

MINUTES COUNCIL MEETING
REYNOLDSBURG CITY COUNCIL
May 12, 2014

President of Council Doug Joseph called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Members of Council present: Mel Clemens, Barth R. Cotner, Chris Long, Dan Skinner, Esq., Leslie Kelly, Cornelius McGrady, III.

Approval of minutes of regular Council meeting held April 28, 2014.

Approval of Agenda

Community Comments and Requests:

Norm Brusk, 1861 Crosswick Court: I wish to respond to Council President Joseph's remarks last Monday at Council concerning an as yet unpublished Letter To the Editor. I was the author of that letter and I need to set the record straight. First of all we are all sympathetic to Mr. Joseph's medical condition and we wish him a speedy recovery. I would like to read the Letter to the Editor so you can be clear as to what was and wasn't said.

The Residents of Reynoldsburg are paying for services not rendered when it comes to the City Council President Doug Joseph. I was amazed that since the beginning of this year, Mr. Joseph missed ten of the fifteen scheduled Committee and Council meetings. He has attended only five. Mr. Joseph receives a fair salary for the part-time position of Council President. However, he does not seem to be reciprocating with a fair amount of work for this salary. We as a City are hurting revenue-wise. We shouldn't be paying for a position that isn't being properly filled. Mr. Joseph owes the City the courtesy of doing what we are paying for or resigning his position. It appears he is unwilling or unable to fulfill his obligations. If he does not meet these simple requests (do the job or resign) maybe the citizens should look into a recall.

Mr. Joseph was provided a copy of this letter by This Week Reynoldsburg prior to last Monday's Council sessions. Mr. Joseph called this a "poison pen" letter implying that it was written with malice in order to personally attack him. That is simply not so. I want to be clear that the intent of the letter was to point out that Council President Joseph's attendance and related activities since the beginning of the year were seriously short of meeting expected performance from him or any elected public official.

Mr. Joseph claimed I did not get the necessary facts prior to writing the letter. The truth is I most certainly had the necessary information. I investigated the matter prior to putting it on paper and I again verified the facts after Mr. Joseph's response. Mr. Joseph implied that I should have discussed the absence issue privately with him. He said that a medical condition was the reason for most of the absences. That's fine but, that isn't the issue. Whether or not he has or had health problems, the fact is he missed a large majority of the meetings he was required to preside over, And it appears he had minimal contact with Council Members, Council Clerk, and those in the administration involved with council activities.

Mr. Joseph has an absolute right to keep his medical condition confidential. Knowing that he had the condition, however, doesn't change the fact that he did not fulfill his obligations to the citizens of Reynoldsburg. Mr. Joseph indicated...

Mr. Joseph: Your three minutes are up sir.

Communications:

No communications.

Reports:

LEGISLATION REQUIRING ONE READING

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED CIP FUND (410) FOR BRICE ROAD CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. --- Cotner. Finance.

Mr. Cotner: This comes from the Finance Committee with a recommendation for adoption as an emergency, I so move. Second by Councilman Clemens.

Clerk called the roll: Mr. Clemens "Aye", Mr. Cotner "Aye", Mr. Long "Aye", Mr. Skinner "Aye", Mrs. Kelly "Aye", Mr. McGrady "Aye". 6 affirmative, 0 negative Ordinance 30-14.

ORDINANCE TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF SERVICES PERFORMED PRIOR TO THE AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. --- Cotner. Finance.

Mr. Cotner: This comes from the Finance Committee with a recommendation for adoption as an emergency, I so move. Second by Councilman Long.

Clerk called the roll: Mr. Clemens "Aye", Mr. Cotner "Aye", Mr. Long "Aye", Mr. Skinner "Aye", Mrs. Kelly "Aye", Mr. McGrady "Aye". 6 affirmative, 0 negative Ordinance 31-14.

LEGISLATION FOR FIRST READING

A RESOLUTION TO WAIVE THE PROVISION OF SECTION 971.16 OF THE CITY'S CODIFIED ORDINANCES FOR THE 2014 TOMATO FESTIVAL. --- Kelly. Community Development.

Mrs. Kelly: This comes from the Community Development Committee I'd like for it to stand for its first reading and be referred back to Committee.

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH COMMERCIAL FITNESS SOLUTIONS, INC., FOR THE PURCHASE OF RECONDITIONED TREADMILLS. --- Long. Safety.

Mr. Long: This comes from the Safety Committee, I'd like for it to stand for its first reading and be referred back to Committee.

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO PURCHASE ONE DURACO DURAPATCHER FOR THE STREET DEPARTMENT. --- Long. Safety

Mr. Long: This comes from the Safety Committee, I'd like for it to stand for its first reading and be referred back to Committee.

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PURCHASE REAL PROPERTY AND APPROPRIATE \$10,000 TO ACCOUNT 110.448.5601. --- Cotner. Finance.

Mr. Cotner: This comes from the Finance Committee, I'd like for it to stand for its first reading and be referred back to Committee.

LEGISLATION FOR SECOND READING

ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO PURCHASE ONE 2015 FORD F-450 4x4 AND RELATED EQUIPMENT FOR THE STREET DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (1st reading 4/28/2014 -requests emergency passage at 2 readings).--- Long. Safety.

Mr. Long: This comes from the Safety Committee with a recommendation for adoption on the second reading as an emergency, I so move. Second by Councilman Clemens.

Clerk called the roll: Mr. Clemens "Aye", Mr. Cotner "Aye", Mr. Long "Aye", Mr. Skinner "Aye", Mrs. Kelly "Aye", Mr. McGrady "Aye". 6 affirmative, 0 negative Ordinance 32-14.

ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO PURCHASE ONE 2015 FORD F-250 4x4 AND RELATED EQUIPMENT FOR THE STORM WATER DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (1st reading 4/28/2014 -requests emergency passage at 2 readings). --- Clemens. Service.

Mr. Clemens: This comes from the Service Committee with a recommendation for adoption as an emergency, I so move. Second by Councilman Skinner.

Clerk called the roll: Mr. Clemens "Aye", Mr. Cotner "Aye", Mr. Long "Aye", Mr. Skinner "Aye", Mrs. Kelly "Aye", Mr. McGrady "Aye". 6 affirmative, 0 negative Ordinance 33-14.

ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM UNAPPROPRIATED GENERAL FUND TO ACCOUNT 110.111.5362 FOR DONATED MONIES RECEIVED. (1st reading 4/28/2014) --- Cotner. Finance.

Mr. Cotner: This comes from the Finance Committee, I'd like for it to stand for its second reading and be referred back to Committee.

LEGISLATION FOR THIRD READING

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR 2014 FIREWORKS DISPLAY.--- 2nd reading 4/28/2014.--- Long. Safety.

Mr. Long: This comes from the Service Committee with a recommendation for adoption, I so move.
Second by Councilman Skinner.

Clerk called the roll: Mr. Clemens "Aye", Mr. Cotner "Aye", Mr. Long "Aye", Mr. Skinner "Aye", Mrs. Kelly "Aye", Mr. McGrady "Aye". 6 affirmative, 0 negative Ordinance 34-14.

ADJOURNMENT 7:41 p.m.

Doug Joseph, President of Council

April L. Beggerow, Clerk of Council