

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

REYNOLDSBURG CITY COUNCIL

May 16, 2011

Members of Community Development Committee present: Leslie Kelly, Barth R. Cotner, Chris Long, Nathan Burd.

Other members of Council present: Fred Deskins, Jr., Doug Joseph, Mel Clemens, Council President William L. Hills.

Mrs. Kelly: I'll call the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. The first item on our agenda is the approval of the agenda. Are there any, well, actually there is a little change. I will be adding recognizing Mr. Kiser here in a minute but before I do that, President Hills has something to add.

President Hills: Okay, if I could and Council is aware. In their packets they found an undated letter from AEP. It was included Friday. I, it was apparently delivered to the City, to the Mayor and to myself in an undated letter that was delivered on the 11th. That's when it was received by the Office of the Clerk of Council. I was in here Friday morning and asked Nancy if anybody else on Council got it. They had not so I asked her to copy it and put it in your packets. Although undated, I think I'd sort of like to give a synopsis of what went on in this letter because there's been substantial negotiations between the PUCO, FirstEnergy and AEP and I would first of all, like to thank Luke for being on top of this and trying to resolve some of these issues. As we're aware, AEP sent out a letter April 25th or so that indicated some things that I think you'll see as I give you the synopsis of this letter were found to be incorrect at the time and now have been found to be incorrect by the PUCO so there's a letter out right now to all of our customers saying if you want to rescind your aggregation agreement, so in essence, if you want to step out and not aggregate, you can call us and with the actions taken by the PUCO on behalf of negotiating and results from FirstEnergy and AEP, AEP now has to read this letter. So if you call in as a customer, they're going to say, well yeah, you can rescind, you can get out of the aggregation program that the City of Reynoldsburg entered into but let me read you this letter because it clarifies and reverses what AEP had said in their earlier letter but just as the highlight and Council members had seen this but this letter will be available in the Clerk's Office or I'm sure the Mayor's Office will have it. In the undated letters, Dear Mayor and Mr. Hills, this letter we are doing to resolve any uncertainty and confusion with any inadvertent errors in the description of your program. You can be assured in a Governmental aggregation program your level of service from us, being AEP, your distribution utility, will not be affected. This includes emergency response and power of restoration. Also we will continue to maintain the same level of liability that's required by law. Ohio's law does afford the right of Communities to establish governmental aggregation programs throughout Ohio Power and Columbus Southern. So that you'll have the same information being provided to any customer who seeks to rescind enrollment in the program, I have attached a script that AEP Ohio Call Center representatives will use during those calls. I'd like to clarify, AEP has sent every customer a letter in Franklin County. They haven't done Licking County's yet. So if you live in Licking County, you're going to see your letters later but they have sent them a letter. First saying, misrepresenting what the aggregation program is in Reynoldsburg. Now they've sent them a letter saying if you want to get out of this aggregation, rescind that, then you call us. Well, now when they call, when a customer gets that letter and calls and I think the last ones were mailed today. Is that true

Luke and they've got about one week to respond but it says before I can process, proceed with the processing of request to rescind, I must clarify three points AEP raised in their April 25th letter. First, the term of the FirstEnergy agreement expires on December 2012. For those that read the earlier letter, they had said it was three years expiring December of 2013. Secondly, any customer who is in the aggregation program that is a residential customer, will receive 5% off of the price to compare and small commercial customers will receive 15% off the price to compare. In the earlier letters, they said this wasn't what was going to happen. Thirdly, customers who do not rescind right now but later decide to leave the Reynoldsburg Program, will not pay a rate higher than the AEP commercial or small commercial, residential or small commercial rate. Earlier in their letter, they had indicated there would be no guarantee. They may charge you a greater amount. Bottom line, and I don't mean to be critical of AEP but they created their own hole here. They created their own problem when they sent out a letter that was incorrect and delayed a lot of things for us. It's caused headaches for our Development Department who put this together. I'm not the biggest believer in any utility. Utilities are like insurance, it's a necessary evil. You're going to have to have it but this City has never entered into any discounted program whether it be gas or electric where the customers of this City and the Citizens of this City haven't been guaranteed that the rate will be less than you're paying on the open market today and that's the same thing true here. So, certainly any customer who, any citizen or customer who wants to call in to AEP and say I want to rescind and go back to the old rate, you can certainly do that but as you make that phone call, be aware that they're supposed to read you this document that says oh, by the way, we mis-stated something three times in an earlier letter and this is the correct information but I just wanted to be sure that the Public is aware of that synopsis. Mayor, is there anything you wanted to add to it?

Mayor McCloud: Nothing to add Mr. Hills.

Mr. Hills: Does that hit all the proper points? Is there anything that was missed?

Mr. Deskins: Bill, I'd like to ask a question.....

Mr. Hills: Yes.

Mr. Deskins:if I could please. Luke, the lump sum that Reynoldsburg will get, will that be affected by those customers that AEP might have turned off by telling them it's a three year deal versus an eighteen month deal?

Mr. Haire: It may affect the overall amount that we were to receive. We were to receive \$10 per customer that enrolls but no less than \$103,000. So, as of the original opt out date, we mailed over 10,000 residents and approximately 2,000 businesses letters inviting them to enroll in the program and we had about 940 that chose to opt out during that initial opt out period.

Mr. Deskins: Okay.

Mr. Haire: So I don't know what the numbers will be once these rescission notices go through.

Mr. Deskins: Could be big because there's a lot of customers.....

Mr. Haire: Could be. I've probably spoken to a little more than 200 residents and businesses since this, since these letters went out on the 25th, April 25th.

Mr. Deskins: Okay, thank you.

Mr. Hills: Thank you Councilperson Kelly for the opportunity. Anything else Luke _____.
Thank you for the opportunity to address that. I do think you did say that was a minimum of, right?

Mr. Haire: Correct.

Mr. Hills: So that.....

Mrs. Kelly: Okay, I'd like to go ahead and approve the agenda. I did move Mr. Kiser to 3a and are there any questions, changes, deletions? All in favor vote "Aye". (All voted "Aye") Opposed. (No response) Okay, next is approval of the minutes of the Community Development Committee meeting for May 2, 2011. Any there any changes or deletions? Hearing none, they will stand as written. Mr. Kiser, thank you very much for coming this evening.

Mr. Kiser: My name is Phil Kiser. I'm with the Kiwanis Club of Reynoldsburg and our Club has decided to pick on, pick up a rather large project that could benefit the City of Reynoldsburg and it is at this point, not that we're asking for any financial _____ from but we would like to see a handicapped accessible playground put in, in Kennedy Park. This would be a playground that would be hard surface, rubberized surface that would be protective for the children but allow children of any type be able to use. We have nothing truly like that in the City of Reynoldsburg. There are other places around that do have it and as a Club, we would like to see what we could do. I think the estimated cost right now is around \$125,000. We're going to be raising money within our Club but we're also going to be looking for Grants, from donations from businesses, organizations in town to see if we can develop enough funds to be able to make this happen. As I said, looking at the playgrounds in the City of Reynoldsburg, both at schools and at public parks, there is not such a facility available for the handicapped population especially and we would like to see that capability be in this community as well as other communities that have them and so we are working towards that. We're hoping for a possibility of at least breaking ground on it in June of 2012. At least that's our target date. All that would be dependent upon what we can do in the way of fund raising. We wanted to make Council aware of it so you didn't you know find out through the newspaper or other means and say what's this all about? We wanted to come to you. We've talked to the Mayor, we've talked to the Parks and Recreation Director, Jason Shamblin about it and they both said they thought there was a need in the Community for it so we wanted to come to Council and make you aware of it and I offered as a club member to be the person to come down to talk to you and answer any questions you might have about it. We do have a tentative diagram for it but it is not finalized yet. We want to meet with representatives of accessible families in our Community to get their input also on what equipment they would like to see rather

than us just putting a set of equipment in with handicap accessibility to it that doesn't meet the needs or the desires of the families of this community who most likely use such a facility. We wanted to get their input too so our final design isn't yet set but we have talked to a couple of the playground equipment suppliers to get ideas on what type of equipment is out there but I'd be happy to answer any questions you may have about this project on the part of our Club but it's something we're going to work towards. We're a small club, we're only about thirteen members so we're, it will take quite a bit on our part to make it happen but the club members who are active in the organization are committed to the idea of it and are willing to work towards trying to make it happen.

Mrs. Kelly: Okay, thank you. Does anybody have any questions or comments? Okay, hearing none, I think it's a great idea. I think definitely there is a need and I'm sure we will do anything we can do to help.

Mr. Kiser: Okay, the only other thing that we might ask Council to do would be pass legislation for a possibility of Grants from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources if they have any funds available. At this point, I'm a little worried that they're not even going to have funds available to do such a thing but they do have two programs, one's Federally funded, one's State funded. They are separately funded outside the General Fund of the State of Ohio. So they may possibly still have funds available to them but we may ask Council for legislation to allow requests put in to those Grant Funds.

Mrs. Kelly: Okay, thank you very much.

Mr. Kiser: Thank you.

Mrs. Kelly: Item No. 4 - ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE "OLDE REYNOLDSBURG STRATEGIC PLAN" - - second rdg 5-9-2011. I do have a couple of speaker slips. We will start with John Vingle.

Mr. Vingle: Thank you Madam Chairman.....

Mrs. Kelly: You're welcome.

Mr. Vingle:and Good Evening members of Council. I wanted to just take a few minutes, maybe not even minutes, seconds but since I was last here, I did obtain a copy of the Olde Reynoldsburg Plan but I note there's no date on it. I don't know whether it's the original one or whether it's one that had changes involved but I would urge you to put dates on and if you have an amendment, so note and put the date on there for that and then also, in reading the introduction, because I haven't been able to read the whole thing today but, I note there in the third paragraph, that it says that the study was to help evaluate individual components of the Reynoldsburg, Olde Reynoldsburg and help it succeed as a City destination and how it will best integrate with fluctuating land uses etc and then above, which I think is very appropriate and but up above where it says that Olde Reynoldsburg, in order to stay abreast of the changes, the hope is to realize the importance of

Olde Reynoldsburg as the physical and emotional heart of the City, but it's been my observation and I'm persuaded that the heart of the City is actually made up of three things. One is City parks and the Recreation Department which is very important in the physical aspect that they mention and then also the schools are so very important to us and our youth are very important and also the churches and I think if you look at those three areas, you'll have the heart of Reynoldsburg and it's not going to be in a geographical area of streets. It's going to be in that regard. So perhaps more accentuation in that regard would be good and then also, on page 34 where it talks about the changes for Truro Avenue and Palmer Road and a connector there. In the, on page 35 it also shows some uses that may be spoken to and encouraged but in noting that on Lancaster Avenue where the new Palmer Road extension would come through, you have a hope for a residential care facility which is a noble place and then over on Palmer, heading North on the West side of Graham, you have there 80 units, or 50 units, I'm sorry, with 45,000 square feet, one story. I'm not sure if that's to be an apartment house or a condo but that leads me to a point which I wanted to introduce and that is the fact that these changes will, if implemented, displace residents and in that regard, I think it would be wise if those residents that might be impacted, even though it's not this year or next would have been invited to come to the Open House that you had in February. I think in the past, for like rezonings and major changes, you notified the adjacent property owners by mail. Now I know several of the people that live on Graham Road and on St. Route 256 that I've talked to had no knowledge that there was going to be a Public Hearing of that sort back in February. So I realize that not everybody reads the paper and is not spoken to and you don't normally send out notices but I think in the future there were to be people that would have more to sell the property and or maybe renters that would be displaced that you send them a letter ahead of time advising them of the meetings and then other than that, going back to the desire to move the truck traffic off of Jackson Street, I would again like to place in the minutes the fact that St. Route 256 being a State highway, in order to make changes, it would have to be the State that would be involved and I would again encourage you to think about realigning the corner of Main, Rt. 256 and Lancaster Avenue because it seems to me that would be the least expensive way of handling the truck traffic up to Main Street. So I thank you for your time.

Mrs. Kelly: Thank you very much. Does anybody have any questions or comments? Okay, thank you very much Mr. Vingle. Gary Knapp.

Mr. Knapp: Gary Knapp, 1741 Graham Rd. I spoke to you last Monday night and our discussion primarily focused around the truck traffic and I felt pretty good coming out of here, you know on your commitment to not reroute the truck traffic from Lancaster, Rt. 256 to Graham Road. However, when I got a copy of Development Plan, I think that's the proper name of it, there's a letter in there, an undated letter, specifically speaking, it came out of the what's the Sub Committee for the Development Committee, the Planning Committee? That specifically had three points to be amended to that plan. One, the third point was specifically to have the truck traffic changed from Graham Road to a, or from Lancaster to Graham Road. As I got looking more into the plan, there's a lot of things that kind of, you know, started bothering me and Number one, like Mr. Vingle referred to, I didn't even know this was going on. I would have liked to have been notified. I got property up in

Michigan. Anytime anything happens within 3,000 feet of my property up there, I live 500 miles away from it, I'm notified and you know something that would affect me directly here in Reynoldsburg, I kind of wish I had been notified but I didn't know it was going on but to put in a plan to change, to add continuation of Palmer Road, the continuation of Truro Road directly impacts me because and actually, my next door neighbor who is Mrs. Barth, she probably doesn't even know her house is going to be part of Palmer Road extension. So I'm sure she would like to you know, be interested in that but you know, some of the maps, like I didn't understand and I don't have the page numbers. I can point them out to you but I didn't understand, it was not in the legend, didn't correspond or maybe I didn't understand it to what they were proposing to do on the road and stuff and then to increase Olde Reynoldsburg. I've lived on St. Route 256 which I know as Lancaster Avenue my whole life growing up, 1605 S. Lancaster actually and on John Street and I don't know that I ever considered that part Olde Reynoldsburg. Once I got up past the "Y" okay, I did consider that part of Olde Reynoldsburg and you know, this plan has my house on Graham Road, it was built in 1948-49 is now all of a sudden part of Olde Reynoldsburg and these are just things that struck me as I went through it. I guess my point tonight is, I don't want to see this moved on to the third and final reading and that's kind of what I asked last week. I'd like to see it sent back to Committee so we can have more time to look at this and you know, directly deal with the Committee members to get a lot of these issues at least answered. You know, I just, I hate to see it go on and you know, and I really, I want to go on record as saying I really appreciated Mr. McCloud's position last week but the other thing I, in the back of my mind, I know you know Brad's not going to be Mayor forever and obviously, Council's going to change and as that happens, you know, people go back and look at these papers that we do now and that's, oh yeah, maybe this is the whole plan and this what we should be doing. So what I'm asking is to go back to Committee, not to be moved on and let's have some more discussion and you know see if we can get some of these questions that need to be answered, answered before it goes on and the plan maybe a little bit more detailed you know. That's really all I've got.

Mrs. Kelly: Thank you. Does anybody have any questions or comments for Mr. Knapp? Mr. Haire do you have any comments?

Mr. Haire: Thank you Mrs. Kelly, Council members. Basically, I just wanted to respond to some of those comments and I appreciate them both coming in and having their voice now but we tried extensively to get people more involved. There were numerous newspaper articles on the plan. You know we started, this was almost an eight month process to get this done. We physically went and passed out fliers to invite them to the Open House to every business in Olde Reynoldsburg. So we did extensively try to get Public involvement. Again, these are strategies and recommendations. There's nothing that directly will effect anybody in this district. I know Mr. Knapp said that there's going to be a road running through, no one's going to be, no one's property is going to be taken. No one's property is going to have roads running through it, unless that property owner so chooses to sell to someone that wants to develop in that nature. So again, these are just a list of strategies and recommendations that effect Olde Reynoldsburg and what we've termed Olde Reynoldsburg South which is the area down to the five way intersection.

Mrs. Kelly: Any questions for Mr. Haire about the plan, anything? Mr. Haire, I have a question for you. Now that we do have some residents coming forward saying they would like some more information, would it be possible that we could hold this and can you reconvene your Committee and have an opportunity for some of those people that are, the residents that are now coming forward and do have some of these questions to kind of sit down with the Committee and kind of hear the process. I know it's a little bit redundant and that you've already done that but now that we do have people coming forward, is that something that you think you could do?

Mr. Haire: Sure.

Mrs. Kelly: Thank you. Okay, any questions.

Mr. Hills: No, I'd like to add I think that, certainly some discussions with you and Matt may alleviate some of these concerns we're hearing from the constituents and secondarily, I think that there are some cleanup that needs to be done. Where we're referring to Jackson as Jackson Avenue ought to be Jackson Street and it doesn't, we ought to, if we're going to pass something, we ought to pass it appropriately and I do know that also on page 43, where we talk about reducing the speed limit and I know I've had this discussion before, I'm just going to, and I realize Luke that this is not, none of this is cut in stone but what is cut in stone is the City of Reynoldsburg will not change a speed limit on a State highway without the State being involved. So I would suggest on page 43 that rather than say reduce the speed limit on Main Street, we use one of the famous Attorney words, waffle words that says, investigate the possibility of reduction of the speed limit from the existing posted amount. I mean, I hate for anybody to send a plan, and say, now we're doing this. To the constituents out here, they think okay, they're going to do this when the reality is, they may want to do it, but there's certain steps we have to do. So I guess rather than be that this is just a vague plan and things that may or may not happen, I hate to specifics in there for that Section 5.3 on page 43. As we're going through the cleanup to have this _____ vote on, I think that needs to be addressed too.

Mrs. Kelly: Any other questions? First of all, I want to say that I am, very much appreciate the time that the Committee has put in to develop this. I do think we have to have a plan in order to move forward. We've got to start somewhere. I do think it would be a good idea at this point to echo what Mr. Hills has said. Now that we do have people that are interested and aware, to bring them in and to have the Committee again share their work and their thoughts and the process that they went through and be able to answer some of the questions. So if you could kind of look at a date and come up with a date and at Council on Monday we could announce that and then we'll hold this 'til next Committee and see where we are at that point. Does that sound good?

Mr. Haire: Great.

Mrs. Kelly: Any other questions? Okay, and with that....oh, I'm sorry.

Mr. Clemens: I think really, you know, if we're going to get things moving, we ought to call the Committee together and have the interested people come meet with them and go over it and anybody from Council that wants to be there.

Mrs. Kelly: Absolutely.

Mr. Clemens: I don't think we're going to solve anything just sitting here like this.

Mrs. Kelly: Right, that's what I'm talking about.

Mr. Clemens: Okay, that's what I meant.

Mrs. Kelly: Yes, he's going to call his Committee together.

Mr. Clemens: Okay, that'll be fine.

Mrs. Kelly: So we'll hold it for two weeks and then revisit it as a Council in two weeks after the Committee and then we'll talk.

Mr. Clemens: So people will know when they're going to meet.

Mrs. Kelly: Yes, right, right. Okay, any other questions? Okay, thank you very much and with that I will close the Community Development Committee Meeting at 7:59 p.m.

Community Development Committee

--Sally L. Cochran, Assistant Clerk of Council

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SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
REYNOLDSBURG CITY COUNCIL
May 16, 2011

Members of Safety Committee present: Mel Clemens, Chris Long, Nathan Burd, Fred Deskins, Jr.

Other members of Council present: Leslie Kelly, Doug Joseph, Barth R. Cotner, Council President William L. Hills.

Mr. Clemens: I'll call the Safety Committee meeting to order at 7:59 p.m. The approval of the agenda, are there any changes to tonight's agenda, additions or deletions? If not, it will stand approved. Approval of the minutes of the Safety Committee meeting April 18, 2011. Are there any additions or deletions? If not, they'll stand approved.

Item No. 4 - Discussion: Liquor Permit Request - Transfer - from GSK Enterprises, Inc., dba Milligans Pub to MGH Hospitality Ltd., dba Matt's Place, 2100 Brice Rd., Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068 and we received a.....yes, Officer.

Lieutenant O'Neill: Yes, Chairman Clemens. After completing the liquor investigation to Matt's Place, our recommendation is that we do not appeal the application for transfer.

Mr. Clemens: Are there any questions for the Lieutenant? If not, then we'll just let it stand as is. That ends the Safety Committee Meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Safety Committee

--Sally L. Cochran, Assistant Clerk of Council

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FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
REYNOLDSBURG CITY COUNCIL
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Members of Finance Committee present: Fred Deskins, Jr., Doug Joseph, Leslie Kelly, Mel Clemens.

Other members of Council present: Barth R. Cotner, Chris Long, Nathan Burd, Council President William L. Hills.

Mr. Deskins: I will open the Finance Committee Meeting at 8:01 p.m. and the first thing on the agenda this evening is the agenda and I want to hold, at the request of the Mayor, Item No. 4 for two weeks. Mayor, do you want to say anything about that? Okay. Next is Item No.3, minutes from our Finance Committee Meeting held May 2, 2011. Is there any changes to the minutes? Hearing none, they'll stand as written.

Item No. 5 - Discussion: Appointment to the Reynoldsburg Planning Commission - - - on May 2, 2011 item was held for two weeks. A couple weeks ago, we all were told to get the word out that there's an opening on the Planning Commission and we, I hope everybody received the same packet I did. There was like four letters in there. Is there any comments or questions from anyone? Committee, Mel?

Mr. Clemens: I, after reading over all of them and I've got to be honest with you, I only know one very well and that's a, excuse me, Robert Cook and I think he had came before us before when other action was going on in different Committees and spoke well whether he spoke on the side you feel is correct or not correct but I thought he stood up and represented himself and the position that he spoke of and I think he would do a, it seems like he has the ability to speak up and that's what we need on the B & Z Commission and I just feel that he would make a good person.

Mr. Deskins: Thank you for your comments. Anybody else?

Mrs. Kelly: I agree with Mel. I would really like to see Robert Cook move forward to the Planning Commission and be considered.

Mr. Deskins: Doug, you got anything.....

Mr. Joseph: Yeah, Mr. Chairman. I've reviewed all the letters and my research showed that only Laura Cloud and Mr. Cook were eligible for this appointment as the other two applicants, one was a Democrat, one was not registered. I know Mrs. Cloud pretty well and I think she would do a very good job on this, on the Planning Commission and that's the person I would suggest that we move forward with.

Mr. Deskins: Thank you Doug. This also is a tough decision for me. We've got two good people here and I know Laura Cloud and I also know Robert Cook. Laura is also on the Republican Screening Committee here in Reynoldsburg. She's very active and so is Robert. So based on what I'm hearing, I am going to recommend that we appoint Laura Cloud as the replacement for the Planning Commission and I'll send it to Council with recommendation for adoption as an emergency and I need a second on that. Seconded by Doug Joseph. Is there any comments from anyone? All in favor vote "Aye". (Mr. Deskins and Mr. Joseph voted "Aye".)

Mr. Hills: Take your opposing vote. Take your opposition vote. Ask if anybody opposes.

Mr. Deskins: Do you guys want to.....

Mrs. Kelly: I oppose, "Nay".

Mr. Clemens: "Nay".

Mr. Hills: So the vote is tied 2 and 2, Laura Cloud's name will not go forward.

Mr. Deskins: Okay, so do you break the tie?

Mr. Hills: I just broke it, yeah.

Mr. Deskins: Okay, so we'll start over again then don't we...

Mr. Hills: Well, you've got Mr. Cook on there_____

Mr. Deskins: We've got Robert Cook on the, is next on the list and I'll send his name forward the same way with recommendation for adoption as an emergency to be the replacement for the Reynoldsburg Planning Commission. Seconded by Mrs. Kelly. Any questions from anyone? All in favor vote "Aye". (Mr. Clemens and Mrs. Kelly voted "Aye". Mr. Deskins and Mr. Joseph voted "Nay". President Hills also voted "Aye".)

Mr. Hills: Mr. Cook will go forward for vote to Council

Mr. Deskins: Okay. Is there any other comments or anything regarding this? If not, I will close the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

--Sally L. Cochran, Assistant Clerk of Council

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