

MINUTES REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
REYNOLDSBURG CITY COUNCIL
May 12, 2008

President of Council William L. Hills called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Members of Council present: Ron Stake, Fred Deskins, Jr., Leslie Kelly, Doug Joseph, Mel Clemens, Antoinette Newman. Councilwoman Donna Shirey was absent.

The Invocation was given by Mr. Hills, who also led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the regular Council meeting held April 28, 2008 were approved without objection.

Request by Mayor for Executive Session to consider compensation and appointment of a public employee- -Mr. Stake moved to recess for Executive Session; Mr. Joseph seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Stake "Yea"; Mr. Deskins "Yea"; Mrs. Kelly "Yea"; Mr. Joseph "Yea"; Mr. Clemens "Yea"; Mrs. Newman "Yea". Motion passed. Mr. Hills said those attending would be Clerk of Council; all elected officials; and Jason Shamblin when called. Council recessed at 7:33 p.m..

Council reconvened at 7:53 p.m. With the roll called, members responding were: Mr. Stake "Present"; Mr. Deskins "Present"; Mrs. Kelly "Present"; Mr. Joseph "Present"; Mr. Clemens "Present"; Mrs. Newman "Present". Mr. Hills thanked the audience for their patience while Council was in Executive Session.

The agenda was approved.

Community Comments and Requests:

Mr. Hills: It's the opportunity for people here in the audience to address Council on issues that aren't on the agenda. I do have a couple speaker slips tonight. I will start with Charles Cochran and Mary Hudson, regarding the Reynoldsburg Community Association and I assume that this was on the flyer that was passed out, correct? Why don't you all come forward and update us on all the activities.

Mr. Cochran: Good evening President Hills, City Council members, Mayor McCloud - thank you for the opportunity to share with you this evening. I'm here this evening to share with you information regarding the Reynoldsburg Community Association. The Reynoldsburg Community Association began in July, 2007 from a philosophy that citizens have a personal responsibility and the welfare of their community and it is the responsibility of every citizen of Reynoldsburg to promote civic pride for the betterment of this community. In October, 2007, the Reynoldsburg Community Association became organized under the non-profit Corporation Laws of the State of Ohio and obtained a tax identification #. We developed and approved bylaws to govern our organization which identified our purposes being to enhance the quality of life for the residents of the Reynoldsburg Community that placing an emphasis on educating the community through the

observation and experiencing of American and regional history. We elected a Board of Directors which included a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. In addition, the bylaws designated to ex-officio members of the Board to serve as non-voting members as appointed by the Mayor of the City of Reynoldsburg and the Reynoldsburg Chamber of Commerce. The Reynoldsburg Visitor's Bureau was granted a permanent seat on the Board of Directors. Our membership is currently open to all residents of the greater Reynoldsburg Area. We are currently a group comprised of energetic and invested community citizens who have no political affiliation but rather seek to promote Civic pride through the collaboration of Business, Community, Civic, Church and Government Agencies. We currently have 10-12 active members which include myself, Mary Hudson, Vice President Anna Clendenin, Treasurer Bobby Roth, Secretary Susan Brusk, and Fred Deskins who are also Directors on our Board and other invested community members. The Association completed application in November, 2007, took 501c3 status under the Department of Internal Revenue. We continue at this time to wait a determination on our application. The Reynoldsburg Community Association determined our initial project for this year would be the return of the 4th of July Celebration to the Reynoldsburg Community for 2008. Initial discussion centered around both the parade and the fireworks, however after determining the time constraints in obtaining a 501c3 status and the funding needed for the fireworks, the group determined that our efforts would be better focused on ensuring the 4th of July Parade was held in the community this year. Through our efforts to collaborate Business, Community, Civic, Church and Community Agencies we have achieved great success! The Reynoldsburg Community Association has facilitated various fund-raising activities including participating in the Christmas Olde Town Event, organizing a 4th of July in February event with local restaurant establishments, holding an inside car wash facilitated in collaboration with the First Service Federal Credit Union and participating in the Turkey Shoot with the Reynoldsburg Lions Club. We have solicited the assistance of Civic groups which include the Reynoldsburg Rotary, the Kiwanis, the Lions Club, The Masonic Lodge #30 and the Civic Association who have provided money and volunteers to assist us in our efforts. Additionally, we have solicited numerous business and restaurant establishments within the Reynoldsburg community to participate in fund raising activities, to provide in-kind contributions and contribute monetarily to our efforts. The Reynoldsburg Community has rallied around our effort to bring the 4th of July Parade back and should be commended for their commitment. We wish to express our gratitude as well to President Hills, Mayor McCloud and City Council for appropriating the funds within the budget for the 4th of July fireworks in our community this year. We would like to express our public appreciation to the Reynoldsburg Parks and Recreation Department, the Reynoldsburg Safety/Service Department, Reynoldsburg Chamber of Commerce, and Mayor McCloud for their continued support and contributions to our effort. The future of the Reynoldsburg Community Association is very bright. We will continue our efforts to enhance the quality of life of our residents through obtaining a 501c3 status, to increase our fund-raising capabilities, continue our collaboration, fund-raising, planning and directing efforts for the 2008 4th of July Parade as well as future 4th of July parades in our community and participate in the planning and directing of existing community activities as well as new community activities that promote pride in Reynoldsburg. We continue in our fund-raising efforts and have planned a bucket brigade at various stores on July 27th to raise funds for future community events as well as being the benefactors of shared proceeds from the Reynoldsburg Chamber of Commerce Taste of Reynoldsburg event held in August 2008. We would like to extend an invitation to any member of the community who's interested in participating in this Association to contact either myself or Mary Hudson at the Reynoldsburg

Visitor's Bureau to be placed on our email list regarding meetings, events and other volunteer activities. I would now like to turn the microphone over to our acting Vice President Mary Hudson who will share with you information regarding the preparations and planning for the 2008 Reynoldsburg 4th of July Parade.

Ms. Hudson: Thank you Chuck. Good Evening. I don't want to take much of your time, but I would like to thank Chuck personally for everything that he has done in bringing this to the City's attention. We knew when a lot of you were out campaigning last year that the Community really wanted 4th of July back. They wanted the parade back, they wanted the fireworks and I think with a lot of people working together we have been able to achieve that and I want to thank Chuck and Bobby for bringing their efforts and being new volunteers in the ways of the community - a new enthusiasm - and really got us all excited about this. They've done a wonderful job. Anna has brought her expertise to us being on the Parade Committee for many, many, many years and a heartfelt "Thank You" to Susan for bringing her expertise and donating her time and efforts to making sure that we were successful in our efforts to put together a 501c3. In that regard, I'd like to go on and say that our most important message for you tonight is to say, come 4th of July this year we will have a parade. We'd like to start out by saying that we have named a Grand Marshall and actually that's thanks to Mayor McCloud. He brought this to our attention early on. Something that he saw when he was campaigning also. Last year, if you remember when we did not have the parade, there was a little girl in one of the neighborhoods that organized her own, almost like the bicycle parade, and that was Anna Hurt. She's 9 years old and she will be the Grand Marshall of this year's parade. We are very excited about that. We have sent over to date about 150 applications for the parade and have started receiving them back. We have sent them to Civic Organizations, Service Organizations, businesses, Youth Groups and teens, politicians and churches, so hopefully we'll be getting most of those back and we'll be ready to get started. We're also pleased to announce that we'll be bringing back the children's decorated bike contest. This has been very, very popular and the kids actually want to lead off the parade. They'll all be decorating their bikes this summer. The parade will start at 2 p.m. at Main and Rosehill as it always has, and end in Huber Park. We hope you will all join us as we participate, either as participants or as spectators, as we celebrate Freedom on July 4th, 2008 in Reynoldsburg. Thank you so much, all of you, for your support, and do you have any questions?

Mr. Hills: Questions of either Ms. Hudson or Chuck Cochran? Yes, Mr. Stake.

Mr. Stake: I don't have a question. I just have a comment. I very much appreciate the Reynoldsburg Community Association putting together the 4th of July Parade and everything else that you intend to do. I think it's great when people from the community step up and do these things and I mean, you know, the city can't do it all and we need participation from the community, and again, I really appreciate you doing what you're doing and being here tonight. Thank you. Thank you President Hills.

Mr. Hills: Thank you. Any other questions or comments. We do appreciate your support. Thank you very much and it looks like it ought to be very nice working together with everyone. I would like to note Mary, you gave us the Clean-up Week (flyer). Do you have more of those?

Ms. Hudson: We have them out in front. That's another big thing that we're doing here in the

community. We will be here June 2nd to give an official - to do our poster contest, but that's our third annual Community Clean-up.

Mr. Hills: What I would like, and these are dates on here that people always ask you after it happened, when are you going to do this...so could you be sure that you hand give to each member of the press.....

Ms. Hudson: They have one already.

Mr. Hills: ...because it's the Hazardous Waste and the IT Disposal. Everyone wants to know about it after it's already happened; so let's try to get the word out this year when it is. I do appreciate you passing that out.

Ms. Hudson: And it's already gone out in the water bills when they started doing different this year so it's really very helpful and we've gotten a lot of calls and there'll also be a post card that will be delivered to every resident in Reynoldsburg within the next week or two.

Mr. Hills: Maybe the press can help us in getting the word out, because they're just limited to just that six hour period and that's it.

Ms. Hudson: Absolutely! Thank you Mr. Hills.

Mr. Hills: Thank you and thanks to the committee. Thanks very much! The next speaker slip I have this evening is Maria Courey regarding Code Enforcement. Maria, could you come forward please. If you would give your name and address for the record.

Ms. Courey: Yes, my name is Maria Courey, 6762 Retton Road., Reynoldsburg, Ohio.

Mr. Hills: Go right ahead.

Ms. Courey: Thank you. I would like first of all to thank Council for all you do to insure the safety, the security and the general welfare of everybody in Reynoldsburg. I know that you have the best interest of us at heart and for that I'm grateful, but here comes the 'however'. However, one area I think is especially lacking, this is of great concern to me since I live in Huber, I see a real lack of code compliance in several houses in this area. It may not seem important to you if you don't live in Huber, but I think that it's important to realize that as goes the western part of Reynoldsburg, so goes the east. It will move from west to east and the concern that I really have is that there are several houses on Haft, there are several houses on Retton, I don't know if - personally I don't know if they're rentals or not, but I do know from speaking to some of the other people that some of the rentals are causing a lot of problems. There just is not Code Enforcement. If you go down Retton, you can see trash bins from the street that say "Trash". I just find that awful. I find several things awful and I think that needs to be looked at. I went to the Building Department; I spoke to the people there and I must say that they were most helpful; I think they tried to help me understand what was going on; I think the lady that I spoke to and I'm sorry that I can't remember her name, who is a Code Enforcement Officer, was lovely and understood exactly where I was coming from; however, I see as the problem that these two part time people cannot or it's not

possible for them to get done what really needs to be done. I think and I would ask your consideration, of a full time person. Someone, I know the cost, I know the overhead, I know the benefits are a killer. However, I also do think that we need someone who takes this job on as their genuine, this is just something that has to get done, and I would think that it would be more important that we look at the houses, not so much apartments, not businesses, but the housing there in Huber. I'm very concerned about it. I have lived here, I have owned my house since 1978, and I have seen a decline, especially as you move from Brice and go east, and I'm very concerned. I don't know how many of you live in Huber, but it's a nice area for average, you know, income people and for people like me who are retired. I am concerned as a retiree that if I put money into my house, I'm going to lose it. Not the money, I mean I would lose the money if I tried to sell it and that it's not going to be worth it. If enough of us feel that way, you know what happens. It just starts to go down and then Reynoldsburg starts to look worse. So I ask you to take into consideration, if you will, a full time person in Code Compliance or whatever you call it and make sure that we keep the Huber area vibrant and healthy, and I thank you very much.

Mr. Hills: Thank you for your comments Mary. Any questions of Mary. We thank you very much.

Ms. Courey: Thank you.

Mr. Hills: I have no other speaker slips and I don't see anyone that wants to jump up to the mike so I assume we'll move on to Communications. Mrs. Frazier.

Clerk read report from Clerk of Court: Total monies collected from Courts held during April, 2008 - \$52,899.90. Monies collected during that same period pursuant to Ordinance # 146-94 and #104-02 \$3,036 for the Computerization Needs Fund; and \$175 for the Enforcement and Education Fund.

Reports:

President Hills appointed Safety Chairman Doug Joseph, and Finance Chairman Ron Stake to the Design Professional Committee, who will serve along with the Mayor, City Attorney and the Safety/Service Director. The committee will review the professional service contracts.

Councilwoman Newman said she was really gratified to see in the Council packets this week, a copy of a letter from Mayor McCloud to Mr. Bill Hess thanking him for his letter complimenting the efforts and professionalism of the Reynoldsburg Water and Sewer Department. Mr. Hess had sent the letter to Mrs. Boratyn and she forwarded it on to Mayor McCloud. In the process, all the people who should have been informed including the workers who were involved in helping this gentleman with his problems on two occasions, were notified that their efforts were appreciated. So often when people do complimentary letters to organizations about their employees, the employees are never notified. Mrs. Newman said she thought the procedure was wonderful and that all were to be complimented for following this. Mrs. Newman said she thought it was a good thing to do, and told the Mayor that she looked forward to it.

Mr. Clemens said he would like to bring to everyone's attention that he would like to thank Mayor McCloud concerning a Code Compliance item, and a letter Council had received a week or so ago, on a follow through on a situation that the city had at one of its larger rental agencies. Mr.

Clemens said he thought that's the way we should handle things and he wanted to thank Mayor McCloud for it.

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR 2008 STREET PROGRAM, (CONTRACT A), APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY- -Clerk read ordinance by title for the one required reading. Mr. Joseph moved adoption. Mr. Stake seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Stake "Yea"; Mr. Deskins "Yea"; Mrs. Kelly "Yea"; Mr. Joseph "Yea"; Mr. Clemens "Yea"; Mrs. Newman "Yea". Motion passed; Ordinance No. 23-08 adopted.

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR 2008 STREET PROGRAM, (CONTRACT B), APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY- -Clerk read ordinance by title for the one required reading. Mr. Joseph moved to amend the ordinance as redrafted 5-12-08; Mr. Clemens seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Stake "Yea"; Mr. Deskins "Yea"; Mrs. Kelly "Yea"; Mr. Joseph "Yea"; Mr. Clemens "Yea"; Mrs. Newman "Yea". Motion passed; ordinance amended.

Mr. Joseph moved adoption. Mr. Stake seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Stake "Yea"; Mr. Deskins "Yea"; Mrs. Kelly "Yea"; Mr. Joseph "Yea"; Mr. Clemens "Yea"; Mrs. Newman "Yea". Motion passed; Ordinance No. 24-08 adopted.

ORDINANCE TO AMEND VARIOUS SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 959 STORMWATER SERVICE FEE CREDITING MECHANISM- -Clerk read ordinance by title for the first reading. Item referred to Service Committee.

ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO: Amending Subsection (e) of Section 1127.07 "Drainage" OF CHAPTER 1127 STANDARDS- -Clerk read ordinance by title for the first reading. Mr. Hills set a Public Hearing for June 2, 2008 at 7:15 p.m. in Council Chambers

ORDINANCE ACCEPTING UNRECORDED DEED OF EASEMENT (sanitary sewer easement) (1.479 ac.) FROM DISTRIBUTION LAND CORPORATION, a Delaware corporation- -Clerk read ordinance by title for the first reading. Item referred to Service Committee.

ORDINANCE ACCEPTING UNRECORDED DEED OF EASEMENT (waterline easement) (.796 ac.) FROM DISTRIBUTION LAND CORPORATION, a Delaware corporation- -Clerk read ordinance by title for the first reading. Item referred to Service Committee.

ORDINANCE ACCEPTING UNRECORDED DEED OF EASEMENT (waterline easement) (30' wide) FROM TATA CORPORATION (Blacklick Office Park)- -Clerk read ordinance by title for the first reading. Item referred to Service Committee.

ORDINANCE ACCEPTING UNRECORDED DEED OF EASEMENT (sanitary sewer easement) (15' wide) FROM TATA CORPORATION (Blacklick Office Park)- -Clerk read ordinance by title for the first reading. Item referred to Service Committee.

ORDINANCE ACCEPTING UNRECORDED DEED OF EASEMENT (sidewalk easement) (.039 ac.) FROM TWO REYNOLDSBURG COMPANY, LLC, an Ohio Limited Liability Company (Shoppes at East Broad)- -Clerk read ordinance by title for the second reading. Item referred to Service Committee.

ORDINANCE ACCEPTING UNRECORDED DEED OF EASEMENT (sidewalk easement) (.085 ac.) FROM TWO REYNOLDSBURG COMPANY, LLC, an Ohio Limited Liability Company (Shoppes at East Broad)- -Clerk read ordinance by title for the second reading. Item referred to Service Committee.

ORDINANCE ACCEPTING UNRECORDED DEED OF EASEMENT (waterline easement) (.058 ac.) FROM TWO REYNOLDSBURG COMPANY, LLC, an Ohio Limited Liability Company (Shoppes at East Broad)- -Clerk read ordinance by title for the second reading. Item referred to Service Committee.

ORDINANCE APPROVING SPECIAL EXCEPTION USE PERMIT - (1349 Suite B Brice Road, proposed use - automotive repair); applicant, John Swartz- -Clerk read ordinance by title for the third reading. Mr. Clemens moved to amend the ordinance as redrafted 5-9-08. Mr. Stake seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Stake "Aye"; Mr. Deskins "Aye"; Mrs. Kelly "Aye"; Mr. Joseph "Aye"; Mr. Clemens "Aye"; Mrs. Newman "Aye". Motion passed; ordinance amended.

Mr. Clemens moved adoption; Mrs. Kelly seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Stake "Aye"; Mr. Deskins "Aye"; Mrs. Kelly "Aye"; Mr. Joseph "Aye"; Mr. Clemens "Aye"; Mrs. Newman "Aye". Motion passed; Ordinance No. 25-08 adopted.

Council adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

William L. Hills, President of Council

Nancy C. Frazier, Clerk of Council