like some of the statistics I heard tonight and I think that if you are trying to go with the .5% increase then advertise it, publish it and getting it out there. 80% of the city of Reynoldsburg work outside and pay a higher rate. They are going to be unduly taxed at a higher rate than the people that work here in Reynoldsburg and live outside. 2/3 of the people that are going to live outside and pay taxes here. Are you asking your own residents to pay a higher rate than you would for someone who lives outside the city? I don't know. I don't understand why we would want to burden the residents even more. It is just my thoughts.

Mr. McGrady: You made reference that you work in Reynoldsburg and live in Columbus and you'd like to see legislation . . .

Mr. DeMont: No I live in Reynoldsburg and work in Columbus.

Mr. McGrady: It is my understanding that that won't even move off the floor. Columbus is getting the money so it is not going to go anywhere. Mr. Harris, the analogy that you gave by Dr. Ross and Mr. Dackin. I understand that. When you say in order to get something, you have to take something. . .

Mr Harris: No. No. That is not what I said but go ahead.

Mr. McGrady: That is my parable. To make the point that would be the police force and you know we can't do that.

Mr. Harris: Well you don't want to do that.

Mr. McGrady: Right right.

Mr. Harris: You can but you just don't want to.

Mr. McGrady: I don't think my colleagues up here would support that.

Mr. Harris: Nor would I.

Mr. McGrady: So whatever decision is made . . . it just needs some PR work. Make it palatable.

Mr. Harris: Let me explain my explanation with an old story. Mel and I were gladiators at one time. There was a story about a guy who bought a farm and he needed a mule so he goes to his neighbor and buys a mule. The guy says you have to treat the mule nice and tickle him a little bit behind the ears and he will go and he will work hard for you. The man hooks him up to the plow and starts down the first row and the mule quits. He tickles the mule behind the ear and couldn't get him to go. The other farmer walks by and said how the mule doing and he says you sold me a dog because this thing won't work. He goes and he looks in the mule's eyes and goes over and picks up a piece of 2x4. He hits the mule in the head as hard as he can. The guy says what are you doing you said you have to treat him nice. He says well you do but you have to get his attention first. What you have failed to do at this point with the voters when you look at 18-19K voters in the city and only 3k came out to vote then you don't have their attention. The schools have found a way to get the people's attention. You take the buses away. You take the sports away you now have their attention. We have had 4 chances for the people who live here and who work in Columbus to vote a tax increase since 2006 and they have said no. We have sent things to them. We have gotten lists of those voters. We have sent multiple things to them. There were thousands of phone calls made. They just didn't come out to vote. Now I don't know how you get them to come out and vote. You don't have their attention yet. You don't have their attention yet. You need them to get your plight and you need to let them know that it is not going to cost them anything to vote for it.

Carrie Acosta, 6550 Olde Mill Run: The first way I can think of is you close the path that you are talking about. Why are we talking about fixing it? Close it. We are talking about revenue imbalances. Put a sign up. Make it very visible. I've said this from the beginning. I also remember saying you should have a presence on social media so you can get the message out to people. I know I have spoken to multiple people about Reynoldsburg's website which still has outdated information. Half the pages are not updated and anybody who knows anything about social media knows you go to the page and if it is not updated you don't go back. I agree completely. I don't think people see the need. I said that way back and I still say it now. People do not see the need for this. I think the Senior Center parking lot-You should start roping it off and people will start to see the need to vote. Frankly I hate to say you know you are going to have to get the 2x4 out but the levy failed and we still have all our city services. What was the point? I understand what you saying but from the voting standpoint I see no change. I see we are sitting up here talking about and lamenting oh my gosh we don't have the money. It is the same conversation that we had last year. Nothing has changed so people are saying did you really need the money after all? Now we start talking about the roads? That makes sense. I think being specific and here is the money that we are going to spend on the roads and here is why. Frankly if I am going to be giving you my money then I want to know what it is going to be spent on. This idea that we can't promise because we don't want to deliver. I think maybe you go about it the opposite way. You say here is what we are going to spend the money on and then you spend the money on it. Let's see what happens the next time. I know I am fairly ignorant about this but is that not a way to go? I think the idea of having this rolling income tax or whatever increase or decrease just this idea that we are going to hand over the big pile of money and trust everybody I think people are having a hard time with that all over the place. I don't know if getting out and knocking on doors is even necessary. I think people don't care because why should I? Why

should I give you more money? You know the reasons and you know they are very complex but I don't know. I heard people talk about this at the coffee. People approached me after every meeting and said that they still don't know what we are spending the money on.

Mr. Clemens Count the people that come down here. You come.

Ms Acosta: Mel, I have had this conversation with you. I have multiple that would love to come here but they are working. They work multiple jobs. Frankly I think it is a cop out.

Mr. Clemens: Me too.

Ms Acosta: I think if you had a social media presence then people have the opportunity to speak with you and interact with you on their time. This is not a new idea. People are harnessing this all over the place. Businesses are harnessing it. My business is harnessing it. Anybody that serves the public and is interested in doing that knows that you have to be able to serve the public on their time. Asking people to come down here? They don't know to come down here. I didn't know to do that until I saw her on Facebook. Get in their faces where they live. Get on Facebook. Everyone is on there looking at grandbabies. That is how I got here. It gets linked and that's why I am here. If you want people to understand what is going on sell it to them in a way that they can see it at 3am while they are eating pizza.

Mr. Barrett: I think you have a very good point. A lot of that frankly in a positive way is truly the administration has done such an awesome job at budgeting and downsizing and fitting in. They are putting 12lbs in to a 10lb sack every year to keep this city running. Right now, I am using the Parks and Rec since we have been talking about it but we are trying to get more and more people into the parks but yet the backend behind us we are not mowing or cutting weeds or we can't even drag tress out of the woods. I am just using that as an example. We have managed to as we kick the can down the road-I got to throw that in right? As we kick the can down the road for another year we don't . . . there is no pain to be felt. The roads keep moving. The senior parking lot? I totally agree with you. I think that maybe is a way to communicate more effectively. I like this discussion.

Ms. Acosta: I will say this as well. I don't know how many of you know this but 2 founders of my company left. Turned out those 2 guys were doing the job of like 6 people. The 2 phrases in my company came into existence. "It is all about who feels the pain." And "If you can't listen you can feel." Those compliment each other. Who was feeling the pain before? Those 2 guys. They left. Oh my gosh there is all this work that needs to be done. Oh my gosh there is all this money to be spent in Reynoldsburg and nobody knows about it. I am not saying do your job worst but you have got to get it out there somehow. You got to say "hey we are losing people". You want whatever. Here is what it will cost you. Make it in a place where people can go get to it.

Tom Vollmer, 783 Tricolor Drive: A long time ago I learned something in my guard unit after 30 years with the military. If you want to find out what people really want then go ask them. Now I don't know. I haven't lived down here but about 5 years and I have yet to ever have a politician

come up to me at any event and say “How good of a job are we doing?” “ While I was in Toledo I worked in the sheriff’s department and I had the honor to work with a Judge Restevo(sp) and I made a grave mistake. I asked him why it was so important to see the newspaper the day after an election. He told me he wanted to see how he did in the polls. I told him “Judge do you really care? You were unopposed.” That is when he jumped down my throat verbally. He said “This is my grade card. This is how I get my score from the public by what I get at the polls. As I am walking through I see people that recognize me as the Judge and I ask them do you think I am doing good job? I have yet to be addressed by a politician other than when they walk by and kiss a baby or whatever. I don’t know what your status is or how often you do that but if you want to get a message out there. What kind of job am I doing? And by the way-what do you want as a community member? I think it is a simple formula. Get to know the people. I may be wrong but I am just saying. Thank you.

Kurt Keljo 1306 N Jackson Ave: I talked last week about being willing to have my taxes raised and I still stand behind that. That said one of the things I haven’t heard said as loudly as I’d like to be said. This is an issue of fairness. I am willing to have my taxes raised even though I do work in another city and it would be on top of that. I just don’t know if it is fair for me to be paying for me to be paying 2.5% in Columbus and the people who work here are benefitting from taxes I pay but do not pay the same benefit to Reynoldsburg. The issue with fairness might play with people in a way that other things do not. To just say “Look this is not fair.” There are people working other places and paying as much tax as people who work here and do not. Recognize I am still willing to do whatever it takes to help Reynoldsburg. That was my first observation. The other thing is . . . Well there are things that Mr. Harris has said at meetings that I have been at that are stunning to me. Mr. Harris, our employees are paid how much less than other employees?

Mr. Harris: Well if you look on the MORPC thing we are probably 30% less than any other city in the central Ohio area that reports. We lose 50-60 employees a year who leave here and go other places to work strictly for the money.

Mr. Keljo: I don’t know how many people care about that but I truly do. I think it is offensive that we don’t pay our employees better than that. One observation last year when the levy was coming up I saw a headline that said “City is not in as bad financial shape as they thought.” and I thought “well that thing is done right now.” Somehow getting another message out there repeatedly and keeping it consistent . . . and I don’t know where that headline came from but I thought “goodbye tax” just from that one headline. That’s the kind of thing that makes it tough. Thanks.

Mr. Cotner: One of the challenges too is though you have 8 people up here and you’ve got a mayor and so everybodys wants, needs and necessities are even going to differ among all of us so I don’t know that we will ever get one consistent voice that we need “x” amount of dollars. I think we all kind of struggle with some of those things as well. And just one comment on your statement-The one good part of all of us we all live here so maybe some are more accessible than others but I apologize if I am not out and get to talk to people enough. I know most of us are certainly willing. I know several of us have Facebook pages. I know the Mayor of course has a

Facebook page. Can we all do better? Probably. I would be lying if I said we are doing everything we possibly can because all of us have day jobs and we are doing our best to serve a community we all love too. So we are well I especially I will speak for myself am thrilled when people in our community show up and share with us how they see a way to make things better. The advice and guidance. We are really trying to do this together. We are not always going to agree. We are going to talk about this parking lot again and I know we will have disagreements there so thank you for all of your time and effort. I'd love to see all of you to continue to come and tell more friends and more friends and more friends. If you can't send us emails. Our clerk can get a hold of any one of us. She can pass on our emails to make it convenient. Our phone numbers. We are all neighbors and friends. We all live here. We are happy to try and interact as much as possible. I think I can be so bold as to speak for everyone on that statement. I think everybody up here is willing to connect and listen to what people have to say. On that note I am going to make one request from our clerk. If you spoke this evening would you please get one of these yellow slips and fill it out for her so she has a record of who was here. I have 2 of them but if you wouldn't mind just filling that out so she has it. Ok so other comments on this this evening? Anybody? Anybody?

Mr. Clemens: I got one. I've got a question. Dick if this goes on the ballot wouldn't we have to have that in?

Mr. Harris: You will have to have it done before you go on your August recess. It is the 1st Thursday in August. I don't have a calendar in front of me. You have to have it done before you go on recess. The credit reduction you do not have to but if you are going to the ballot it has to be 90 days before the November election.

Mr. Cotner: So we do not have to make the decision tonight but as we all know time goes quickly. A consensus that we can try and move forward on I think the sooner that we can come up with those things the better. The more effort that we try and give to communicate what the message might be.

Mr. Barrett: In fairness to the administration I think maybe if he could come back with suggestions or ideas to earmark the increase or stipulating where it will go. What do you think about that Mayor? Would that be fair?

Mayor McCloud: No I agree that it is fair Mr. Barrett. Having said that I do not know how I can be any more specific than I was last year. If you remember I put together a pie graph and I am not being flip when I say that I just don't know how to break it down any more than I did last year.

Mr. Cotner: I just wonder you know I think I asked the Mayor or the city attorney can we specifically spell it out in the election on the ballot.

Mr. Hood: Yes we have and we can. In fact the one that I was involved with when I first was appointed City Attorney in 2006. It was the levy with the previous Mayor and we commonly referred to that as the Cops and Streets Levy because that is what the money was earmarked for

and it said on the ballot language that that was what the money would be used for. Unfortunately we were unsuccessful in that attempt as well but it has been done. Council chose to do it in that fashion and I am sure if we would like to go in that direction in the future you just let us know that is your willingness or what you prefer and we can get the language done properly before we present it to you to present it to the voters.

Mrs. Kelly: Jed would we be able to if we look at and say we know it is 3 million dollars and we know what that number will be can we go as far as specific to say something like 80% of this will go to “this” and 20% will go to this or can we not get that specific?

Mr. Hood: You are trying my memory. I don’t believe we did that and in fact I don’t know . . . I don’t remember to be honest with you. I think that is a little bit more specific than we were. . .

Mrs. Kelly: No can we? Can you do that?

Mr. Hood: I don’t know the answer to the question. I know we haven’t done that but I don’t know if you want to hamstring yourself or tie that in either. Mr. Harris apparently has an answer so I will default to him.

Mr. Harris: First of all this isn’t like a property tax levy where you get one chunk per property tax. Income tax is income tax. It is all going to go together. Separating the old tax from the new tax is impossible.

Mr. Clemens: I think it is ridiculous anyway. All we have to do is. . . You know the Mayor did a good job last time. If we want to put it on the ballot on some of his thoughts and what should be I think that is fine. People have to understand we are up here to make decisions. If they don’t want us up here then don’t let us up here next time. The money is going to be there. Council is going to be here to spend it and the Mayor is going to recommend on what he needs. You tie up your money and you can’t do anything. That is not the proper way. I don’t see any governments handling it that way. If we don’t want to be responsible for anything then we all need to do is resign. If we want to appoint committees or just throw away our authority and what we are up here for and what you are elected to do. We are elected by the citizens to run the city of Reynoldsburg and they thought we could do it. Now let’s don’t jockey things around on the ballot. We should be fair with them and say if it is going to towards the street department or the police and different things like that so they know it. We can’t put percentages because we are trying our self to something and we don’t know what is going to happen. That’s the bad thing about it. I want to see the city get money but I want to see us handle it the way it should be. It is a business and we should handle it like a business. Do whatever you want. I get so sick of listening to it I don’t know what to say about it.

Mr. Cotner: So then we will move on. I’m ready to move on. Is everybody else ready to move on? Something else? Oh ok. You are not ready to move on.

Carrie Acosta: We have tried it that way and the citizens have said no 4 times. All I am suggesting is maybe we open our minds a little bit and be held a little more accountable. The

citizens did elect you. Yes. And the citizens said No to what you suggested 4 times.

Mr. Clemens: They are satisfied that's what I am trying to tell you. 90% of them are satisfied.

Carrie Acosta: Open your minds a little bit and consider some other ideas. Run it like a business. If I ask for money I have to tell them what it is for. This idea that we can't tell it because we are going to hamstring us. That sounds real shady to me as a taxpayer. I'm sorry and I know you don't mean it that way but that is how it comes across.

Mr. Clemens: I am not going to sit up here and argue with you.

Mr. Barrett: To the Mayors point he did an awesome job spelling out where the money is going to go last year. Everyone put the time into it. With all respect we've got some good ideas tonight but it has also been a "Monday morning quarter backing" isn't it?

Carrie Acosta: No I think you could list exact projects. . . I'm not saying down to the cents. . .

Mr. Barrett: Everyone can point at each other saying why. . . The facts are that this is the body that makes decisions. We were voted in. You know what-If we are not doing a good job find better people but. . .

Mr. Clemens: That's what I don't get.

Mr. Barrett: It is our job to make these tough decisions and that was what my original call to this committee was.

Mr. Cotner: I think what again we are hearing tonight is people from our community and they are taking their time and sharing some suggestions. I understand and I appreciate it. I think that everybody that spoke tonight that your time is valuable and I don't ever want someone to feel like they shouldn't come here and be listened to. I think it is valuable. Your time is valuable. It is very important so we appreciate it. Our minds should be open and we may not all agree but we also want to listen. Thank you for sharing the thoughts. We need to then take the information and we will make a decision. That is what we will do. We will ultimately have to say this is what we believe. I think that is where we need to go with it. Taking what we know and working together and moving something forward. So for tonight on this subject we will hold it for 2 weeks. Ask the Mayor to maybe go back to his drawing board. We will talk about things and see where we need to go.

Mr. Long: Councilman Cotner we have already discussed as the City Auditor pointed out there is a timeline and if we are going to go ahead and chew on something for the next 6 weeks then lets at least chew on something that is going to be constrictive. Jed? Can you go ahead and draw up and present to council an initiative to go to the ballot? For the ½% increase?

Mr. Hood: We have always used outside council to do that. Chris Franzmann handles those things. We can have it prepared and it will be done expeditiously. It will not take long. You will

have something in front of you that means the requirements. I'm sure we could use the previous attempt as a shell and just change the percentages to the correct ratios. We will have it in front of you.

Mr. Long: Will that have the earmarking for the roads and streets?

Mr. Hood: You will have to indicate your willingness to what you want. I can do one or the other.

Mr. Long: I am in agreement with Mel Clemens. I mean if we get into a position and we are once again beating a dead horse here. Where I say I am going to collect \$100 and I guarantee you ladies and gentleman that I am always going to allocate \$70 for streets or \$70 for something and then we notice our needs begin to decrease we are sitting there with \$600K in our sidewalk program that hasn't been touched in years but it was earmarked for that purpose and we cannot touch it for anything else other than that.

Mr. Joseph: It appears we are so far behind that I doubt if we will ever have money lying around. It is information that the voters I think will take to heart versus just another empty request.

Mr. Long: All right. You have a good point on that. Can we at least get the process going?

Mr. Hood: Absolutely. And unfortunately this is part of the legislative process. I mean you know you have to speak as a majority and whatever it is that you all wish we will assist you in getting it done timely. You won't be waiting for us to get this done but we need to know the willingness of the council is to present it to the voters. Once you hash that out the other part won't be hard. We can get to work preliminary to start both ways and then you will have options I guess.

Mr. Long: I'm tired of sitting up here talking about a report from 2011.

Mr. Hood: I've been sitting listening to it since 2006. I understand.

Mrs. Kelly: Brad can we ask you to put maybe together some wording that you think would be appropriate as far as projects to help to put on the ballot? Or how you think the wording would be appropriate to be maybe a little bit more specific than it was last time? That maybe a place for us to start.

Mayor McCloud: Yes

Mr. Cotner: I heard Mr. Harris under his breath but loudly enough about our CIP.

Mr. Harris: We have a CIP budget. You can just pull whatever you want out of it.

Mr. Cotner: There are things in place but I think what we are trying to do is find a way that the community will listen and realize that these dollars are intended to improve specifically things that they can see, touch or feel right away. It may not solve all our problems. It won't solve all of

our problems. We can do something. I think that is what we have to try and find some positive ground here.

Mr. McGrady: So what is the proposal that you are asking to have the legislation written?

Mr. Cotner: I don't think anyone is asking specifically. What the attorney said is that he can get the paperwork done very quickly. He is going to get some things together with 2 different scenarios. One very vague. Just basically changing what we did before with a 1% increase to a ½% increase. As well as something with more specific language that does say this amount can be set aside for roads. And again I think the president makes a very good point. We are so far behind and what people are suggesting that we spend for roads and infrastructure. I don't know how it is a negative to at least say we intend to spend a portion specifically for this. It is something we need to consider. We still will listen to our administration and engineers as to which roads we are going to go. We are still going to be very much involved in the process. No one is going to take away our authority to make these decisions. We are just telling our community that we are going to take these dollars and put them in our streets. We know it needs it. We are going to put it into our streets. We are going to help make those things better

Mr. Skinner: So just to pull everything together one general piece of legislation kind of broad like the last one was and then one that would be specific to the items that the Mayor has mentioned. So he will come to us. . .

Mr. Cotner: At least a portion of that I think is what we are saying. . . Capital projects. . . So again that will give us something to look at and to discuss. We all have opinions and like I said there will be constantly differing opinions up here so we will at some point come to a consensus. Hope for something. We will hold this for 2 weeks. Thank you Mr. Mayor. And again to our Auditor and our Attorney. And everybody else. We appreciate your time and effort on this. We then will move forward to item #6 and hopefully will discuss this one a little bit positively as well.

Discussion: Authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Architectural Gardens for the construction of the Senior Center Parking lot.

Mr. Cotner: I have 2 speaker slips this evening. We will start with one we have already heard from before. Kurt Keljo 1306 N. Jackson Ave Sir would you share your thoughts from last week or share something new from last week.

Mr. Keljo: In the interest of time I will share something new. I am aware that the bidding process seemed a little bit odd. There seems to be to me not a lot of bids on the projects, I would give a little background to that. In 2012 when we first started working on this project we had an engineering firm help us with the process and with the cost and such. The company was doing it because they did not have a lot of work. By the time the project came to the bidding that company didn't even bid on the project. The climate has changed so much that folks are being

choose with what they choose to bid on. I am aware of projects from last summer that people put out for bid and they did not get any bids. Or the bids were so outrageous they couldn't even bother to consider them. From my point of view-the fact that Reynoldsburg got a bid on this project and that it is within range of the budget is really quite a victory in the current environment.

Mr. Cotner: Thank you very much. I appreciate it. Another speaker slip. I know will be offering a different view will be Marshall Spalding.

Marshall Spalding: Actually it is not a different opinion at all. I work very closely with the Senior Center and I appreciate everything. All the things that we have learned tonight. I think one of the key things though with the Senior Center is it is certainly the grant. If you can get money that you can utilize and leverage and whether that grant is to fix a bridge that is in the part of whether it is to fix the roads or the Senior Center lot when we are tight for money we need to help leverage some money that we can get. So that is all I am asking. I am a business man- A very good business man and I will always use leverage money any opportunity that you get. The safety concerns-the cracks are still there in the parking lot. They haven't gone away. They have gotten worse. These seniors are trying to maneuver through all these cracks. Thankfully the Mayor and Nathan when it kind of went down they went there because it is getting worse, it was very bad. They went and looked at them and inspected them and by that afternoon they were at least coal patched. It was really bad. It had to have immediate attention. It really is serious and it needed to be done. Spend money smartly. That is what I am really asking you to do. Not just this grant. More grants. Let's go and let's get more grants. Let's leverage the money that we don't have very much of. That is what businesses do. When they have to have it they will find ways of making the money stretch further. That is all I am asking to do. Help the seniors. Every single time that we have money to source infrastructure projects we need to consider that in a big way. Thank you.

Mr. Cotner: I didn't mean a different view. I knew you were in favor and supportive of that. I meant a different perspective than what Mr. Keljo had. I appreciate your time and sharing your thoughts there.

Mrs. Kelly: First of all I just want to thank everybody for bringing this back up so I could have a chance to share my feelings on it. Through my position in education I do a lot and I have done a lot with grants. I believe Mr. Brown said it the last time. When you get a grant and you get a grant for a project and then you do not follow through on the project there are long term repercussions from not doing that. You do run the risk of not being in a position to be considered for future grants. That is something I worry about with this. And I also do think that we need to look at the facts that that parking lot is going to need fixed. And we are going to either spend over all a small portion now or a much larger portion later. I would like for us to move forward to fixing this parking lot.

Mr. McGrady- I requested the incident reports from the parks and rec center to substantiate the statements that there were injuries sustained. My initial vote was no but bringing up the issues of the park and requesting that those be addressed, Pine Quarry. Mr. Barrett made reference to other

safety issues in there. I don't want to surprise you . . . but I will wait. I am marinating on my vote right now. But I find it contradicting for me to bring up one issue in the park for safety and health hazards while avoiding others. That is all I have to say. Or disregarding others.

Mr. Cotner: If you went and looked at the Senior Center lot you would see how disastrous it is and again it is not a major project that fixes everything in this community but it is something that we have an opportunity to make right. As Mr. Spalding shared it is something that we have the opportunity to leverage our resources on. I think it is irresponsible of us to not take advantage if this opportunity at a facility that is so largely used by so many that are a bit unstable as it is to maneuver through there. I am glad that we are at least revisiting it. I feel very strongly that it needs to be again one of the little projects that we can do that can make a significant impact on our community. Yes Sir Mr. McGrady?

Mr. McGrady: But let me also say that and I shared this with Mr. Brown as well that I don't know how it is going to be done but we need to shift our focus and we need to rectify not only sector hazards but the hazards a whole within the city.

Mr. Cotner: You are referring to the hazards that Mr. Barrett questioned earlier?

Mr. McGrady: No well as a whole. Those, the ones I made reference to at Quarry Park when I met with him the other day.

Mr. Barrett: The hazards that you refer to I think maybe the hands are tied a little bit obviously given our financial situation but if the potholes were as big as just described just like the bridge and everything else I spoke about today. Why wasn't that closed or quarantined? When are we going to take action to protect ourselves against unsafe . . . the facts are the facts. In our city there are issues out there. People are going to start seeing those issues when there is yellow tape and cones. I am going to vote for this tonight for the sole fact that we have equity in this already. That was brought up last time not by you but it had slipped my sight. So because of that I think it is in the best interest of the city to go ahead and see this thing through. That being said I strongly urge you to be more conscious of the parks that you are the caretaker of and maintain what we have. If there is a choice right now until we can collectively straighten out the funding so the administration can move on some things. I have to say maintain before gain. If that kind of makes sense. That is all I have to say.

Mr. Clemens: I oppose it to start with and I haven't changed because if we don't do this and go to blacktop it would be taken care of. Let's get it all straight jus everybody knows I have been against this. Those big potholes we are talking about have been there. How have they got fixed? I think Nathan will tell you. I called the Street Department last week and asked them to go over and take care of it. I didn't order it because they don't work for me but I asked them to and after doing that everybody kind of got together now. I drive by there every day and I go and look at it. They have been there so when we talk about not taking care of things and me voting agonist this for different reasons. It wasn't taken care of when it should have been taken care of. That was not an overnight pothole. None of them were. How I vote on this has nothing to do with the potholes but they were not taken care of. They had been there. If anybody had stepped in there

and fell that is our problem because we didn't take care of what should have been taken care of. I just want you to know that. It's the truth.

Mr. Cotner: Alright. Then Mr. Barrett would you like to make a motion on it?

Mr. Barrett: no

Mr. Cotner: Is there someone from the . . . Mr. McGrady are you interested in making a motion to reconsider this?

Mr. McGrady: No

Mr. Cotner: Ok I will make a motion that we send this forward to the Special Finance committee with the recommendation for adoption as an emergency. Is there a 2nd? Second by Councilman Long. Ms. Beggerow will you please call the roll?

6 affirmative and 1abstained

Mr. Cotner: This will move to the special council meeting to be held immediately following the close of the Finance meeting this evening. Skipping item 7 and moving to item 8.

Discussion: Proposed updates to the Personnel Policy and Procedure Manual.

ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO: Amending Section 759.06 "License" OF CHAPTER 759 SECONDHAND DEALERS. (1st reading 5/27/2014)

Mr. Cotner: Chief nothing new to add? Ok I will add a motion to send this to council for its second reading. Second by Councilman Skinner.

All say "aye". Motion carries.

Adjourned 9:30p.m.

Finance Committee
- - -April L. Beggerow, Clerk of Council
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