

MINUTES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
REYNOLDSBURG CITY COUNCIL
May 19, 2014

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

President of Council Doug Joseph was present.

Councilman McGrady called the meeting to order at 7:30pm

Approval of Agenda.

Mr. Barrett: I would like to request that we have an item added to the next committee meeting in 2 weeks.

Mr. Joseph: Mr. Barrett again the discussion on the floor is when you are having the meeting tonight you would be dealing with adding something to the agenda tonight. Something to be added to the agenda in 2 weeks would be done prior to the meeting or in 2 weeks.

Mr. Barrett: Thank you. You are right. I would like to add an item to the agenda tonight which I will subsequently hold for 2 weeks so we can prepare.

Mr.: McGrady: What do you want to add?

Mr. Barrett: I want to discuss Parks and Recs and safety concerns.

Mr. McGrady: Any motion for that?

Mr. Joseph: Just ask for approval vote. Just say all in favor say Aye.

Mr. McGrady: All in favor of the addition which will be item 6 say Aye, all voted "Aye", Item 6 we will discuss. Let's move forward.

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

Discussion: Discussion: Summer day camp MOU with Kiddie Academy.

Mr. Brown: Thank you President Joseph and members of council. In your packets there is an item that is requesting to authorize year 2 of our MOU with Kiddie Academy so we can continue to move on planning and development of our summer day camp for the kids of Reynoldsburg. Any questions for me at this time?

Mr. McGrady: I saw where you had X amount of dollars came in from Kiddie Academy last year. Is it going to be the same program or will there be any changes that will bring in any additional dollars in or is it capped at a specific amount?

Mr. Brown: That's a good question. We are going to cap the registrations at 250 this year. One of the biggest changes that you will see is the camp is going to have a basketball league in the camp. So if Corneilus McGrady registers for this camp his Mom or Dad can pay \$20 a flat fee and then Corneilus McGrady can play in this basketball league for the whole 6 weeks and he will get a jersey and a trophy. We are going to have a structured league and that \$20 goes additionally to Parks and Rec. That will offset the trophy cost and the jersey cost.

Mr. McGrady: So the basketball tournament will be through our Parks and Rec?

Mr. Brown: Yes. It is not a tournament. It is a league. It is another piece of the camp so that we can engage these kids in a structured basketball league while they are in the camp.

Mr. McGrady: Any additional questions? You requested this to be passed as an emergency?

Mr. Brown: Yes. That is correct. The camp will run from June 9-July 18. It will last 6 weeks. Last year it rain 10 weeks. We are at the mercy of the schools. We have a great relationship with the schools. If they need us to leave earlier and start later we can do that to make sure that they can make sure the facility is cleaned and organized for the school year.

Mr. McGrady: Is the reason for the emergency is because of the timeline?

Mr. Brown: That is correct.

Mr. Barrett: Just curious. Did we just figure out we were going to do this? Why wouldn't we have done this months ago?

Mr. Brown: Yes. Good question. We've had it working on it through the city attorney's office. They were doing the diligence to make sure the contract was solid. It has taken them some time.

Mr. Barrett: I don't know. We talk about it all the time. Things come up for an emergency all the time. A heads up would have been good. It is what it is.

Mayor McCloud: If I may address that. Yes we knew this was coming up this year but the city attorney doesn't report to me and I can't make him work any faster. He wanted to take some extra time to make sure that the questions we received throughout the year were addressed and this is when we got it back.

Mr. McGrady: I would like a motion to have this passed as an emergency. Motion by Mr. Cotner and second by Mr. Long. All voted "Aye". Motion passed.

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).

Mr. McGrady: I'd like to move this back to committee for second reading. Motion by Mr. Cotner and second by Mr. Long. All voted "Aye". Motion passed.

Discussion: Parks and Rec Safety held for 2 weeks to allow everyone to get their information together. All in favor say aye. All voted "Aye". Motion passed.

Adjourned 7:39 pm

Community Development Committee
- - -April L. Beggerow, Clerk of Council
May 19, 2014

MINUTES SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
REYNOLDSBURG CITY COUNCIL
May 19, 2014

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

President of Council Doug Joseph was also present.

Chairman Long called the meeting to order at 7:39 p.m.

Approval of minutes of the Safety Committee meeting held 5/05/14.

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH COMMERCIAL FITNESS SOLUTIONS, INC., FOR THE PURCHASE OF RECONDITIONED TREADMILLS. (1st reading 05/12/2014).

Mr. Long: Any questions or comments from the committee? Hearing none I will make a motion to send this back to council for its second reading. Second by Mr. Skinner. All voted "Aye". Motion passed.

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO PURCHASE ONE DURACO DURAPATCHER FOR THE STREET DEPARTMENT. (1st reading 05/12/2014).

Mr. Long: Any questions for our Street Superintendent? I know he sent information out to everybody. Motion to send back for its second reading. Second by Mr. Skinner. All voted "Aye". Motion passed.

Adjourned 7:41 p.m.

Safety Committee
- - -April L. Beggerow, Clerk of Council
May 19, 2014

MINUTES FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
REYNOLDSBURG CITY COUNCIL
May 19, 2014

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

President of Council Doug Joseph was also present.

Chairman Cotner called the meeting to order at 7:41 pm

Approval of agenda.

Mr. Cotner: I will at the request of the mayor hold item #8 the purposed updates to the personnel policy and procedure manual. Anything else on there? Motion to approve agenda. Second by Mr. Barrett. All voted "Aye". Motion passes

Approval of minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held 5/05/2014.

DARE Presentation~ Officer Fulton

Officer Fulton: Good evening. I am Officer Fulton with Reynoldsburg Police. I have been working for the city for 14 years. This is my 2nd year with DARE. Officer Fulton informed the council that the state no longer funds the DARE program. To help financially Uno's Pizzeria will be donating a portion of all their sales the weekend of May 23rd to May 25th. The program is called Uno's Dough Coupon. You present it or mention that you are there to support the DARE program and a portion of the sale goes to help Reynoldsburg DARE. Officer Fulton is also trying to introduce DARE to the elementary schools. Starting with Kindergarten she starts with stranger danger and how to call 911 in an emergency. The 2nd grade students are learning about personal safety. The fifth grade focus is on bullying-verbal and nonverbal. She states that bullying is currently something they are seeing as early as elementary school. The focus for DARE is not only being drug free but also violence free. She also talks about visiting Herbert Mills every morning and joining in "The Tiger Roar" with the students. She has seen an improvement in tardiness by being there and joining in the activities there.

Mr. Barrett: I am kind of curious. How much did the state fund the DARE program?

Officer Fulton: They used to provide the DARE t-shirts and the DARE books. They also provided keychain holders, pencils and things like that. All that stuff was free. All I had to do was drive up to London Academy and bring the items back. I actually now have to pay for the books and every quarter I will do one section of Baldwin and Hannah Ashton all together. Then Waggoner Road and St. Piux. I'm having about 800 kids per session by going back and forth from the schools.

Mr. Barrett: So the state responsibility was more in materials and the burden of staff was between the schools and the city?

Officer Fulton: We do get a grant for the DARE officer and I am also certified as an SRO so that is why I try to get to all the schools and do the walk through. It really helps out.

Mr. Barrett: The program is very impactful. You guys do a great job. Thank you.

Mr. McGrady: So what is the cost for the material?

Officer Fulton: The t shirts are \$5-\$6 each. The text books are 100 to a box for \$129. Pencils can cost about 100 pencils for \$20.00 It all goes through DARE America. DARE America sets the prices but they are usually pretty reasonable. I have been very lucky. I am also the Community Relations so I go to like Loews and other local businesses and they have given donations to the DARE program. We got to do Waggoner Road Junior High this year and it was the first year they got to do it. We had 36 kids and Loews made sure they had t-shirts like everyone else.

Mr. McGrady: If you did not have the fundraising mechanism . . . do you have a ballpark of what it would cost for Reynoldsburg Schools?

Officer Fulton: Per year it would be a little under \$10K. It is usually \$3k per school. At the end of the year we do a DARE graduation. There is an essay contest and the winner is taken out to Masseys Pizza for all you can eat. They get plaques and a medal. There is also DAREn and the kids love him. Kids that are on task and behave they get to keep and take care of DAREn in the classroom. The kids really relate to it. Some of them have not had childhoods as they have had to come home and take care of siblings. The essay winners get a DAREn that I buy myself for them. We also have a magician named Steven Knight. He also does a small program all about saying "NO". He costs about \$250 but it is worth it seeing the kids react to him.

Mr. McGrady; Yes I was at Herbert Mills today and they are a fun bunch. That Tiger Roar scream is really something. They are very mannerable. I would like to get with you. I would like to see the presentation. Thank you both.

Mr. Cotner: Any other questions? Thank you very much. We appreciate you taking time and it is a great program. We will see what we can do to help support you.

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

Mr. Barrett: I've thought about it again and again and I pontificated on it quite a bit. I was hoping to have the Mayor if he could share some insights or advice for our group while we are discussing this because the whole idea of this is to give him the ability to do what he needs to with the city and work his plan. Looking through the minutes I'm not sure we have given enough time to share some insight so Mayor would you like to bring anything?

Mr. McCloud: There are 3 things that we can do. We can place a property tax levy on the ballot, we can place an income tax levy on the ballot and we can adjust the credit.

Mr. Barrett: I know you deal with the front line on this every day. How important is this to you as far as being able to operate and fulfill your vision of the city.

Mr. McCloud: It was news to me when I learned that other cities our size operates on literally twice the amount of revenue. I did not realize the disparity. The manifestation of that is obvious. It is obvious in the streets. We can't keep staff because we don't pay what the other communities do and that's get expensive. There is a high cost to turnover. We are the only city anywhere near our size using part time code enforcement. They do a great job but it is only 2 part time people. We do the best that we can with the resources that we have.

Mr. Barrett: Is there one of the three that you support more than the others?

Mr. McCloud: I don't think a property levy has any chance of passing. The income tax levy came closer than it has been but it was still a healthy margin. That just leaves the credit adjustment. I said last summer when I vetoed that it was strategic reason. I thought that gave us the best chance to pass the levy. If the levy failed it would be a different day and a different conversation. I think we are at that different day and that different conversation.

Mr. Barrett: I can't help but think that. . I have said it. I feel like I am being so redundant but I am so passionate about this one opportunity for this council to address this and not to stoically look on. I think we should really look into doing that.

Mr. Clemens: I agree with the Mayor completely. I don't think property tax would have a chance. The income tax levy has been beaten 4 times. I think the people showed when they defeated the township 2 times in a row by 75% to 25%, they are not interested in supporting any tax issue. Possibly if we would go to the reduction and then a year after that put it back on. I prefer the income tax because it brings in more money which we need. I agree and very seldom do I agree with President of Council but when we started this many months ago we said "You have to make the people want it." Do it like the schools. They took, took and took things away until there is nothing more to take. I don't want to do any of that. I don't want to take away the recreation department. I know if we did they would turn around and pass it. I don't want to take things away unless we have too. And I know the Mayor doesn't want to take things. It's going to come to the point in a few years if we don't do anything we will be taking things away whether we want to or not. My preference would be the tax reduction and then possibly put it on the ballot and gave the reduction back if it passed. One way or the other we have to have money. There is no nice way to do it. I can't think of a nice way to do it. I would go for the tax reduction because I don't think the others have a chance.

Mr. McGrady: On the other hand and I have shared with a few of the council members here I have been crunching numbers and I have been looking at numbers and getting some figures back from the auditor. I don't like taxes either but a 2 million property tax would generate 1.4 million and cost the homeowner the same price as a #1 super-size meal at your favorite restaurant which

would be less than \$6 a month. We cannot continue to operate like this. We have talked about the roads before. What are we going to do for the roads? We need 2 million but 1.4 million is a pretty good start for the roads. We have to come to a consensus up here before we bring it forward and then market it and make it palatable to the voters to understand that our roads are deteriorating rapidly. Mel has said this before and I have started to really look at where I am at it is 20 years old. You come off of Taylor Road and it is starting to get that cobblestone effect. Just drive from here up to Glen Rest Cemetery then on to Palmer Road. It is starting to have a cobblestone effect as well. Not to mention Olde Reynoldsburg. We have to generate some monies somehow be it the tax reduction or a millage levy and present it to the individuals. The individuals of the city need to decide. We are either going to move forward or we are going to become stagnate. This is the position that we are in. It is getting to the point where just within my short term here we are doing the same thing. I am hearing the same thing. Maybe it is our marketing strategy or how we are presenting it to the individuals. I haven't come to that conclusion yet but the fact of the matter is if they decide they don't want it then I don't where we go from there.

Mr. Clemens: The only problem with that 1.4 million dollars. . . It is like going to the restroom and there is only half a sheet of toilet paper. It is too late-You are not going to get anymore. That's it. People are not going to do it twice. We have so many things that need done in this city. Once we do this people will never do it again. No matter what we do and I understand what you said because \$35 for one meal-that's only .75 cents almost a week that people would pay. Which is nothing. To properly come up with the money we need probably 5 mills and I do not think that would pass. I'm just trying to think what would bring us money that we could do ourselves individually. That of course would be the tax reduction and we can do it without going to the ballot. Later we can put this exception in there that if this does pass then we can go to the ballot again with the idea of taking it off. I think it would pass then. I don't like to do it that way-don't get me wrong. It will then seem like we are pushing people and then it will seem like we are taking something away. That's the only way to go.

Mr. McGrady: Mr. Harris is not here so I cannot speak for him but based on the notes I read that even if we did the tax reduction that it is just a temporary fix that will only last for x number of years. My thought process is to do a 2 mil and bring in 1.4 million and at least get the roads fixed. We got the water fixed. Get the roads fixed and then. . . .

Mr. Clemens: I have no idea what he is talking about. I don't think that that is correct.

Mr. Long: It is permanent. Once the reduction is in until we vote it otherwise.

Mr. Barrett: It is a good concept on the property tax but like Mel said even 5 million a year at the point where we are at. . . We have gone so long with zero infrastructure repairs that that number is proportionally greater than ever. It is going to force us to make some pretty tough decisions. We don't even have the safety net to handle an unforeseen expense like a natural disaster or some major malfunction like a sink hole. There is no rainy day fund to go and draw from so literally whatever we get would have to immediately start going back in so the mayor can start addressing some of these needs. I think only the tax cut would make a viable difference. It won't

fix us but it will take us in the right direction.

Mr. Skinner: This was before I was on council but the income tax increase that was at 2.5% as I understand it the last 4 times. Why didn't we try 2% rather than 2.5%? What about that? Can we talk about that?

Mr. Cotner: Instead of having a full 1% request we ask for a 5% request. So we would raise from 1.5% to 2%.

Mr. Barrett: Excellent comment. This is where if Mr. Harris was here he would be jumping out of his seat. It's the income that would represent and what we would be able to accomplish with that income. I wish that I had those numbers right here.

Mr. Clemens: I think that's a good idea. I have one bad thing on this. Now don't get me wrong and it is not against what you said. What about putting it on the ballot? People don't know what is going. Who is going to do it? What that newspaper right there is going to do it? Nobody reads it. I can point out people who have donated and helped out on these campaigns and worked on it. The Mayor worked hard on it last time. Mayor you know what I am talking about. If I want to win an election I have to go out and hoof it. Point is that you have to go out there and hit them with it. What do you do stand outside every day for an hour? We have 19k registered voters and only 3k came out and voted it. That is the problem. We talk about putting things on the ballot and it bothers me. People don't pay any attention to it. I get more feedback on that than anything else. My only problem with anything on the ballot is the city saying "Oh you didn't do enough". There is a lot of criticism on that. That the problem I have with putting it on the ballot. Last time we paid a guy that got it passed over in Whitehall. That is my only problem-the time and effort and then people will not show up to vote.

Mr. Skinner: The other thing is should we be concerned that if we strip or cut the credit and then went to the ballot next year wouldn't people say "You already took money from me-why would I give you more money with no guarantees? I was at a meeting last year where Jed said that they have to be two separate actions. They cannot be contingent.

Mr. Clemens: But the people, they would not be giving us any money now, because they're paying it to Columbus. Columbus is 2.5 and you pay where you work.

Mr. Cotner: The message is still the problem. We need to look at a different way to say it. When you keep asking the same question over and over again and keep hearing the same answer, at some point we should start to listen and again I think a half percent is something that should have been considered and we kind of got stuck in that rut of "this is the way it has to be" so between that and between Mr. Brown sharing about how well Parks & Rec and quality of living issues have done around the state in the last election. I think there are ways that we can try to address the concerns and meet some of the needs that the people in the community do have and I think going away with the same concept every time is something that we have to do.

Mr. Clemens: I agree, get those other 16,000 out to vote is what you've got to do.

Mr. Cotner: And that's an almost impossible task obviously, so, I don't know the answer on that one.

Mr. Clemens: Well, it's something to think about.

Mr. Barrett: Well another idea, is, like we talked about, create pain. We have some clear issues, I mean we went through the Building Department, Code enforcement, and that is admittedly played with issues, the Parks, keeping up with them, maybe we should take that off the table right now, close them. This is a discussion right? That might be how you tap into that 16,000 right? When the Parks say closed.

Mr. Skinner: Don't send out your resume Joe.

Mr. Barrett: Well, it's conjecture. But I've got to go back to what Mel said, way back at the beginning. We're elected officials to lead this City. Our job is to help support the administration to accomplish the goals they have. We're not making up reasons to spend money. This is protecting people's lifetime investment, their property. I think we're in remiss if we don't act on this and get it done. Someone's got to do it. You each were elected to represent the people. I argue eye to eye with you. If you spend any time with those people that elected you and I hope you do, you've had enough people smack you on the back and say you're doing the right thing. I've had those people do that to me and they do it every day. Someone's just got to step up. I'd like to draft that legislation. I'd like to have it next time we have a Committee meeting and start chewing on it.

Mr. Clemens: I think the property taxes, I think the property values are really important. Really they're important as you drive through these neighborhoods. Until we get the money to bring them up and they look at the city to do these things and I've had people complain to me all the time about their property values have gone down. And if you look around they are. It's that simple because we don't do anything to bring them up. We think they are but we're really not, really that's just, you know.. we've got to do something to get our property values up and until we make some changes, it's not going to happen I don't think. I'll second that motion.

Mr. Skinner: Can you clarify Scott, I'm sorry, I may not have understood...

Mr. Clemens: The tax reduction.

Mr. Barrett: I believe that would be a motion to draft..

Mr. Joseph: You don't need a motion. You just have it drafted and have it on the agenda in 2 weeks.

Mr. Barrett: That would be my intent. Just to be clear, my intent will be to have legislation drafted to present at the next committee meeting that would reduce the tax credit, I believe 50%.

Mr. Joseph: that's .75, two different numbers.

Mr. Clemens: that's 50% but .75.

Mr. McGrady: I will be coming back with some additional numbers for the property tax, because I want to compare between the two, what would be the actual cost between the two. I'll get with Dick on that.

Mr. Skinner: and I guess I'll talk to Dick about the 2% then and we can just discuss the three.

Mr. Joseph: Yeah, 2 weeks you can discuss at the meeting.

Mr. Cotner: any other comments on this for this evening? So then we will move then onto Item 6:

Discussion: Amend the Code of Ordinances Chapter 759.06 (d) to registration fee from ten dollars (\$10.00) per person to "current administrative cost".

Without the Chief here, is anyone sharing thoughts on this tonight? Anyone? Mayor, you have any feedback from him?

Mr. McCloud: No. I don't.

Mr. Cotner: Makes sense to me if you look at the math it doesn't make sense that we're subsidizing that, I mean, it's pretty much a no brainer, but, anybody have questions, comments on that then?

I will make a motion that we send this to Council for first reading. Second by Mr. Skinner. All voted "Aye". Motion passed.

Discussion: 319 Parking Lot Project.

Mr. Cotner: I know Mr. Brown has some things to say on this.

Mr. Brown: Thank you Chairman Cotner, Members of Council. We've been talking about the 319 parking lot project for quite some time. Tonight we're simply asking for authorization for the Mayor to enter into contract with Architectural Gardens. ** our bid process, we had one bid and it was through Architectural Gardens. I outlined this to you guys in your packets. Essentially, their bid was \$372.02 over the total project cost along with alternate bid that comes to a little over \$5,000. So I'm requesting Council to appropriate extra monies so we can complete this project. Along with that is another \$6,000 for a 5% contingency which is kind of outlined in a letter from Strand, which is our engineering firm that is overseeing the project. Early on in this project we talked about there being about a \$10-12,000 savings doing it this route. By asking for this extra appropriation of money to the match component, we're essentially nullifying the savings but we're still doing this project cheaper than we would a traditional parking lot. I'd like to point that out. And then second, I'd like to point out that the

parking lot is not getting any safer, almost by the days. It's rough. And the incident, accident reports of seniors falling in the parking lot is continuing, so we need to act to get this thing done so.. That's the nuts and bolts of what I'm requesting this evening. Now I'm certainly willing and able to answer any questions that you have. And I also have Chris Ruggles from Strand and Associate's as well to talk more if we need to about that.

Mr. Barret: One bid?

Mr. Brown: Yes.

Mr. Barrett: Why one, not two, three?

Mr. Brown: On this, there are probably several reasons for that, I think the biggest reason is the density of the project is just not a massive project, it's very small. And so I think also the time in which it came out to bid, these companies are looking for bigger projects to stamp to make more revenue for their companies. So it's not a project that a company is going to make a bunch of money on. It's a project that somewhere along the line, you have some passion about non-point reduction services.

Mr. Barrett: When did we start discussion of this? About a year and a half ago wasn't it?

Mr. Brown: Yeah, it's been some time. Not quite a year and a half but pretty close. Certainly, with the overall process of applying for the grant, receiving the grant, selecting an engineering firm, there's been several stages to this thing.

Mr. Barrett: When does the grant expire as far as when we'll get the matching.

Mr. Brown: We have really until August to complete the project... excuse me, December to complete it and that's with the construction and then the educational components to the grant are the last piece that we'll get those done probably sometime in late fall. So we're still well within shot of that target range.

Mr. Barrett: My read on this particularly after my last little Ad Hoc thoughts was we're prioritizing a dangerous parking lot as much as we have dangerous roads and curbs and, I'm sure frankly underneath the Main street bridge right now, I think should be closed, I think it's that big of a hazard of mud and debris on a public trail, so that all being said, to push this through with one bid I think would be us not doing our diligence. I would suggest finding another bid before we move forward on it.

Mr. Ruggles: My name is Chris Ruggles, I'm a project engineer with Strand & Associates and manager of this project. To clarify, the one bid was our second attempt at bidding the project. We bid the project the first round, we got three bids, including this particular contractor and all of those bids were high. Higher than the engineer's estimate based on the size and scope of the project. The project itself has a landscaping aspect and has a paving aspect, two types of contractors that don't typically "team up" so to speak, especially not on a project of this small

scale. So we actually bid it out once, three bids, all three came in high, so we took it upon ourselves to go back, reduce the scope of the green infrastructure aspect to make the project as affordable as possible, we bid it back out and got one bid the second time, based on timing. So the project cost was reduced on the second round from the initial bids so as far as pushing it through, I certainly feel that this is an opportunity to capitalize on \$80,000 worth of grant dollars, federal monies, by matching the city's side I would tell you that the grant has been extended once and you likely wouldn't get it extended beyond this year. The parking lot needs paved anyway and I would say that based on the bids that we got in, the lowest bids, if you just did the parking lot aspect of it, you're looking at a minimum of \$75,000 toward the construction and you'd also have to have engineering done for that, the engineering is paid for on this project, the bid is sitting there to take. My recommendation would be to take advantage of it but it's obviously the City's decision.

Mr. Barrett: We have no shortage of things that need replaced and I think we're getting a new device that can make repairs, what's that compactor? Maybe we could use that machine on that parking lot. I don't know but from a priority standpoint, right here is, sometimes you just have to say, yellow tape it off until we can get the funds to do it right, that's my feeling.

Mr. Cotner: Joe, we've already got how much of this in the budget already?

Mr. Brown: Yeah, we've already appropriated \$53,426.00 for the project.

Mr. Clemens: I've forgot or maybe I'm missing, what is the estimate on the bid job?

Mr. Brown: \$133,936.02 with an alternate bid \$138,608.00.

Mr. Clemens: That was the estimate and that came in as the estimate.

Mr. Brown: Correct. The estimate that we're talking about is \$5,044.52 over.

Mr. Clemens: Yours, but how much was it over yours, the other, the state?

Mr. Ruggles: The difference in what the construction bid was vs. our estimate?

Mr. Clemens: Yes.

Mr. Ruggles: Ok, It was less than 5%.

Mr. Clemens: Both bids together was less than 5%.

Mr. Ruggles: Very close, yeah on the second bid.

Mr. Brown: It's under that 10%.

Mr. Clemens: We're getting stuck with \$11,000 because we're paying \$5,000 extra on the bid

and then we're paying the other \$5,000...

Mr. Ruggles: \$6,000 contingency in case the contractor digs down and finds substandard soil, so it's always good to have a contingency, because if you don't and you get into the project.

Mr. Clemens: And it's always spent anyway, the contingency. So we're going to go \$11,722.52 is what you're asking?

Mr. Brown: Correct, which brings the match component to \$65,148.52.

Mr. Cotner: Anybody else have questions, comments for them?

Mr. McGrady: What did you say the cost of a standard surface would cost?

Mr. Ruggles: I would say for round number just for the asphalt is a minimum is \$75,000 that would take the bid amount and look at the surface area of the item and you're looking at a minimum of \$75,000 without the ** and bonds etc. So, you're looking at an \$85-90,000 project. That's for construction only based on when we bid it.

Mr. Barrett: Last question. Is there any possible, are you saying that a second bid is not obtainable? A city like Reynoldsburg, we can't find another opportunity for someone to bid on this project?

Mr. Brown: This was the second time we bid this project.

Mr. Barrett: you bid it for a lower amount, I understand that, but so, there are no takers that would be willing to do our scope of work that we're asking for? I just don't think that's good business. I'm sorry. I would not vote for that.

Mayor McCloud: You can't make people bid on projects.

Mr. Barrett: I know but when a guy adjusts his quote and you know that you are the only game in town. I'm not sure how competitive that is.

Mr. Ruggles: The quotes weren't adjusted. We put out a set of drawings and specifications and got three bidders. The estimate that we put together of what we expected the project would cost based on that past experience, was more than 10% lower than the lowest bid we got on the first round. So, we went back, we re-bid the project after adjusting the scope of the project, so the scope changed and we got a lower bid on the second round, but we did only get one.

Mr. Barrett: When you say the scope changed, really what you did is, instead of buying 10 square feet, you're buying 8 square feet, isn't that what the scope, if you boiled it down, that you're going to buy less area?

Mr. Ruggles: No, the size of the project did not change.

Mr. Barrett: What is the scope then.

Mr. Ruggles: The scope being, there was a designated area of permeable pavers by square footage and a designated area of asphalt pulverization and constitution. Because asphalt pulverization constitution is cheaper than permeable pavers, we expanded the area of pulverization and pavement and reduced the area of permeable pavers to the minimum limit the EPA would allow and still fund the project by grant.

Mr. Barrett: That makes sense.

Mr. Brown: We talk a lot about our roads and safety. Parks are no different Councilman Barrett. They are no different. If you have gone to parks they are absolutely no different. They are possibly leading the on roads. I'm going to have tens of thousands of dollars of unsafe fence, parking lots and sidewalks that need to be repaired. The Senior Center is no different. This parking lot is a disaster. It is closely mirrored to the disaster on Davidson Drive. There are 2000 people that use this facility 365. We stage about 10 community events out of their year. As we started talking about this a year and a half ago that is why we picked the Senior Center was because of its usage. It is not a quarterly, it is not half the year-it is 365. It would be a great opportunity.

Mr. Barrett: We picked the Senior Center because it qualified for matching funds due to the creek run off.

Mr. Brown: Not necessarily. We could have captured other parking lots with that same intent. When you look at those 319 grants there are several parking lots in the Parks systems we could have chosen with the same criteria and I would have liked to continue on in years in the future with 319 grants to fix some of these parking lots. Yeah we're reducing run-off and being stewards of our community and we're creating educational platforms for our kiddos, but at the same time we're saving the city money. That's where we're at.

Mr. Clemens: From the start I voted no and I will vote no again just to let you know.

Mr. Cotner: Well from the beginning I voted yes and I will continue that as well and because I still think it is a useful needed thing. It is money we already put in there so, I think it's another project that at least we can get done. It's something that doesn't change everything in the city tomorrow, but I don't see the need to put yellow tape up when we have the ability to get something done so. I'm going to make a motion that we send this to Council with recommendation for adoption as an emergency. Second by Councilman Long.

Clerk called the roll: Mr. Cotner "Aye", Mr. Long "Aye", Mr. Skinner "Aye", Mr. Barrett "Nay", Mr. McGrady "Nay", Mr. Clemens "Nay". President of Council Joseph broke the tie with a Nay.

Mr. Cotner: Mr. Brown, thank you, so for now, this issue, we'll have to come up with a plan B.

Mr. Brown: thank you for your time.

Mr. Cotner: Ok, moving forward, Item 9:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PURCHASE CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY. (1st reading 05/12/2014).

This is regarding the property in old Reynoldsburg, the Mayor has asked that if we could, get this moved as an emergency so we can move this process forward. I will make a motion that we send this to Council with recommendation for adoption as an emergency. Second by Mr. McGrady. All voted "Aye". Motion passed.

ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM UNAPPROPRIATED GENERAL FUND TO ACCOUNT 110.111.5362 FROM DONATED MONIES RECEIVED. (2nd reading 05/12/2014).

I will make a motion that we send this to Council with recommendation for adoption. Second by Mr. Long. All voted "Aye". Motion passed.

Adjourned 8:36 p.m.

Finance Committee

- - -April L. Beggerow, Clerk of Council

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