



**FINANCE COMMITTEE - BARTH COTNER
MONDAY MAY 22, 2017**

COMMITTEE MEETING: 7:45 PM

**PLACE: COUNCIL CHAMBERS
7232 E. MAIN ST, REYNOLDSBURG, OH 43068**

1. Call to Order

PRESENT: Cotner, Long, Luzader, Joseph
ABSENT: Skinner

2. Approval of Agenda

1. Motion to Amend Agenda to add Motion to Authorize the City Attorney to Apply for the Ohio Attorney Generals 2017-2018 VOCA/SVAA Grant.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Barth R. Cotner, At Large
SECONDER:	Chris Long, At Large
AYES:	Cotner, Long, Luzader
ABSENT:	Skinner

3. Approval of Minutes

- a. Finance Committee – Committee Meeting – May 8, 2017
Minutes stand approved.

4. Discussion

- a. Ordinance Authorizing the City Auditor to Remove Equipment from the City's Fixed Asset List. - Parks & Recreation Department.

Mrs. Bauman: These are just some items that we no longer use or are broke that we would like to have removed form the fixed asset list.

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- b. Ordinance Appropriating Funds from Unappropriated General Fund to an Account in the Parks & Recreation Department and Declaring an Emergency.

Mrs. Bauman: These funds are funds from the Farmers Market that are collected in the form of sponsorship dollars or fees that are collected weekly. Approximately \$3,600 is left over from 2016 and \$4,000 has been collected this year so we would like those appropriated this year into the Community Events line item for the Parks and Recreation Department and we would like an emergency at the second reading so we can have funds for the 2017 market.

Mr. Cotner: What is the date for the next market again?

Mrs. Bauman: June 15th.- Septer 8 over at Huber Park and the Mayor will be performing opening day. 10th year. We're very excited about that.

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- c. An Ordinance to Amend Sections 190.01, 190.03 and 190.04 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Reynoldsburg, Ohio, in Order to Increase the City Income Tax by One Percent (1.0%) from the Current Rate of One and One-Half Percent (1.5%) to a Rate of Two and One-Half Percent (2.5%), Beginning July 1, 2017, and Declaring an Emergency.

Mayor McCloud: Thank you. Earlier this month the voters of the city voted to increase our tax rate from 1.5% to 2.5% the ordinance that you have before you will change the portion of our tax code internally to reflect that increase.

Mr. Cotner: I think the end of June is our deadline, so sending it tonight and then passing it our next meeting is our plan?

Mayor McCloud: Correct.

Mr. Joseph: I know this begins in July, has RITA been working with us as far as the change over, because I know some people do estimated taxes at different times during the year and I just want to know if they are aware that it will change and they'll have it set up in their system to make that switchover so people aren't being forced to pay or not being forced to pay the right amount at the right time.

Mayor McCloud: That will be in place when this goes into effect and July 1st that will be in effect. Yes. Thank you.

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d. Ordinance to Approve Payment of Services Performed Prior to the Auditor's Certification of Availability of Funds and Declaring an Emergency

Mayor McCloud: When we open a purchase order for our sewer, we look back at the quarter of the previous year and make a good faith guesstimate at how much that is going to be and in this case, that guesstimate was short \$24,000. The Auditor's office has been helpful about talking with us in this issue and we've got something in place to essentially a percentage contingency in place moving forward so we don't have to bring this back. That is the reason for this then and now is, we guessed what the charge would be and we just came up short.

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e. Ordinance Authorizing Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with Verified Volunteers (By Sterling Talent Solutions). (First Reading 5/08/2017).

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f. Ordinance Authorizing City Auditor to Remove Equipment from the City's Fixed Asset List. -- Computer Department. (Second Reading 5/08/2017).

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g. Ordinance Authorizing City Auditor to Remove Equipment from the City's Fixed Asset List. - Service Department. (Second Reading 5/08/2017).

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5. Meeting Night Additions

- a. Motion to Authorize the City Attorney to Apply for the Ohio Attorney Generals 2017-2018 VOCA/SVAA Grant.

Mr. Hood: Some months ago I attended the Ohio Crime Victims Justice Center Symposium and they made me aware of this grant cycle that occurs sometime in the spring and I have been checking since that time with the OAG's office weekly to see when the application process would come in. There is a very short window here and time is of the essence and I appreciate you adding that this evening. The VOCA grant has to do with victims of crime. What I would like to do, should the city be awarded the grant, its hire a victim of crime assistant to work in my office. Not as employee but an independent contractor who has years of experience, I've been working alongside this person as I see her represent other municipalities our size, to help us with domestic violence cases and assault cases and basically anything that is afforded a protection order in our municipal court system. What this person would do is listed on the packet that I provided you on page 6. In the state of Ohio, all victims of crime make a victim impact statement prior to sentencing of the court. This would also enable us to have another tool to help those victims of crime prepare those things prior to those court proceedings. This is someone that would be in the court house with us to do that. The City Attorney's is an allowable grant recipient; there are also additional funds available for training for my staff so our prosecutors are up to date. This is a 20% match so it would be an 80/20 grant from the state. But the good news is that no appropriation would be necessary this year. I could make it work within my budget and volunteer hours that will be required of our contractor can be used to put forth our 20% match. They basically give a volunteer rate of \$15 per hour and we can cut down our 20% by volunteer hours which she has already agreed to should the grant be awarded. The grant application is due June 1 and it came out Monday so that's the short window we have to deal with. The funding however doesn't get awarded until October so it will be a short period of time for this year so our budget cycle will be different form the grant cycle. The grant cycle would be October to September; our budget cycle goes January to December. So it would be something we'd have to consider for next year. This is something that is sorely needed and something that I've wanted to do but haven't had the ability to make it work within my budget without asking for additional appropriations of this Council which I didn't want to do. But it is something that is necessary to do our job to the best of our ability and something that our residents deserve and if we can get grant funding to do it I think it works for everybody.

Mr. Cotner: What do you think the possibility of us getting this are? How does the formula work?

Mr. Hood: The Crime Victim Justice Center, I don't know that it is similar to other grants like construction grants that we go after, but I think we're an excellent candidate because we

are suburb of our size without a victims advocate or witness assistant. If you look at the list of recipients on the AG website, you can see all of the different law director/prosecutor offices that are already receiving those grant proceeds to it seems we would have a very good chance.

Mr. Luzader: If we get this grant this year, would you assume our chances are pretty good of continuing?

Mr. Hood: So, one of the reasons why general law enforcement technique is not something that is an allowable expense for this, is that I believe that they don't want you to hire and employee. But if you look at the priority funding, if you are a past recipient, you do get some sort of extra credit to continue to be a recipient. So we do need to get our foot in the door but once we do get our foot in the door, I think it is something that could be perpetual.

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