

MINUTES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
REYNOLDSBURG CITY COUNCIL
May 5, 2014

Members of Community Development Committee present: Leslie Kelly, Barth Cotner, Chris Long, Scott Barrett, Dan Skinner.

President of Council Doug Joseph was present.

Chairman Kelly called the meeting to order at 7:37pm

Approval of Agenda.

Approval of the minutes of the Community Development Committee Meeting held 03/17/14

Discussion: Request to waive provision 971.16 of the City's Codified Ordinances for the 2014 Tomato Festival.

Mr. Brown: Thank you Chairman Kelly, members of Council and President Joseph. What you have here before you this evening is a resolution to waive provision section 971.16 as we did in fiscal year 2012 and 2013. You have before you a map of the Tomato Festival. Nothing has changed schematically. We have added four more light towers than we had last year which will help the overall safety of the event. This evening we have two of the chairmen from the Tomato Festival-Chuck Cochran and Mary Hudson. If you have any specific questions about the beer garden or anything like that I would defer to the two chairmen behind me.

Ms. Kelly: Does anyone have any questions? This is very similar to what we did last year.

Mr. Brown: It is exactly the same as we did last year.

Ms. Kelly: Any questions? Ok I would like to move this forward to council for its first reading.

Mr. Long: I second.

Ms. Kelly: Second by councilman Long. All voted "Aye" Motion Passes.

Adjourned 7:40pm

Community Development Committee
- - -April L. Beggerow, Clerk of Council
May 5, 2014

MINUTES SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
REYNOLDSBURG CITY COUNCIL
May 5, 2014

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

President of Council Doug Joseph was also present.

Chairman Long called the meeting to order at 7:41 p.m.

Approval of minutes of the Safety Committee meeting held 4/21/14.

Mr. Long: Authorization to purchase two reconditioned treadmills with Federal Forfeiture Funds in the amount of \$5,885.00. Chief O'Neill.

Chief O'Neill: Thank you Chairman Long and members of Council. We are in the process right now of just sort of refurbishing and reconfiguring the workout room we have upstairs. The most used piece of equipment is the treadmill and it comes and goes as it sees fit. Usually it works great when it's nice out and not so great when it is rainy or snowy out. On top of using it for our day to day workouts we also use it as a physical fitness testing for new hires and for the reserve program. It's important that we have a functioning treadmill and like I said the one we have up there now is not working so well. We had a couple of options to replace it. One was a new treadmill or for the same amount of money we can purchase two refurbished ones. We opted to go with the two refurbished. We are going to take this out of the Federal Forfeiture budget so it is not going to affect the general fund.

Mr. Long: I am assuming that refurbished meaning they have been rebuilt. Is there any guarantee on the treadmills?

Chief O'Neill: Yes there is. I think its 2 years on parts and 1 year on labor or the other way around that we were quoted. Historically they will come out to service and we won't have to take them anywhere. These typically have about a 6-7 year lifecycle depending on how hard you use them and these are both just a year old that has been reconditioned. They are in pretty good shape and we anticipate that they will be servicing us for several years.

Mr. Long: Any other questions from other members of Council? I will make the motion that we send this on to council for its first reading. Can I get a second? Second by Councilwoman Kelly. All in favor say aye. Aye. All opposed? Thank you.

Mr. Long: Purchase of a Duraco Durapatcher to fill potholes and assist with street repairs.

Mr. Kundtz: Thank you Chairman Long and members of council. Good evening. I am presenting legislation to request City Council to appropriate \$21,808.00 from appropriated street fund number 260 to account 260.268.5(inaudible) 33. I am also requesting that the mayor be given the

authorization to purchase one Duraco Durupatcher. This is on state bid schedule. The total cost is \$56,808.00 and there is \$35K in the street budget for equipment already. Our previous superintendent had asked for money to purchase a small road striping machine that would be beneficial to the city but I believe the money will be better spent this year to try and repair our roads. I think we can all agree that this past winter has really taken a toll on the roads and with our smaller street program we've been dealing with a lot more road issues from potholes, shoulder break, alligator cracks and much more. I think I have found a solution and would like to know if you agree and would like to back me on this idea. A durapatcher is a machine that has been around for over 20 years and has been used worldwide. The last sheet in your packet shows a partial list of over 100 agencies in Ohio that's already using the machine. The concept is basically tar and chip method in a smaller area but it has shown great results in longevity and cost. We had Leader Machine Company perform a demo on our worst spot in the bend on 256 near Fisher Greenhouse. I'm sure many of you are familiar with that. All winter long we have been patching that with coal patches and it is just not holding. After the demo they did for us has been holding really well. We've looked at other ways to patch roads and this is the most cost effective and least time consuming. The correct way to repair holes is digging out bad asphalt and replacing them with new blacktop. We do this several times a year on our big problem spots. The problem with this is the blacktop plants are normally closed from November to April. The process also requires about 4 workers to safely close a lane of traffic, dig out the bad spot, and get hot asphalt in the hole and level it out before it cools. The roads need shut down most of the day. Just a comparison to do a 4foot by 4 foot by about 5 inches thick in hot asphalt normally takes about half a ton which is about \$35 but also requires the 4 workers for about 4 hours and closing the road down. Using coal patch that we have been using for temporary fixes on the same size holes is about half a ton at \$40 and only uses 2 workers and about 10 mins with no road closure. Most of the time we are replacing the same patch over and over again. Coal patch is a pliable material especially on 256 where cars are turning and cars are pushing that material out. The Durupatcher machine does the same size hole. Material wise is only about \$20 and only takes 2 workers about 20 mins and no road closure. From all the research I have been doing they are looking at a life expectancy of a patch of about 3-5 years.

Mr. Long: When I talked to Nathan about it I had asked him to put together what we would consider in a typical season. The additional money that we are going to be spending how long will it be before we see a payback? What is the longevity of the currently doing, man hours and things of that nature? I don't see an emergency request on this so we still have time. Is it possible to have you come back next committee meeting and let us know that?

Mr. Kundtz: Absolutely. I know in the literature I was given obviously it was a sales pitch but in the literature and doing other research on other communities that are using it they are showing that obviously depending on how many holes you are repairing a lot of places are paying off the machine within a years' time. I can certainly get some numbers together for you. Thank you.

Mr. Long: Any questions? Councilwoman Kelly?

Ms. Kelly: You talked about the durupatch last 3-5 years? Did I just recite that? The repair? What is the typical time line right now of a coal patch?

Mr. Kundtz: The coal patch it depends on the weather.

Ms. Kelly: On average?

Mr. Kundtz: On average a couple weeks to a couple months. That's why I said that the biggest problem with the coal patch. . . It is a good material for a temporary repair and we've been using it for a lot of years but with it being a pliable material it is more apt to get water underneath it. It gets pushed out of the holes by traffic driving over it. This way with the durapatcher the concept is that you are sealing it and filling it in so water is less apt to get in the cracks and get up under the patch. It sets into a more blacktop material.

Ms. Kelly: What is it that we are doing now on some of the potholes that we see and that I know have lasted longer than 2-3 weeks? Do we do . . . ?

Mr. Kundtz: Sometimes yea. Some of the worst hills in town-I do have a list already for this year that some of the worst holes we go out and dig them out and do the true blacktopping on them but that is also where it takes a good half or whole day with multiple workers.

Ms. Kelly: How long do those typically last?

Mr. Kundtz: Those will last as long if not longer.

Mr. Long: Any other questions?

Mr. Barrett: This will be used quite about. I missed the price. What is the price range on these?

Mr. Kundtz: \$58k and that was on state bid for \$56,808 obviously with as many repairs that we have it will be used quite a bit.

Mr. Barrett: Have you looked in to renting them at all?

Mr. Kundtz: There is the one-this Leader Machine Company is the only sales licensed in Ohio. They have no rentals. I take that back. They might have one but there is no chance of getting a hold of it.

Mr. Long: Thank you.

Ms. Kelly: I have one more thing.

Mr. Long: Councilman McGrady?

Mr. McGrady: You made reference to you having the largest work area identified. The worst areas I believe you said?

Mr.Kundtz: There are several that we have, some bad spots. There are also some beyond our means. There are several places on Main Street that once a patch gets too large and you don't have all the proper equipment as far as a roller to level it in with our smaller tamping machine you will have unleveled ground while trying to repair those.

Mr. McGrady: Having those problems identified do you have a start plan established as well? Let's say this is approved do you have a start plan and where you are going to begin?

Mr. Kundtz: No not yet. This type of machine would be I mean we could make a lot of repairs with it. It would also be just going out and just doing spot repairs the same way we do it now but in a more permanent manner.

Mr. McGrady: My question is where do you start? Have you identified a start place? This way you can encompass the four square within Reynoldsburg where the areas are needed as opposed to let's say start on Main Street then go to Taylor then go to Rosehill so where are we going to go next? So is there a plan in place to implement this piece of equipment.

Mr. Kundtz: At this time no I have not.

Ms. Kelly: Could you do me a favor? I see on here and I am assuming because I see your little marks that the city of Hilliard, city of Newark and Lancaster-those are places you have already contacted or are planning on contacting?

Kr, Kundtz: No that was a part of the packet for the machine. They had provided me with that list of. . .

Ms. Kelly: Then I am going to ask you if you don't mind touching base with those folks.

Mr. Kundtz: We have contacted. My assistant contacted several of the surrounding communities. Everybody has been very pleased with the machine.

Ms. Kelly: My question is what is the maintenance cost for a machine like this? And how does it compare? Especially if we are going to be doing a lot of jobs my guess is it is going to get a lot of wear and tear. What are the types of warranties that come with this machine? What is the type of maintenance cost etc.? Thanks.

Mr. Barrett: This reminds me of some grinder we bought last year. Is that still working? Is that still working?

Mr. Kundtz: Yes, again we are working on it. My assistant has a list he has been working on. I do know they were just recently on Taylor Road. South of Main Street.

Mr. Barrett: I will put in a plug for Ward 1 and Rosedale. Last question are we repairing roads that should be replaced right now?

Mr. Kundtz: I believe so but there's plenty of other opinions. I've just taken over this position and feel like I am trying to put a band aid over a lot of things.

Mr. Burd: I just wanted to point out I appreciate the comment about the grinder. It paid its self-off within a couple of months. I will give you documentation on that. It's more than paid for its self very quickly.

Mr. Clemens: This is not going to take care of our street problems. All this is doing is patching holes. It not going to improve Taylor Road and how it's falling apart. Thing like that. This is just patching holes that has happened during the winter and hope it don't come back again. I agree with him that the coal patch doesn't do the job. I've seen it done in Lancaster. They have been quite successful with it. It's not going to keep our streets there. Let's put it that way.

Mrs. Kelly: Mr. Clemens just made me think of something. One of the worst areas that I have driven on is going down towards Baldwin Road Jr. High. Would the durapatcher be able to handle that type of holes? On Baldwin.

Mr. Kundtz: Jackson? Oh I'm sorry on Baldwin. That would be a large amount and this is more intended for smaller areas. We did have them do a demo on Jackson. The big problem on Jackson is where all the buses pull in. Everything is falling apart. I think it has done a great job. It has settled again but with this machine when it settles again you can go back and top it off and level it out again.

Ms. Kelly: Baldwin would be too big of an issue?

Mr. Kundtz: That is a big project. This is not going to redo a whole road. This is only on smaller areas. I think we've fallen behind on a lot of spots and the machine would be very beneficial to us.

Mr. Burd: Thank you Chairman Long. Councilwoman Kelly, we have an engineer's estimate for Baldwin Road. It is about an \$875K project. It should have been in the memo we sent on Friday. It is one of the roads that is coming up as an emergency situation. I tell people I think it is the worst stretch of road in the city so we do have an engineer's estimate on that. Like Keith said this machine wouldn't fix it but that is one we have our eye on and will hopefully pursue as soon as we can.

Ms. Kelly: I completely concur with that statement. I drive there often to pick up my daughter.

Mr. Long: Any further questions from members of council? Bearing none I will make a motion that we send this on to council for the first reading. Can I get a second? Second by Councilman Skinner. All voted "Aye" Motion passed.

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

Mr. Long: Any questions additionally on this item? Hearing none I will make a motion to send this on to Council for its second reading with the recommendation of adoption as an emergency. Second by Councilman Clemens. All voted "Aye". Motion passed.

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR 2014 FIREWORKS DISPLAY. --- 2nd reading 4/21/2014.

Mr. Long: Any questions for members of the service department? Hearing none I will make a recommendation to send this on to Council with a recommendation of adoption. Second by Councilman Skinner. All voted "Aye". Motion passed.

Adjourned 7:59 p.m.

Safety Committee

- - -April L. Beggerow, Clerk of Council

May 5, 2014

MINUTES SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING
REYNOLDSBURG CITY COUNCIL
May 5, 2014

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

President of Council Doug Joseph was also present.

Chairman Clemens called the Service Committee Meeting to order at 8:00pm

Approval of agenda.

Approval of minutes of the Service Committee meeting held 4/21/2014.

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 after 2nd reading).

Mr. Clemens: Any questions pertaining to this item? If not I would like to move it to council for its 2nd reading and as an emergency. Second by Councilman Long. All voted "Aye". Motion passed.

Adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Service Committee
- - -April L. Beggerow, Clerk of Council
May 5, 2014

MINUTES FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
REYNOLDSBURG CITY COUNCIL
May 5, 2014

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

President of Council Doug Joseph was also present.

Chairman Cotner called the meeting to order at 8:03pm

Approval of agenda.

Mr. Cotner: I do have one item to add as item #9 to request council to approve a then and now. Second by Councilman Long. All voted "Aye". Motion passed.

Approval of minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held 4/21/2014.

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

Mr. Cotner: Councilman Barrett this was something you wanted to add. Would you like to kick off with some thoughts? I think we've had a great place to start when we talk about how bad these roads which we see as a real need but from there would you like to share anything to get things started?

Mr. Barrett: Thank you. We have started this discussion quite a while ago and we've gone through a lot of different phases. I feel compelled to bring it back to the community and to get it back in our discussions again to try and find a solution. When people judge an area or when you go to someone's house in a different area you judge a community on your way in, you look at the streets, you look at how people keep their homes. You look at the types of homes there. Are they clean? That first impression makes you . . . it kind of sticks with you. And likewise the other side of the coin. If you enter a city that you don't feel good about. The roads are messed up. You are going over bumps. Not as orderly. That's really what we are talking about here. We are talking about trying to find a way to help the administration fund this city and to fund this infrastructure repairs that have been gone for many years. It's not a million or two million disparity at this point. It is 10s of millions and every year we continue to ignore it as a city. It just degrades more and more. Right now we are talking about making more patches in roads that are should have long since been replaced. Just to give you a barometer of what kind of dollars we are talking Nathan talked about Baldwin Road and its 875K. It's a lot of money. Everyone goes down Main Street from time to time. The little brick walkways we put in that were really nice when we did that. Those have gone and just to replace those and get them up to speed again are going to be over 300K. That's a pretty small area if you think about it. I feel pretty passionate about this. I am compelling this council to share that passion because we are elected servants and we are put here to protect these people's property value. For most of our residents their homes are their

lifetime bank accounts. Most people know that have property here know that it took a good hit a few years ago and just doesn't seem to be responding like the other communities. I'm starting to wonder why. I think I know why. We as a city need to find a way to help this administration work their plan. There is a CIP plan in place. There are objectives that need to get finished. We can't do it with money. Right now we are a dollar in dollar out. We are doing a fantastic job. We just got done with the budget process and these people work extremely efficiently in this city. We have got to get them some help and we have to find a way to make that work. Last thing I'll say. We are one of the larger suburbs in the city of Columbus. We should be very well be leading the city and we are not. We are following and we are taking what we can get. We have got to get in a position where we can put Reynoldsburg on the track back towards the right direction. Protect our community. Protect our property value. We have a great police force. We have great attributes in this community. We have to help that happen. That being said how we are going to find revenue. I think it comes down to 2 key areas. Another tax increase on the ballot which I think we have proved what happens there. The last campaign was exceptional. The mayor took time out of his busy schedule to entertain groups and meetings. You can't say the city didn't belly up to the bar on that one. The other avenue is adjusting the income tax credit. I think that would be a good place to start. I will open it up from there.

Mr. Cotner: Mr. Clemens?

Mr. Clemens: I'm not going to go over it again a thousand times that I have said it. He is correct. I think the service director gave us an insight on really where we stand as far as our roads are concerned and that's my only issue. We have talked about how can we do it and we just keep putting it off. Everyone keeps saying "well I've got ideas and that states going to do this" The state is not going to do anything but suck our money away from us. They proved that so we have got to stop worrying about things like that. We have got to put our foot down and go out and do something. My age I don't care if I ever get reelected or not but I am going to say that we have to have some type of tax issue to bring money into the city. We can't function on a budget of 14 million dollars and watch Whitehall at 19 million, Gahanna at 22 million and Grove City at 22 million. We are the size of those municipalities. We want to make improvements in the city as far as development. We have nothing-no money to even put into that. We talk about how we would like to do something to Old Reynoldsburg or something like that. Where are you going to come up with the money? We don't come up with anything. We do a lot of talking over the last 4-6 years and I have not seen anything other than "it's going to come". It isn't coming and the people aren't giving it to us. Now we are in a city that is not going to pass anything. They have proven that. They are not going to approve a city income tax. They have only turned it down 4 times. I don't know if we should bother them a 5th time or not. We have got to come up with money and we have got to seriously think about it. If it means reducing the credit then reduce the credit. If we can bring in 3 million a year by reducing the credit than we are going to have to do it. It is going to take more than 1 or 2 people who have the gumption to do it. We don't have a recreation program that stands up to these other cities and it's not their fault. We just don't have the money to put into it. You get away from where we paid around 12-14 million for the city to look beautiful. It doesn't look beautiful anymore. If we get to it-it looks nice but once you drive out of it . . . we've not followed through on anything because we have not had the money to follow through on it. I would like to see the city improve its self. I've been here a long time. We

are going to have to do it because I don't think our residents are going to pass an income tax increase. Even if it is a street levy or recreation levy. We need money to do these projects. I think if you saw the one that the service director sent us the cost of the different streets that need repaired. Take Taylor Road-Drive down Taylor Road from 256 all the way down to Broad Street and if your tires aren't all bumped up you can't even hardly get to the end of Taylor Road and turn onto it to go north or come off of it to go south unless you drive through all the big holes. This patcher is not going to take care of that stuff. Drive down Taylor Road all the way from Main Street to Broad Street. The seams are coming apart in the middle. It's falling apart at the corners. All of our streets are in need of repair. I don't know how we are going to get the money to make repairs unless we do that. I get tired of hearing things that the state . . . We are going to do this and we are going to get that from the state. We got a grant from them. We will be lucky if we ever get another one. We have got to do something our self. What I don't know but we seriously need to consider within the next month. We can't just keep putting it off. I'm sorry to say that but we just can't do it. I'm going to keep fighting to do it. I think some of us are and some of us aren't. I'd like to get it to a vote again with council. I'd like to see the people that are going to stand up and do something for the city of Reynoldsburg instead of talk about it. Let's put it that way. If it means you are not going to be here another 3 years or they are going to throw you out unless you brought money and did something for the city. You can always remember that. I've talked this for the last 2 years. I'm not going to say anymore. I just think it is time that I do not have to say anymore I just think it is time that everybody else goes out and take you time in the daytime. Get away from your jobs and drive these streets. Drive around the neighborhoods and look at them. Get away from your houses. Don't spend all your time driving down one street. Drive through the different neighborhoods all over and see what's happened. Anyhow I am done. I am tired of talking about it but I'm going to keep bringing it up until we do something about it. If somebody else can come up with a way to make 4 or 5 million dollars now. Etna is now talking about how they are fixing their roads with our help. What are we going to get out of that? Nothing. Maybe \$80K. You know where \$80k goes? Hardly anyplace. When you start talking about what we are talking about streets. We need \$20 million to get back to where we belong. Anyhow. That's all I have. Im done. Thanks anyway.

Mr. Cotner: Any other comments? Councilman McGrady?

Mr. McGrady: I agree and we talked about the roads and the infrastructure here. We have a mechanism in place for the water and sewer. Why not bond funding-project funding? I threw that out there before as another option to look at. I believe that it would be more palatable to the constituents of Reynoldsburg because it will be an even payment process if you will.

Mr. Clemens: We can't pay off what we owe.

Mr. McGrady: Well we have one coming in 2017. Well I am throwing it out there not to say that it is doable or is not doable. Let's put it out there and discuss it. Get the numbers and see if it is doable. That's what we are discussing now.

Mr. Clemens: Can I ask Mr. Harris a question?

Mr. Harris: Yes sir.

Mr. Clemens: How do we stand on bonding money?

Mr. Harris: We have capacity to bond money. We always have. The problem is going to be how do you pay it back? We have at this point the last few years that we've had to put \$600k from the general fund over to the debt retirement fund to pay off the current debt that we have. We will have some debt coming off in 2017 however we are taking on some debt in 2017 for Brice Road. That's really a wash out. In order to do any kind of thing you are going to have to raise a million dollars a year to do 8 million dollars' worth of work. It just is not that handful of roads that you got on that piece of paper. You have 25% of the streets in this city came in after 1991. They have never been repaved. Licking County is going to have to be repaved in the next 4 or 5 years. The other thing is we have done a lot of things through OPWC. Most of that now is getting 75/25. We don't have the money for the 25. We've been able to come up with the 20-25% but going forward we are not going to have the money for the 20-25% we won't be able to do this. We can't take out any more debt. We can't pay off the debt we've got. You are going to have to face the facts folks-You need money. There is just no way around it. You are going to have to have money. If you want to get these streets cleaned up its going to take money. You are looking now at 15-20 million dollars. We've been waiting for this thing to take care of its self since Abercrombie and Fitch left in 2002. This is 2014. It hasn't happened in 12 years and it isn't going to happen in the next 12 years either. You are going to have come up with a way. . . You just spent 6 or 8 weeks trying to cut things out of the budget. It wasn't successful cutting out a whole lot of money from the budget. What's the other alternative? You look at what people who live here and work somewhere else because we get so little from real estate taxes. If you have 150K home in Reynoldsburg we are getting about \$33 a year from you for taxes. We can't afford to give you your services anymore for \$33 a year. We have to come up with some kind of money. We've had 4 attempts at going to the ballot. People never got out the word or people just don't care because last year when it was up we had. . . there is about 18k voters in the city and less than 3k went to the polls and voted. It's not very impressive. You talk about bonding money-that's great but you have to have a way to pay it back. When you go to the bank and tell them you want to borrow money the first thing they want to do is look how much cash you generated and if you can afford to pay it back. We don't have it.

Mr. McGrady: I have a question for you. You said a million dollars a year to pay it? For the roads or what would that cost us in terms of repayment over . . .?

Mr. Harris: 8 million dollars over 10 years would cost you approx. \$850K-\$900K a year to pay it back depending on what kind of rate you get.

Mr. Barrett: What's the feasibility of a street tax? Of somehow making it specific to that part of the infrastructure?

Mr. Harris: You are talking about an income tax or about a property tax?

Mr. Barrett: Mel mentioned like a street tax.

Mr. Harris: That would be a property tax. Right now a 1 million property tax would produce about 600K a year in revenue.

Mr. Clemens: Our problem is on income tax. A million dollars only gets us 15k dollars. It takes a 10 million dollar payroll to get us 150k dollars. What can you do with 150K dollars? You don't, ya know, maybe a street and a half. So 60-65% goes to our police department and the safety departments. Then we have all the other things that need paid within the city. We just don't have it. It's nice to get a new McDonalds. Look at the payroll they are bringing in. It takes a lot of money for us to have anything on a payroll that people are working part time. That is where we are hurting. We don't have the revenue coming in. We have The Limited, the schools and Dynalab. They have employees that are making good pay that we get a benefit off of. Our 1.5% The majority we don't get it. That's hurting. It looks like we are getting a lot but we are not. That's why we have to come up with some money

Mr. Cotner: Mr. Harris when we talk about a road tax. . .

Mr. Harris: It is a property tax levy

Mr. Cotner: One of the concerns we hear a lot is. . . People are going to vote for it and the money is just going to get blown. Government will just blow it where they shouldn't. The Mayor was repeatedly asked to show and be accountable for every dime he wants to use. Can it be worded at the ballot so that this 1% or whatever number we would choose to go to the ballot and we would need to decide. Could it be stipulated that way?

Mr. Harris: Sure you can stipulate whatever you want to use for it. I mean you can stipulate whatever you want to. You have to be able to show how much and on what. That's the way they generally word them. The townships do it a lot.

Mr. Cotner: That is one of the things that people complain about. They say we are not accountable. They want to know where the money is spent. Maybe we need to look at maybe a smaller percentage also. I think we have to exhaust every resource that is feasible and try to be accountable. I don't think anybody wants to raise taxes. I don't think that is something we desire to do but we need to look at it. It may be something we need to do or are compelled to do. Anybody that says we don't need money-I don't know what you are looking at it. That I think should be a common core in here if you live in this community and you say there is not. I think you need to come in here. I am open to trying to something. I think the dialogue should be open ended. Yes sir, Mr. Clemens.

Mr. Clemens: I think that . . . and I agree that the people should have a chance at it. I think it should be a property tax because I think everyone should pay it. If we go to the income tax than we are eliminating 70% of our people.

Mr. Cotner: I understand that. We know that the property tax is difficult to pass and I know we have a lot of people that are hit extremely hard paying property taxes to pay for the great schools

we have and we have to focus on that partnership too I think that we can criticize that the schools can take this away or that away but we really do as a community, that's one of our best assets is the great schools that we have and I don't think we need to be knocking that part of it, we need to embrace that and try to partner with them, and again I know their goal is going to be to improve the schools, our goal is to fix the roads and whatever it may be, but, again I'm not opposed to trying some type of property tax either, but I do know that we have some people that are affected greatly by that as it is, that feel they are already contributing to this community directly, you know, that's how they see and feel it too.

Mr. Clemens: If you look at the property tax, that's what I'm saying.

Mr. Cotner: I know. As a City, I agree.

Mr. Clemens: That's what I tried to get across and bring up. If you look at what you're paying, if you have a home and you look at what you're paying Reynoldsburg and look at what you're paying the zoo, it's not even here and you pay to go to it and COTA, you pay to get on that, all I see is it go by, I don't use it. You're paying that, you're paying all of the child welfare through the county you're paying that on your property tax, you pay the township all kind of money, and what are you paying Reynoldsburg with \$100,000 home? What \$22 a year? You understand?

Mr. Cotner: I agree with you I'm not trying to argue..

Mr. Clemens: To me that's not hurting the people because they're not really paying anything right now as far as property taxes, not compared to what they're paying... here, if you're paying \$30 a year to Reynoldsburg and you're paying what \$120-\$150 a year to the zoo, \$400 to the township, you're paying to the school \$3200 and you're paying us \$32?

Mr. Cotner: you've said how many times do people look at their property tax bill. They just assume it's all us as a city taking this...

Mr. Clemens: I'm sorry I don't like to keep bringing that up but I mean I think people should look at their property tax when they get it in the mail and see where that money goes. Might surprise them, I don't know.

Mr. McGrady: I have one question for Mr. Harris. What Mr. Cotner was referencing in terms of the language, let's say for a property tax increase for the roads, specific. You would also have to include an end date on that also correct?

Mr. Harris: That's something that is outside of my purview, you are getting into legal things there. I understand there are permanent levies and then some of them are just for a certain period of time.

Mr. Cotner: One more question, to Mr. Burd. That memo that you gave us, that wasn't the street plan, are any of those going to be addressed this year or is that just kind of a...

Mr. Burd: Well, no, but yes the smallest one, we're going to come forward with a plan for the crosswalks in a couple of weeks. There's an item on the agenda coming up that is going to sort of tie into that but that's only \$294,000. We're not going to be able to move forward this year on the others on that list. But all of the ones on that list ideally will be done within the next 3 years and you all know how long I've been talking about Brice. Really big projects take a year to do and so time is kind of short on these.

Mrs. Kelly: Real quick, this is more for Dick. I know with the schools there are 2 different types of levies. There are the levies that are for brick and mortar and there are levies for operating costs. Do cities have the opportunities for the same type of levies?

Mr. Harris: you can actually make, to my understanding; you can make them for whatever you want to put in there. You can put that you want to build a building. You can say, you're going to issue bonds and the payments on the bonds is going to be x amount of money and that's what you're going to collect. Then when the bond is paid off, it's over. That's the temporary. Once you pay it off, it goes away. Most of the time, operating levies are permanent.

Mr. Joseph: Dick, there is currently an Etna township tax, roads and bridges tax that's on the ballot for tomorrow. It's been on before, and if you could clarify, my understanding is that everyone in Etna Township, including residents of the City of Reynoldsburg. The dollars collected from it, should it pass, would only be able to be used on township roads and bridges. Do we have any in the City of Reynoldsburg or is that something that our residents will pay if they live in Licking County, Etna Township, but not get any benefit from.

Mr. Harris: We've been paying road levies and stuff to Etna Township and they don't do anything in here for a long time. This is certainly no different than what's been done for the last 25 or 30 years that I've lived there.

Mr. Joseph: My understanding is that there is currently no Etna township Roads levy in effect. Mr. Platt could you confirm that?

Inaudible audience response.

Mr. Joseph: Could you confirm that Reynoldsburg residents will pay this tax if they live in Etna township but none of the dollars would flow back to any roads that overlap with the City of Reynoldsburg. That is correct, Ok. I just wanted to clarify that. That was one of the questions I had since we were talking about this and I thought it would be good to find out if residents would get any benefit of that since we are talking about dollars going elsewhere, other issues and people paying for taxes.

Mr. Harris: Years ago, I think Mr. Burkholder, when he was Township Trustee and he came in and we had a discussion about that, under the Revised Code, we can actually, put money into an Etna Township Road that's in Reynoldsburg, but the Township cannot put money into Reynoldsburg, I don't know if that's true or not, but that's what he said at that time. Here again, I'm not an attorney, don't pretend to be, but that was mentioned in this chamber a number of

years ago.

Mr. Joseph: One last question on the property tax Mr. Harris, compared to other communities of comparable size, I think it's been mentioned before that we have probably one of the lowest property taxes of any... what is the average of other, like Gahanna, Grove City, some of those?

Mr. Harris: Most of those, and it's not an easy question to answer because you have to separate those that have fire departments, because that's how they fund their fire departments. So you can't look at those because they're way out of whack. But some of the ones that are same size as we are, their property taxes and some of these, I don't know where they all came from, some of them may be parks levies, some of them may be for other things, but their somewhere between 1.7-2.5 million and ours is about 400 thousand. Yeah, it's a big difference. And realistically, and this is kind of bad, but by the time we, a part of that is required to go into the Police pension fund, and the rest of it we have to pay, by the time we get done paying the County Health Department and paying for the elections, we're in the minus.

Mr. Joseph: thank you.

Mr. McGrady: Mr. Joseph asked you a question and you spun to the legality of Etna Township collecting the money and not providing any resources to Reynoldsburg for the bridges. Now, do we not consider that one bridge across from city hall a bridge? No?

Mr. Long: That's not Etna Township.

Mr. McGrady: I understand. Do we not, the little piece over here between City Hall and the School, that little bridge, the water goes under...

Mr. Harris: you mean the foot bridge?

Mr. McGrady: Yeah, Ok. You said that Mr. Burkholder...

Mr. Harris: That's not in Etna Township.

Mr. McGrady: I understand that but the statement was that Reynoldsburg does not receive any of the monies...

Mr. Harris: That's correct.

Mr. McGrady: So my question is, with that being a bridge and I believe you said Mr. Burkholder said years ago that according to Ohio Revised Code, that's what it said but no one, now here's my question to you, did no one confirm or substantiate that fact?

Mr. Harris: We've never done any, it's never been an issue, but no they have never paid for anything in this town, they don't send salt trucks out they don't do anything as far as streets in this town.

Mr. Clemens: Here's the deal, it's the same way with Truro Township. They put a road levy on the ballot and it was voted down. That money, if that money had been approved, none of it would have worked in Reynoldsburg, it would have been put on township roads. Although all of the money would have come from us. We voted on it, although it was voted down, but if it would have passed, all of the money would have been used on township roads.

Mr. Harris: I think, what happens, to make this clear, when you annex a piece of property, the city has to promise to take care of the street.

Mr. McGrady: Got it. Thank you.

Mr. Cotner: any other questions, comments for the time being? I think Mr. Barrett, you were looking for something to start a discussion, I think we had some of that that, so I'm thinking we'll just hold this a couple of weeks and again, at some point if we're going to do something, let's have plans to do something to move forward. But we can always hold it on there.

Mr. Barrett: I agree. Let's digest this a little bit.

Mr. Harris: If I might bring this up Mr. Cotner, if you have any intentions on going to the November ballot, you have to have it done before you go on your August break.

Mr. Cotner: Thank you sir. Then I will hold this item for a couple of weeks and continue to revisit that. Ok back on track.

Discussion: Request to appropriate \$200,000 from the unappropriated CIP fund (410) to account number 410.000.0136.5651 Brice Road Reconstruction.

Mr. Harris: Thank you Mr. Cotner, members of Council. Part of the Brice Road project is purchase of some right of way at the corner of Brice and Livingston from West Bound Livingston to north bound Brice, they're going to put in a right turn lane. The City Attorney, EMH&T and the Service Director have been working on this, the way it's handled through OPWC is the same way we handle the engineering. We have to pay it up front, and then they reimburse us. The project itself, they pay out of the, we send all of the bills to them. So just like that we're going to have to pay for all of the costs up front including all of the legal work and everything it does to take to purchase it so I'm asking Council to appropriate \$200,000 from the unappropriated CIP fund to account number 410.000.0136.5651 Brice Road Reconstruction to pay all of the costs associated with that and we've put that down as an emergency because they have come to an agreement with most of the land owners down there on that and we'll need to get that taken care of so that they can get the construction started.

Mr. Cotner: Questions?

Mr. Skinner: I might have missed this Dick, but it says monies will be reimbursed by OPWC, is there a time frame on that?

Mr. Harris: When everything's done we submit the bill to it then they send it out, usually 3 weeks to a month. It's pretty quick, but we always wait until we get the last bill because we don't want a bill coming in after we've already asked for the money because you only get one bite at the apple let's say.

Mr. Cotner: with no other questions or comments, I make a motion we send this forward with a recommendation for adoption as an emergency. Second by Councilman Skinner. All voted "Aye". Motion passed.

Discussion: Authorize the Mayor to purchase real property and appropriate \$10,000 for the purchase.

Mr. McCloud: Thank you Chairman Cotner, as I've spoken, I think, with all of you, this is a parcel in old Reynoldsburg we have the neighboring parcel we obtained a few years ago through the efforts of the City Attorney's office and this would purchase the companion parcel.

Mr. Barrett: What is the intended use?

Mr. McCloud: The intended use short term would be a parking lot for the merchants of that area.

Mr. Cotner: One of the long time complaints, challenges, issues, of everyone in old Reynoldsburg is that there is no room to park and there's been discussions through the years of striping the streets, to narrowing the road, slowing the speed limits, it's been all kinds of things so it think that anything that the City can do to generate parking would be very useful to the old Reynoldsburg community.

Mrs. Kelly: I have said this before but I would like to reiterate it, one of the things when I first moved here having small children and parking on the side, I remember I was driving down from Wagner going down towards City Hall when I pulled over to the right, right in front of Ohio Select to get out to get my kids new gear for school and it was scary trying to open car doors with a little one and get myself out and car seats and anything else, so I love the idea of having a place where you can park and walk up and down and enjoy the different shops and everything that is old Reynoldsburg. So I'm very glad that we're moving forward with that. I think it will be great.

Mr. Cotner: Any other questions? There's no need for emergency language right? Ok. Then I make a motion we send this forward for its first reading. Second by Councilman Skinner. All voted "Aye". Motion passed.

ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A JOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ZONE CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN ETNA TOWNSHIP AND THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Cotner: Mr. Hood, Mr. Harris, Mr. Mayor, who wants to, anybody? I think we all know what this is about but...

Mr. Hood: As you've seen in my memo, we have a very short timeline, I've been made aware that the township trustees did pass their Resolution this evening. If you would forward this on as an emergency to the Special Council Meeting this evening, I know President Joseph had some concerns, I believe he is going to add an executive session before you undertake the passage of this ordinance at the Special Council Meeting immediately following the Committee Meeting.

Mr. Cotner: Are there questions, comments from members of Council/Committee? Then I would like to make a motion we send this forward with a recommendation for adoption as an emergency to be held during Special Council Meeting this evening. Second by Councilman Long. All in favor- responses of Aye are heard.

Mr. McGrady: Discussion!

Mr. Cotner: I'm sorry?

Mr. McGrady: I have a discussion.

Mr. Cotner: You have a discussion.

Mr. McGrady: Yeah I have a question.

Mr. Cotner: Ok, Mr. McGrady.

Mr. McGrady: Now, we're going inside with this before we vote on it? Just wanted to clarify.

Mr. Cotner: yes.

Mr. Hood: Chairman Cotner, I know you had a motion and a second that you called off, could I impose upon you to call the role and have a roll call vote?

Mr. Cotner: Absolutely, Mrs. Beggerow would you please call the roll.

Mrs. Beggerow: Mr. McGrady "Yes", Mr. Clemens "Yes", Mr. Cotner "Aye", Mr. Long "Aye", Mr. Skinner "Aye", Mr. Barrett "Aye", Mrs. Kelly "Aye".

Mr. Cotner: Ok, thank you.

ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM UNAPPROPRIATED GENERAL FUND TO ACCOUNT 110.111.5362 FROM DONATED MONIES RECEIVED. (first reading 4/28/2014).

Mr. Cotner: Questions, comments on this item? I make a motion we send this forward to council for its second reading. Second by Councilman Clemens. All voted "Aye". Motion passed.

Mr. Cotner: The last item is the Request for Council to approve the attached Then and Now. We get these from time to time and Mr. Harris always likes to educate us to make sure we know what we're doing here so.

Mr. Harris: And this one's kind of a little problem between us and one of the departments. One of the things we've been trying to do this year is, believe it or not, we get 47 different electric bills due on 44 different dates and we've been trying to combine those and pay them electronically rather than writing 47 checks. So one of the things that happened while we've done this, is we had one that didn't have a purchase order open in time and I need a Then and Now to pay for it. What a Then and Now is, there was money in the account, they just did not happen to have a purchase order open when the liability was incurred and therefore if it's under \$3,000 I can sign off on it, if it's over, you all have to sign off on it. So that's what this is, just so I can pay the electric bill and we can keep the lights on in the police department which they seem to like, I don't know why, they could use candles, or we have a generator maybe we could hook that up.

Mr. Cotner: or more windows..

Mr. Harris: or more windows in, whatever, there's a number of alternatives here but they seem to like the electric, especially with summer coming they might want air conditioning, so I would like Council to pass this. It does have to be passed within one month per Revised Code.

Mr. Cotner: Thank you. Questions for the Auditor? I make a motion we send this forward to Council with a recommendation for adoption as an emergency. Second by Councilman Barrett. All voted "Aye". Motion passed.

Adjourned 8:45

Finance Committee
- - -April L. Beggerow, Clerk of Council
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