

MINUTES REGULAR COUNCIL
REYNOLDSBURG CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday May 29, 2012

President of Council Doug Joseph called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

Members of Council present: Chris Long, Nathan Burd, Scott A. Barrett, Cornelius McGrady III, Mel Clemens, Barth R. Cotner. Councilwoman Leslie Kelly was absent.

The Invocation was given by Councilman Long. Mr. Joseph led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the regular Council meeting held May 14, 2012 were approved without objection.

The agenda was approved.

Community Comments and Requests:

Presentation to city by volunteers who help coordinate the Civil War Re-enactment- -Peter D'Onofrio, President of the Society of Civil War Surgeons, along with Paul Walsh, representing the U.S. Topographical Engineers, and Mary Beth Hudson, representing the Civilians with 5th Kentucky, presented a plaque to Parks and Recreation Director Jason Shamblin that said, "In appreciation to the Reynoldsburg Parks and Recreation Department for the support of the 2011 Reynoldsburg Civil War Re-Enactment". Mr. D'Onofrio said they wanted to give appreciation to the Parks and Recreation Department for their sponsorship and their help, not only for last year, but also for the previous two years that the re-enactment had been held at Civic Park. Mr. D'Onofrio said the event would again be held June 23rd and June 24th at Civic Park, and encouraged everyone to attend as President Lincoln was going to be in attendance, President Davis, Generals Lee and Grant, a medical would be set up and simulation of leg amputations would be done; and various actors could be asked what life was like during the Civil War.

Presentation to Parks and Recreation Horticultural Staff by Marabar Heights Garden Club- -Jenny Bennett, Pat Speakman, and Linda Johnson representing Marabar Heights Garden Club, (one of the garden clubs in the city along with the Four Seasons Garden Club) which had been in existence since the 1950's, thanked city Horticulturist Delayne Williams for her support of the garden club; she had hosted both clubs this past Spring at the greenhouses to show all the flowers/plants that she was about to put out in the city, and she also provided some of the plants for the plant sale, which had been held for a number of years at the Livingston House, which was where both garden clubs got their money for different projects that they do in the city. Ms. Bennett said Delayne did not consider her work to be just a job, but also was a passion; and she does it very well and was a great asset to the city. Ms. Bennett said in order to support her efforts in public beautification, they were presenting Delayne with a donation of \$250 so that she can continue do those wonderful hanging baskets and all the other beautification areas that she does around the city.

Big Walnut Balance Growth Plan presentation by Erin Grushon from MORPC- -Ms. Grushon said, "I'm with the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission; we have just completed what's called a Balance Growth Plan for the Big Walnut and Alum Creek watersheds. Balance Growth Planning is a statewide initiative that looks at the relationship between land use and water quality. It's unique, in that it's kind of a multi-jurisdictional approach, and it's completely voluntary though and incentive-based. So the City of Reynoldsburg passed a resolution to join our Big Walnut Watershed Planning Partnership about two years ago, and since then, the former planner did attend several of those meetings; he was involved and helped us shape some criteria that we used to create what are called, priority area maps...and he also helped to review those maps, especially for the City of Reynoldsburg portion, but we asked all the partners to kind of take a look at the maps as a whole as well. But the most important thing...about balance growth planning is it's a statewide initiative, it's voluntary, it's incentive-based, it's all carrot, not stick; and it's really trying to get communities to work together across jurisdictional lines to recognize this shared resource, in this case the Big Walnut and Alum Creek rivers, and kind of, it's an educational approach. There's no regulations that come along with this plan; if the City of Reynoldsburg adopts the plan, which we hope that you do ultimately, it doesn't change your local land use authority in any way. It doesn't change your zoning in any way. I will say that the former planner made sure that the priority maps were consistent with what you guys have in place, but even if that were not the case, your local land use authority would not be effected by this. So with that in mind, kind of why I'm here is the final step of this process is trying to get the plan endorsed by the state, the Ohio Water Resources Council that initially funded the project, and in order to get that state endorsement, we need at least 75% of the communities in the watershed to pass resolutions supporting the plan. And that 75%, by a number of communities would also be representing 75% of the watershed population and land area. So every community is important as we try to reach this goal and get the plan endorsed by the state; if we achieve state endorsement, that will unlock those incentives that I kind of referred to earlier; there's twenty-six specific state programs currently that have incentives available for balance growth planning communities. Generally these are things like extra points on a grant application, or a slightly more favorable rate on a loan-based program like through the Ohio Water Development Authority. And I can always send the specific list; it's also, the list of incentives is in the appendix of the plan, which is available online. And then, finally, just to summarize, the two main components of the plan - it's a pretty large document, it's on our web site though at balancedgrowthplanning.morpc.org - the two main components are the priority area maps, which I referenced a couple minutes ago and those are different from zoning in that we're not looking at every piece of land and designing a designation and also that they don't carry that sort of authority either, but what it is, is really seeing what are the areas that are most critical for water quality protection and those are called the priority conservation areas, and what are those areas that are really the most well-suited at the regional watershed scale for development and re-development efforts. And the way that we kind of came up with those maps, is we worked with the partnership that had representatives from all of the communities and also a number of key stakeholders to come up with a set of objective criteria and we started with a technical analysis of that criteria. The criteria included things for the priority conservation areas, it was mostly stuff related to water quality - it would be things like the flood plains, critical habitats, wetlands, soil type, you know, areas that might be susceptible to erosion, that sort of thing. For the development side, it was a lot of infrastructure type of stuff - sewer service areas, major arterials, future planned sewer areas, if it was in an urbanized area, that sort of thing. So we did the technical analysis, but then we took just as long working with all of the

partners to make adjustments to that map and there were a lot of adjustments made based on things that the data couldn't capture. So that's the main thing that's in the plan and the second thing is a resource guide, which we call the implementation toolbox and all of those tools are completely voluntary and optional, like balance growth planning itself, but we just provide some more information about things that communities can promote to achieve the goal of protecting water quality; things like low-impact development, that sort of thing. But, I'm going to stop now cause it's a long plan; I could go on for a long time, and I want to give you guys time to ask questions, if you have them."

Mr. Barrett: So this includes, I assume, Blacklick Creek, by looking at the map.

Ms. Grushon: Yes.

Mr. Barrett: And I guess the impact area that we provided on that map is essentially the east side of the creek by Lancaster Road, that area?

Ms. Grushon: Yes, I believe so; I'd have to look at it.

Mr. Barrett: In doing this, you're seeking us, or asking us to consider a resolution to the effect of what you've provided?

Ms. Grushon: Yes.

Mr. Barrett: Okay. That's good; just to make sure I understood that, so that's fine. Thank you.

Mr. Joseph: How many communities have done resolutions so far?

Ms. Grushon: Well, I've just started for the Big Walnut, so the first plan we did was the Olentangy River Watershed; we completed that plan in February, or, we completed that plan, I'm sorry, in November and we had to submit the plan for endorsement to the state by February, so it took about four months. But after those four months, twenty-six of the twenty-seven communities in that watershed did pass resolutions of support. So the second plan that we've worked on was Walnut Creek, and I should say that we've been doing the other four plans kind of together, so we've had three communities pass resolutions for Walnut Creek and I'm just starting to go out to the Big Walnut communities. I don't believe that a resolution has been passed yet; I know Madison Township's considering one jointly with Walnut Creek ____ City of Columbus and Franklin County also are probably going to pass joint resolutions cause they've been involved in multiple watersheds.

Mr. Barrett: So, in the resolution process, in the greater scheme of things, is it kind of like an 'all or nothing'? Do.. everyone needs to be bought in to get the benefits or...

Ms. Grushon: Yeah, in order to achieve the state endorsement and unlock those state incentives, that we need at least 75% of the communities. I will say, you might have noticed this on the map that was distributed on the back of this handout, there's a map, there's a couple communities that just didn't participate from the beginning, so they do factor into that percentage, but, I mean, our

goal is to get everybody to adopt it. And we came very close to that with Olentangy, so we're hoping to do the same.

Mr. Barrett: Thank you.

Mr. Long: You mentioned that the program is all carrot and no stick; I get a little nervous when people start talking applications that are relative, similar to the EPA, and your resolution also states here 'while the balance growth plan does not impose any mandatory requirements or limitations on the name of the jurisdiction' and it doesn't _____ on any property _____, correct?

Ms. Grushon: It doesn't what?

Mr. Long: It doesn't put any limitations or restrictions on property owners?

Ms. Grushon: No. It does not.

Mr. Long: Okay.

Ms. Grushon: And I should say, too, that our model resolution language is flexible; we provided that, you know, just so that communities could use it, but it's flexible - the main thing the state's looking for in that resolution, if you choose to adopt one, is that the community supports the final plan and that there'll be some sort of good faith effort to use it in some way and that doesn't have to be specific at all.

Mr. Barrett: Should this go to Community Development?

Mr. Joseph: That's where it would end, start the process, yes, I would guess. Aaron, you had some comment?

Acting Planning Administrator Aaron Domini: One thing, planning-wise, I think's really important here - while the plan probably has a lot of good information in it, the carrot for this community is the grants. So when you apply for Clean Ohio funds, NatureWorks, any program through ODNR, whether it's water conservation, restoration, which there is a need here, especially along Dysart, and Blacklick, as you know, that is probably one of the biggest boxes that they check, to give you additional points to get that funding. So I would just encourage you to take a look at it, if you're considering a resolution, passing a resolution, it does really matter to unlock those funds for Reynoldsburg. I know there are some areas that you've been successful at getting those funds in the past; and I would hate for you to get into a competitive situation with a neighboring community and not get those points. So that's the big carrot for you guys relative to this project, so I just wanted to add that so it didn't get lost in the shuffle, because it is really important. We just applied for Clean Ohio funds for Worthington; they were part of some of these programs and they were competitive on the funding, so just be careful and cautious how you think about that.

Mr. Joseph: Are there any other questions? (No response) Okay, thank you very much.

Reports- -Mr. Joseph said there would be a special Council meeting following committee meetings on June 4, 2012 to consider a resolution of services available to property proposed for annexation.

Motion(s)

Clerk read Motion: That the Council of the City of Reynoldsburg does hereby request a hearing on the request for a new liquor permit - classes C1 and C2 - - I K Gujrat, Inc. dba Shell, 7820 E. Main St., Reynoldsburg, OH 43068. (B NEW 4125268) - -Mr. Clemens moved adoption; Mr. Cotner seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Long "Yea"; Mr. Burd "Yea"; Mr. Barrett "Yea"; Mr. McGrady "Yea"; Mr. Clemens "Yea"; Mr. Cotner "Yea". Motion passed.

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CITY AUDITOR TO REMOVE TWO VEHICLES FROM THE CITY'S FIXED ASSET LIST AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY- -Clerk read ordinance by title for the one required reading. Mr. Clemens moved adoption; Mr. Barrett seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Long "Yea"; Mr. Burd "Yea"; Mr. Barrett "Yea"; Mr. McGrady "Yea"; Mr. Clemens "Yea"; Mr. Cotner "Yea". Motion passed; Ordinance No. 26-12 adopted.

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO PURCHASE ONE MOTORCYCLE (Reynoldsburg Police Department); APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY- -Clerk read ordinance by title for the one required reading. Mr. Clemens moved adoption. Mr. Burd seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Long "Yea"; Mr. Burd "Yea"; Mr. Barrett "Yea"; Mr. McGrady "Yea"; Mr. Clemens "Yea"; Mr. Cotner "Yea". Motion passed; Ordinance No. 27-12 adopted.

ORDINANCE MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION FOR EXPENSES RELATED TO SEARCH FOR A CHIEF OF POLICE, PROMOTION FOR A LIEUTENANT, POLICE OFFICER POSITIONS, POLICE CLERK POSITION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY- -Clerk read ordinance by title for the one required reading. Mr. Long moved adoption. Mr. Clemens seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Long "Yea"; Mr. Burd "Yea"; Mr. Barrett "Yea"; Mr. McGrady "Yea"; Mr. Clemens "Yea"; Mr. Cotner "Yea". Motion passed; Ordinance No. 28-12 adopted.

A RESOLUTION TO WAIVE THE PROVISION OF SECTION 971.16 OF THE CITY'S CODIFIED ORDINANCES FOR THE 2012 TOMATO FESTIVAL- -Clerk read resolution by title for the first reading. Item referred to Community Development Committee.

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CLERK OF COUNCIL TO CERTIFY GRASS AND WEED CUTTING COSTS (2011) FOR COLLECTION BY THE FRANKLIN COUNTY AUDITOR- -Clerk read ordinance by title for the first reading. Item referred to Finance Committee.

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COUNTY AUDITOR- -Clerk read ordinance by title for the first reading; item referred to Finance Committee.

ORDINANCE DIVIDING THE DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY/SERVICE INTO TWO DEPARTMENTS: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY and DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE; and AMENDING 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 include a Director of Public Safety; and SUBSECTION (g) “Service Department” to change title of Service/Safety/Disaster Director to Director of Public Service- -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: SECTION 160.09 “Group Insurance” Subsection (b)(1) OF CHAPTER 160 EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION- -Clerk read ordinance by title for the third reading. Mr. Long moved adoption. Mr. Burd seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Long “Yea”; Mr. Burd “Yea”; Mr. Barrett “Yea”; Mr. McGrady “Yea”; Mr. Clemens “Yea”; Mr. Cotner “Yea”. Motion passed; Ordinance No. 29-12 adopted.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Doug Joseph, President of Council

Nancy C. Frazier, Clerk of Council