

MINUTES COMMITTEE MEETING
REYNOLDSBURG FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
April 9, 2018

Chairman Barth R. Cotner called the meeting to order at 8:36 PM

Call to Order - Roll Call

PRESENT: Clemens, Cotner, Luzader, Spalding, Joseph

ABSENT:

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Mr. Cotner for 1 addition for new discussion: Ordinance Authorizing Contract for Translation Services with Vocalink Language Services, Inc., and Declaring and Emergency to be added as item 4b.

Second by Mr. Spalding. All voted in the affirmative by voice vote.

Agenda amended.

Approval of Minutes

a. Finance and Administration Committee – Committee Meeting – March 26, 2018

RESULT: ACCEPTED

NEW LEGISLATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF BONDS IN THE MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$28,000,000, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COSTS OF IMPROVING THE CITY’S HEALTH AND RECREATION FACILITIES BY CONSTRUCTING A MUNICIPAL RECREATION AND AQUATIC COMPLEX, AND THE ACQUISITION AND IMPROVEMENT OF RELATED INTERESTS IN REAL PROPERTY, TOGETHER WITH ALL NECESSARY AND RELATED APPURTENANCES THERETO --- Cotner. Finance and Administration Committee.

Mr. Cicak: Chairman Cotner, members of Council, it brings me great joy to finally get here to this point in this project. For me personally, its been about 3.5 years and for you that have been working on it, even longer. Tonight, I brought with me our Christopher Fronzman, he's our bond counsel from the firm of Squire, Sanders & Dempsy and I also have Brian Cooper from Umbaugh and he's our financial advisor for the City. This investment is going to pay dividends measured in the quality of life for our city. Hopefully scholarships for our kids, grandchildren and I think it represents the cornerstone of re-development in our city. With this I'd like to turn over the presentation to Brian Cooper who has a Powerpoint presentation for you to look at to show you the process of what happens and how this bonding is going to take place.

Brian Cooper, HJ Umbaugh and Associates, we are a municipal advisory firm and represent cities, counties and school districts and other governmental entities throughout Ohio, Indiana and Michigan. As I said before, I'm a municipal advisor. Our role with the city is to sit on your side of

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the table whenever you're bringing in a financial transaction to market. We serve as your fiduciary and we are regulated by the Municipal and Securities rule making board. Begins Power Point presentation (attached).

Mr. Cotner: Thank you very much. Questions or comments tonight? This is definitely an exciting time. Auditor Cicak, I agree and concur, I love the passion that your again bringing and leading with so thank you very much, this is an exciting opportunity for our city. Thank you.

RESULT:	REFERRED TO COUNCIL [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 4/9/2018 7:34 PM
SECONDER:	Marshall Spalding, Ward 3 Councilmember	
AYES:	Clemens, Cotner, Luzader, Spalding	

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CONTRACT FOR TRANSLATION SERVICES WITH VOCALINK LANGUAGE SERVICES, INC. AND DECLARING AND EMERGENCY --- Cotner. Finance and Administration Committee.

Mr. Cicak: Chairman Cotner, members of Council, we have an opportunity to reach out a hand in friendship to those people who chose to make Reynoldsburg their home but don't speak English or do so in a limited manner. This legislation will help us provide service to an important part of our community. Too many times people are taking children out of school to speak for their parents in my office or other offices here in the city. I bring you the opportunity to make certain that ESL residents are able to be heard. Vocalink is a state of Ohio mandatory service provider, they're on the state bid list and their a minority business enterprise based in Ohio. For .99 a minute, someone will be able to pick up their cell phone, smart phone and use an ap to be able to have a live conversation to translate to anyone. Now its my apologies that I didn't get this on Council on the agenda on time, but someone was in Aruba and I wasn't sure, I guess I hit the wrong button and it didn't get on the Council, but I guess, on a serious note, our Safety Director called me on Friday and said there was a missing child and the family didn't speak English, so I knew everybody up here wouldn't have a problem if I brought this forward tonight with it not being on the agenda. I hand delivered it to Councilman Clemens on Friday and I hope you consider this here now.

Mr. Cotner: Thank you, I've been able to take a look at it and I think its a great addition, it gives us a bridge to be able to communicate, how many different languages you get a live person?

Mr. Cicak: There is a list..

Mr. Cotner: I mean this is..

Mr. Cicak: You get a live person sitting at a computer, you put in your language, the language you want to speak to, there is a card that the person you're interacting with whether it's our police officers or someone here in the city, they point to their language, you put it on the ap and there is someone there on the other end on face time that is live and it's .99 a minute and I don't think we can beat that.

Mr. Cotner: Questions?

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Mr. Baker: Its more of a statement. This is well long overdue and I do commend you for bringing it forward, thank you.

Ms. Bryant: I just wanted to make sure that this is a cost that the city will bear to provide services to residences as opposed to when they come and talk to you about taxes and they end up on the phone for an hour with a translator.

Mr. Cicak: Oh no, it's one to one. And it also includes translation services for documents that we're supposed to be providing for people of different languages. So I'm just cracking the book on this to find out everything that we're obligated to provide people with.

Ms. Bryant: Do you happen to know if this is something that will be provided by actually, Jed could probably answer this, is this something that will be provided by Mayor's Court as well?

Mr. Hood: We would use them preliminarily when we identify them when they come to their arraignment. And then we'll need to use a court certified interpreter when we go forward. The issue that we have in Mayors Court is we don't know if someone speaks English or not based on the very preliminary nature of the arraignment procedures and we've had the same situation that Steve has, the children are younger and younger and they are missing school and they are the person in the household that speaks English. So yes, this is overdue and its and obligation that the city undertake and to go back to your first question, the city will bear the expense, we will not pass it on to our residents.

Ms. Bryant: And you said they will be using certified supreme court translators for Mayors Court.

Mr. Hood: We have in the past and we will continue to do so. But preliminarily, like Steve was saying, if someone comes upon us, and we just don't know ahead of time to have an interpreter there, we'll have the translation services there available to us at the Clerk's office to at least get them a new court date where they can be sure an interpreter will be a their next court date.

Mr. Cicak: I had Leslie Clark in a meeting and she was able to see a demonstration of this and its a bridge to get to the court.

Mr. Cotner: I know Chief, you're just settling in here, but are you going to see this able to be implemented to our officers on the street as well, has there been any discussion between the Auditor and how some of the officers would be able to..

Chief Plesch: In my previous 2 departments we've used services and they've worked flawlessly.

Mr. Cotner: Ok, good to know, thank you.

Mr. Cicak: One other point, we're going to have a master contract for the city, but we'll also be able to break it down by department for proper billing.

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Mr. Cotner: Thank you very much, good to have this information.

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SECONDER:	Mel Clemens, Ward 4 Councilmember	
AYES:	Clemens, Cotner, Luzader, Spalding	

LEGISLATION FOR SECOND READING

ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO: CHAPTER 160 EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION SECTION 160.02 "AUTHORIZED POSITIONS, PERSONNEL, CLASSIFICATION AND PAY GRADE" SUBSECTION (A) "ADMINISTRATIVE"; SUBSECTION (C) "DEVELOPMENT". --- Cotner. Finance and Administration Committee.

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