

MINUTES COUNCIL MEETING
REYNOLDSBURG CITY COUNCIL
April 28, 2014

President Pro Tempore Chris Long called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

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

President of Council Doug Joseph was not present.

Approval of minutes of regular Council meeting held April 14, 2014.

Approval of Agenda

One change, the Executive Session that has been requested at the conclusion of Council we will be striking "To Discuss Information of an Applicant for Economic Development Assistance, the second item in that Executive Session will remain.

Community Comments and Requests:

Pam Eberle, 1276 Westhill Drive, Columbus, 43213 prepared handouts and came to request to teach Zumba classes at the senior center. She said she has tried for the last two years to make calls regarding this topic and hasn't gotten a call back. She said Zumba is fun and done to Latin music to artists like Pitbull. The class is an hour long and is exercise but they don't feel like their working out.

Mr. Long: We'll make sure that the packets are distributed to the members of Council along with the Clerk of Council. Joe Brown, our Director of the Parks and Rec department and who is in charge overall of the Reynoldsburg Senior Center, we'll make sure he receives your information.

Ms. Eberle: Ok, I made 10 copies and there are 3 separate things, one is my qualifications, number two is an article on how Zumba was voted the best company of 2012 out of Inc. magazine and the third is the first 10 years of Zumba and how it has progressed and grown.

Mr. McGrady: what days of the week and what time do you teach Zumba at the senior center.

Ms. Eberle: Right now I'm pretty flexible because I teach Pilates at my house, I have people that come to my house during the day, so probably, I know they like to get out of there early, they don't want to do a class at 6:00 at night, so we could start at 2 or 3 would be fine.

Mr. Long: Thank you, any other questions? Thank you. Next speaker slip is Lori Schwartzkopf.

Lori Schwartzkopf, 6450 Red Coach Ln, Reynoldsburg: I originally came in to discuss the Ad Hoc Committee representation, but I really don't see the point of that, I don't think we're going to get a motion to change that membership, and so I thought I would discuss the incident that occurred in Columbus last night, but there are so many conflicting stories right now, that I refuse to waste everyone's time with conjecture. All we really know right now is that we know that one dog was nursing 6 newborn puppies, that's about all I can say for sure. We're going to keep on that story. But what I would like to do is a little exercise, I'd like to pretend it's 100 years from now and we're finally living in a breed neutral Reynoldsburg with a code that looks a lot like ORC 955 and that this incident happened here. So under our breed neutral law, this dog would be considered vicious because it caused serious injury to a person

according to the definitions in our code, that being one of temporary or permanent disfigurement. Let's further pretend that the Shiba Inu incident happened here as well, that's the one where the 3 month old baby was killed by the 2 family dogs in December. These dogs too would be considered vicious and more than likely euthanized because they killed a human. I've got one more for you here. Let's pretend that a small, white aggressive dog, bit a police officer in the leg. This actually happened on April 9th here in Reynoldsburg. Under our breed neutral laws, that dog would be considered dangerous because it caused injury to a human. It would have special restrictions to follow while it's on and off its property including an annual permit fee and signage required on the property so that anyone visiting there would be aware of the implications of doing so. We think that makes a whole lot more sense than rounding up dogs that have done nothing and running them out of town while the other 5,000 dogs go largely unregulated. We understand that the City thinks it's being proactive here. Flu shots are proactive. There is science behind prophylaxis. There is no science behind breed specific legislation. It doesn't work, so many recognized authorities have shown that and we think that Reynoldsburg should stick with the facts and science. Thank you.

Communications:

No communications.

Reports:

Mr. Barrett: I wanted to give a report on the status of Ward 1 and what projects we're working on just in a way to communicate to the community and the objectives are just to let you know really what I've been working on and what some goals are that have been brought to me by the neighborhoods. So this will be a short report and my goal is to do this once a month. There are 4 projects, one is the sidewalk project, you might have heard about. There are a lot of issues within Ward 1 since the city-wide project was abandoned years ago. Navigating these areas like in Ramblebrook and North Brice Rd are challenging for kids bikes, strollers and the elderly. Our Service Director has been really diligent about working with us on that. Right now he's working with an engineering company and there should be legislation or discussion very soon on that so, eager to hear that that's moving along. Another project has been code enforcement. Anyone that's been around here knows that I'll spend some time on that once in awhile. Our Ward still battles- a lot of neighbors just don't comply with the codes of the city and some have almost made a mockery of our building permit system. Good news is that Fred Sloata from the building department is preparing some legislation to address some of these pressing needs. Third item we're working on is traffic. There are 3 key areas in Briarcliff that have been reported as having consistent speeding by neighbors. Roundelay Rd., Briarcliff Rd., and Rosehill Roads, these were all reported to the Reynoldsburg Motor Unit and have been promptly investigated and also have a follow up program in place that I'm pretty confident Lt. Ron Wright has done a very good job and they continue to spot check these areas. Last item is canvassing. Items like these bags hanging and you see the effects of these marketing materials, particularly when they're not placed in a secure location and weather conditions can cause them to blow around and turns marketing materials into trash quickly. City Attorney, Jed Hood is working on some ways we can tighten up the legislation there and find a way to slow that down. It's not as easy as it looks. But that's my report for this month and I thank you for your time.

Also reminder that next Monday in the Committee Meeting portion, we'll talk about the revenue shortcomings of the city and we'll start bringing up the Ad Hoc Committee report from 2011.

Mr. Long: I do have one announcement as well, we are going to be conducting a Special Council Meeting directly after the Committee Meeting May 5th. Proper notification will be placed by the Clerk of Council.

Motion(s):

Appeal of Denied Special Exception Use Permit #163771 ~ LaTarsha Pritchard

Mr. Clemens: This is the appeal. Is there anybody here?

Mr. Long: is there any representative on this BZBA Appeal here this evening? I see nobody jumping up and running to the microphone sir.

Mr. Clemens: I'd like to make a motion that we deny the appeal. Second by Councilman Barrett.

Clerk called the roll: Mr. McGrady "Aye", Mr. Clemens "Aye", Mr. Cotner "Aye", Mr. Long "Aye", Mr. Skinner "Aye", Mr. Barrett "Aye". Motion passes.

LEGISLATION REQUIRING ONE READING

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE REYNOLDSBURG DIVISION OF POLICE TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT THE 2014-2015 DRUG USE PREVENTION GRANT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. --- Long. Safety.

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

Clerk called the roll: Mr. McGrady "Aye", Mr. Clemens "Aye", Mr. Cotner "Aye", Mr. Long "Aye", Mr. Skinner "Aye", Mr. Barrett "Aye". 6 affirmative, 0 negative Ordinance 22-14.

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CT CONSULTANTS, INC., FOR SECONDARY/CONFLICT ENGINEERING SERVICES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. --- 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. McGrady "Aye", Mr. Clemens "Aye", Mr. Cotner "Aye", Mr. Long "Aye", Mr. Skinner "Aye", Mr. Barrett "Aye". 6 affirmative, 0 negative Ordinance 23-14.

LEGISLATION FOR FIRST 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. (requests emergency passage at 2 readings).--- Long. Safety.

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

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. (requests emergency passage at 2 readings). --- Clemens. Service.

Mr. Clemens: I'd like this to stand as its first reading and be referred back to the Service Committee.

ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM UNAPPROPRIATED GENERAL FUND TO ACCOUNT 110.111.5362 FOR DONATED MONIES RECEIVED. --- Cotner. Finance.

Mr. Cotner: This item comes from the Finance Committee and I'd like this to stand as its first reading and be referred back to Committee please.

LEGISLATION FOR SECOND READING

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR 2014 FIREWORKS DISPLAY.--- 1st reading 4/14/2014.--- Long. Safety.

Mr. Long: This item comes from the Safety Committee, I'd like this to stand as its second reading and be referred back to Committee.

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT PROPOSAL WITH EMH&T FOR 2014 SEWER INSPECTION AND CLEANING AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. ---1st reading 4/14/2014. (to pass at 2nd reading). --- Clemens. Service.

Mr. Clemens: This comes from the Service Committee with a recommendation for passage as an emergency on its second reading, I so move. Second by Councilman McGrady.

Clerk called the roll: Mr. McGrady "Aye", Mr. Clemens "Aye", Mr. Cotner "Aye", Mr. Long "Aye", Mr. Skinner "Aye", Mr. Barrett "Aye". 6 affirmative, 0 negative Ordinance 24-14.

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT PROPOSAL WITH EMH&T FOR THE CITY-WIDE WATER SYSTEM MODELING AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. ---1st reading 4/14/2014. (to pass at 2nd reading). --- Clemens. Service.

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

Clerk called the roll: Mr. McGrady "Aye", Mr. Clemens "Aye", Mr. Cotner "Aye", Mr. Long "Aye", Mr. Skinner "Aye", Mr. Barrett "Aye". 6 affirmative, 0 negative Ordinance 25-14.

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO PURCHASE ONE 2015 FORD F250 PICKUP TRUCK FOR WATER/WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT AND DECLARE AN EMERGENCY. ---1st reading 4/14/2014. (to pass at 2nd reading). --- Clemens. Service.

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

Clerk called the roll: Mr. McGrady "Aye", Mr. Clemens "Aye", Mr. Cotner "Aye", Mr. Long "Aye", Mr. Skinner "Aye", Mr. Barrett "Aye". 6 affirmative, 0 negative Ordinance 26-14.

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A 3% COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT FOR THE YEAR 2014 FOR ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES COVERED BY CHAPTER 160 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.---
1st reading 4/14/2014 (to pass at 2nd reading).--- Cotner. Finance.

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

Clerk called the roll: Mr. McGrady "Aye", Mr. Clemens "Aye", Mr. Cotner "Aye", Mr. Long "Aye", Mr. Skinner "Aye", Mr. Barrett "Aye". 6 affirmative, 0 negative Ordinance 27-14.

LEGISLATION FOR THIRD READING

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ITEMS ON FIXED ASSET LIST FOR DISPOSAL; AND AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION OF MONIES RECEIVED FROM SALE OF ITEMS. (Water Dept)
2nd reading on 4/14/2014. --- Cotner. Finance

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

Clerk called the roll: Mr. McGrady "Aye", Mr. Clemens "Aye", Mr. Cotner "Aye", Mr. Long "Aye", Mr. Skinner "Aye", Mr. Barrett "Aye". 6 affirmative, 0 negative Ordinance 28-14.

Executive Session Requested to Consider the appointment of a public employee.

Mr. Long: I will entertain a motion to move into executive session as requested

So moved by Councilman Skinner, Second by Councilman Clemens.

Clerk called the roll: Mr. McGrady "Aye", Mr. Clemens "Aye", Mr. Cotner "Aye", Mr. Long "Aye", Mr. Skinner "Aye", Mr. Barrett "Aye".

Reconvened

Clerk called the roll: Mr. McGrady "Here", Mr. Clemens "Here", Mr. Cotner "Here", Mr. Long "Here", Mr. Skinner "Here", Mr. Barrett "Here".

Mr. Long: I would like to make a motion that we accept, conditionally, upon the completion of a successful background check, the appointment of a public official. This official has worked with, talked

to, submitted resumes and so forth to April Beggerow, who is our current clerk. This individual will be employed as a part time basis of 20 hours per week but has an expressed a willingness that when the need arises, an availability to work additionally. I would like to make a motion that we accept, conditionally, upon the completion of a successful background check, the appointment of Melissa Salisbury. Second by Councilman Cotner.

Clerk called the roll: Mr. McGrady “Aye”, Mr. Clemens “Aye”, Mr. Cotner “Aye”, Mr. Long “Aye”, Mr. Skinner “Aye”, Mr. Barrett “Aye”.

Meeting adjourned. 8:00 p.m.

Doug Joseph, President of Council

April L. Beggerow, Clerk of Council