

MINUTES REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
REYNOLDSBURG CITY COUNCIL
MAY 29, 2007

President of Council William L. Hills called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

Members of Council present: Mel Clemens, Antoinette Newman, Donna Shirey, Ron Stake, Preston Stearns, Brett Baxter, Doug Joseph.

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

Minutes of the regular Council meeting held May 14, 2007 were approved without objection.

The agenda was approved with Mr. Hills noting there would be additional reports; one from the Mayor; and one from the Safety/Service Director.

Community Comments and Requests:

Mayor McPherson presented a Proclamation on Community Clean-Up Week. The Student Poster Contest Winners of the Reynoldsburg 2nd Annual Community Clean-Up Week were recognized.

Councilman Clemens: I just have one comment. It=s not on the agenda and it=s not a report, but I do have some constituents here that have questioned me on this, and I thought maybe that since they=re here I could ask Mr. Hood, our attorney. Jed, I have a question please if I could? You weren=t here last week and so forth, and I=ve had some questions on this, and I=ve had calls on this and I said I would ask tonight. The only thing I would ask, have you had any information yet, confirmed yet back from what you were going to try to find out some additional information? Have you had any return information?

Mr. Hood: Unfortunately, have not. We=ve been in contact with Mr. Orlandini=s office. He=s been receptive to our request; however, we have not had anything back in writing as the Council has requested, as of yet.

Mr. Clemens: Okay.

Mr. Hood: I don=t know, I didn=t ask him for a time frame, but he understands that the committee does meet every other week. So he may have something very well coming to me being prepared for the committee meeting next Monday, but we have been in contact with his office. And so far, he has been receptive to our request.

Mr. Clemens: Okay. I didn=t want to catch you off guard, but I did have people here that I did want to ask you. Alright. We=ll see you next week then.

Mr. Hood: Okay. Thank you, sir.

Reports:

City Engineer Dave Parkinson, E.M.H.&T: Thank you President Hills, members of Council, Mr. Mayor; thank you for giving me a few minutes tonight. When I asked for this time, I didn=t realize I=d have the pleasure of a little reception prior to the meeting, so maybe a little of what I say here is somewhat redundant, and I apologize. For more than a decade, I=ve had the privilege and the honor of serving as your city engineer. The experience has truly made me a

better engineer, and indeed a better person; and for that, I thank you. I have an incredible opportunity for me to continue to grow in my career; and it's an extremely difficult decision, but one I've made with excitement, and a heavy heart, because I truly love what I do; I truly love who I do it with; I truly love who I do it for and what I'm leaving behind, most people would kill for. It's truly a tough decision, but I think it's one that's right for us, or obviously I wouldn't have done it. Friday will be my last day at EMH&T. I want to take this moment to thank all of you for your support. It was with your support that helped me do this job as well as I have done it, but specifically, and personally, I want to thank Nancy Frazier, for over the years she has made this...made me better, and made me look good at times when I could easily have fallen down, and so, Nancy, you're nothing less than spectacular; I think all these Councilmen, and everyone in the city knows it, and again, I thank you. And I will miss you, and I will miss the rest of Council, and all of you personally and professionally as well. We have established a transition, and my replacement is Jim Miller; we tried to get Jim to meet most of you during the reception; I think we might have missed a couple of you; I'm sorry for that. And Jim's going to be helped by Nelson Kohman; and I think everybody knows Nelson, our President, who has years of experience in this realm, and I think he'll serve Jim well. And as I close, I want to reiterate something that I've kind of kept a secret. I have tried from time to time to let you glimpse behind the curtain, but for the most part, most times I've tried to keep that curtain closed. I know you all think I'm the greatest engineer there ever was; at least, I think you do. I stand on the shoulders of four hundred of the *best* men and women engineers, technicians and staff that there are assembled anywhere in this country. And I get the glory of their good work, and I come on Monday nights, and I share with you in their accomplishments, and their successes, and I get the credit for it; and I will take the bullets for it; and we'll fix anything that needs fixed. The important thing that I want to leave with you is, even though I am leaving, I am only a phone call away; but beyond that, the four hundred people that have done your work for you, for the last umpteen years, are still there. The institutional knowledge that is EMH&T, that you might view as being Dave Parkinson, is still there. And the only challenge Jim is going to have is finding the right person that has that nugget of information that will continue to carry this through. I can name, obviously, many, many names, but they are there; they will continue to carry your agenda forward; they will continue to address issues on Priestley Drive; they will continue to address issues of the Main Street barrier; they will continue to work on your street program; the Matterhorn Drive storm water; all the people that have done that good work are still here. You will not miss a beat with my departure. So thank you again for everything you've done for me.

Mayor McPherson presented a Certificate of Recognition to Mr. Parkinson; Mr. DeBolt thanked Mr. Parkinson, and Safety/Service Secretary Mary Burcham presented Mr. Parkinson with a gift.

Mr. DeBolt: I come before you today to update you on a memo that I provided you in your packets on Friday. I just felt obligated to give a little more clarification based on the fact that we are talking about a lot of money and an important project, and the fact that EMH&T, when they came back with their amounts of how much it would cost for the proposed street program, it was higher than the amount that we anticipated it would be. But I just wanted to clarify a couple of points. First being, when we had talked about potentially slurry sealing Lancaster Avenue. That was only under the circumstances potentially that the road was still

salvageable where you can get another 5, to perhaps 10 years life span, extended life span if the road was in appropriate condition. E.M.H.&T. determined that that wasn't the case, so we wouldn't go forward with slurry seal at this time. We'd let the road pretty much go its course in terms of when it needed to be paved. Three to five years down the road perhaps. And then go with that. So that would subtract approximately 233,000 from the estimate that we had originally submitted. So again, the proposal for the eight streets in front of you is closer to one million dollars. Again, higher than what we had anticipated. But again, talking to Mr. Parkinson today, we do need to move forward with the advertising. We can have some discussion between now and next Monday's committee meeting. So what I'd like to encourage Council members to do is perhaps, if they have some concerns on the streets, the rankings that they are, since a lot of them are very close, please contact me and I'd be more than happy to touch base with you and explain our rationale between now and next committee meeting. But we do need to move quickly after the committee meeting next week to be able to advertise these. So I just wanted to ask that if you had questions, because we did want to move forward with the program as soon as possible.

Clerk read motion: That the following reorganization of committee membership, as recommended by the President of Council, is hereby approved to serve for the remainder of the 2007 calendar year:

Community Development: Preston Stearns*, Antoinette Newman, Brett Baxter, Donna Shirey.

Safety: Doug Joseph*, Antoinette Newman, Ron Stake, Donna Shirey.

Service: Mel Clemens*, Antoinette Newman, Brett Baxter, Donna Shirey.

Finance: Ron Stake*, Mel Clemens, Doug Joseph, Preston Stearns.

Mr. Stake moved adoption. Mr. Clemens seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Clemens AYea@; Mrs. Newman AYea@; Mrs. Shirey AYea@; Mr. Stake AYea@; Mr. Stearns AYea@; Mr. Baxter AYea@; Mr. Joseph AYea@. Motion passed.

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE REYNOLDSBURG DIVISION OF POLICE TO APPLY FOR A DIRECT EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT FOR 2007; AND ALSO AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE GRANT UPON RECEIPT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY- - Clerk read ordinance by title for the one required reading. Mr. Stake moved adoption. Mrs. Newman seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Clemens AYea@; Mrs. Newman AYea@; Mrs. Shirey AYea@; Mr. Stake AYea@; Mr. Stearns AYea@; Mr. Baxter AYea@; Mr. Joseph AYea@. Motion passed; Ordinance No. 38-07 adopted.

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY SEWER REPAIR AT SETON SQUARE, 1235 BRIARCLIFF ROAD; WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING; APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY- - Clerk read ordinance by title for the one required reading. Mr. Clemens moved adoption. Mr. Joseph seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Clemens AYea@; Mrs. Newman AYea@; Mrs. Shirey AYea@; Mr. Stake AYea@; Mr. Stearns AYea@; Mr. Baxter AYea@; Mr. Joseph AYea@. Motion passed; Ordinance No. 39-07 adopted.

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT BETWEEN THE

CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG AND THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, OHIO LABOR COUNCIL, INCORPORATED (DISPATCHERS) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY- - -

Clerk read ordinance by title for the one required reading. Mr. Stake moved adoption. Mr. Baxter seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Clemens AYea@; Mrs. Newman AYea@; Mrs. Shirey AYea@; Mr. Stake AYea@; Mr. Stearns AYea@; Mr. Baxter AYea@; Mr. Joseph AYea@. Motion passed; Ordinance No. 40-07 adopted.

Request by Mayor for Executive Session to consider compensation of public employees;

request by City Attorney for Executive Session to discuss imminent litigation- - - Mr.

Stearns moved to recess for Executive Session; Mrs. Shirey seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Clemens AYea@; Mrs. Newman AYea@; Mrs. Shirey AYea@;

Mr. Stake AYea@; Mr. Stearns AYea@; Mr. Baxter AYea@; Mr. Joseph AYea@. Motion

passed. Mr. Hills said those attending would be elected officials, Clerk of Council,

Safety/Service Director, and Chief of Police. Mr. Hills said following the Executive Session, Council would reconvene only to call the roll and adjourn. Council recessed at 8:02 p.m.

Council reconvened at 8:29 p.m. With the roll called, members responding were: Mr. Clemens APresent@; Mrs. Newman APresent@; Mrs. Shirey APresent@; Mr. Stake APresent@; Mr. Stearns APresent@; Mr. Baxter APresent@; Mr. Joseph APresent@.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

William L. Hills, President of Council

Nancy C. Frazier, Clerk of Council