

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

REYNOLDSBURG CITY COUNCIL

April 4, 2011

Members of Community Development Committee present: Leslie Kelly, Barth R. Cotner, Chris Long, Nathan Burd.

Other members of Council present: Doug Joseph, Mel Clemens, Council President William L. Hills. Councilman Fred Deskins, Jr. was absent.

Mrs. Kelly: I'll call the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. Our next item on the agenda is the approval of the agenda. Are there any changes needed? Seeing none, it will stand approved.

The next item is the approval of the minutes of the Community Development Committee meeting held March 21, 2011. Any there any changes, deletions? Hearing none, they will stand approved.

Item No. 4 - 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 (e) "PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT"; and SECTION 160.03 "SALARY SCHEDULE" SUBSECTION (d)(1); and APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR- -first rdg 3-28-2011. Mayor McCloud, do you have anything you want to present on this?

Mayor McCloud: Thank you Chairwoman Kelly. I know that Mr. Shamblin intended to be here this evening. I also know he is a very sleepy father of a five-day-old newborn. I believe the latest number relative to this issue was 58, so.

Mrs. Kelly: Okay, so we have 58 kids, 59 kids who have signed up for the program so far? Okay. Does anybody have any questions that maybe Mayor McCloud can address or bring back to Mr. Shamblin? Mr. Hills.

Mr. Hills: As I discussed with you earlier, Councilperson Kelly, I know that, I think that everybody's looking for 65, and I will note and it hasn't been brought up, but I guess we were given some numbers here that were not totaled, so we had to, I had to be mathematician, so I was born and raised in West Virginia, so I've got \$118,506, is that right?

Mr. Long: That would be \$128,506 Bill.

Mr. Hills: Well, see, that's the West Virginia part, but it used to be 180 so basically, the key thing was it is less now than what they were requesting before and I know that there was talk about trying to have sixty-five and now we're saying 59. My only question is as we determine what that number means, is that 59 for 13 weeks, because it's going to be a 13-week program, or is it 13 - 59 people for two weeks and we don't know the rest of the time. I mean, I'm not sure that parents are signing up for this whole 13-week period and it's just one thing I think that we ought to see if we

can get an answer, to have a better understanding, because it may be 59, or 65 or 72 the first one or two weeks and it could be 27 the next four or five. I don't know.

Mrs. Kelly: Okay.

Mr. Hills: I don't know. What does the number really represent?

Mrs. Kelly: That's a great question. Any other questions? Okay, I would like to send this to Council for its second reading; or do I have a second? I'm just so excited. Oh, I'm sorry, Mr. Clemens.

Mr. Clemens: I did want to say that I have no problem sending it to Council for the second reading and coming back, but I hope when it comes back, we do have answers to all these questions.

Mrs. Kelly: Exactly, absolutely.

Mr. Clemens: You know, and find out like what Bill had asked.....

Mrs. Kelly: Uh-huh.

Mr. Clemens:and also a change in the staff, get it all together, so we really know what we're talking about.

Mrs. Kelly: Absolutely. What I'll do is, I'll talk to Mr. Shamblin and see if maybe we can get a spreadsheet that shows week....

Mr. Clemens: And I'd like to know what he means by being signed up, I mean, are these people that say 'I want to do it' or just people that's just you know, put down in black and white that 'I'm going to do it'. There's a difference between 'I'm going to do it' and just saying 'I'd like to do it' you know. I don't know.

Mrs. Kelly: Um-hum, right. Okay. We'll work on that. Seconded by Mr. Burd. All in favor vote "Aye". (All voted "Aye") Opposed. (No response) Okay, motion carries.

Item No. 5 - ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 95-09 PASSED DECEMBER 14, 2009 THAT AMENDED THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO, SECTION 971.08 "Program and Facility Fees And Charges" OF CHAPTER 971 MUNICIPAL PARKS- -first rdg 3-28-2011. Does anybody have any questions on that one? This relates to the day camp information again. Okay, I'd like to send this forward also for its second reading. Second by Mr. Long. All in favor vote "Aye". (All voted "Aye") Opposed. (No response) Okay, motion carries.

Item No. 6 - ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE "OLDE REYNOLDSBURG STRATEGIC PLAN"- -first rdg 3-28-2011. Mr. Haire or Matt. I know there were some questions that were brought up at the last Council meeting. Does anybody have any other questions or thoughts regarding the strategic plan thus far? Mr. Burd.

Mr. Burd: Yeah, thank you Chairperson Kelly. On page 43, there's a proposal to reduce the speed limit on Main Street from 35 mph down to 25 mph. Is that something that we see a need for now or is that something that we're saying if this comes together as we hope, there'll be a need for it at that point. Is that a recommendation that we think needs to go forward for the area as it is presently?

Planning Administrator Hansen: It's something that we can hopefully accomplish in the near term, recognizing that we do want to support on-street parking for the existing businesses that are there now.

Mr. Burd: Thank you.

Mr. Clemens: May I?

Mrs. Kelly: Yes.

Mr. Clemens: I think on the speed change, that's, Ohio Transportation controls that to start with on Main Street. I know they made Kirkersville change their's from 25 mph to 35 mph.

Mrs. Kelly: Matt, do you know the, what are the steps necessary to go about making that change?

Mr. Clemens: They'd consider that a speed trap.

Mr. Hansen: Jim can answer that.

Safety/Service Director Miller: We actually went through that last year between Waggoner and Taylor Roads on Main Street where we dropped the speed limit from 45 mph to 35 mph. It's a pretty exhaustive process actually. There's a speed study that's done and there is approval required from the Director of Transportation in order to lower a speed limit and you can't just lower it to anything that you want. You have to be able to show that the 80th percentile of the speed traveled is the speed at which you are changing the speed limit to. So it's a, you know, it's a....

Mr. Clemens: I know a Service Director that got caught on that.

Mrs. Kelly: Mr. Hills, President Hills.

Mr. Hills: And I do agree that ODOT has to, if I remember properly, the unusual thing about Main Street was eastbound traffic was one speed 45 mph, and westbound traffic was 35 mph and that one even ODOT ought to figure out that on the same strip of road with some green space in between probably should be the same speeds. So I think we did prevail. I think rightly we should, but.....

Mr. Miller: Right, and when we did that, we were asking the question, should the speed limit be 45 mph or 35 mph and we determined that it was 35 mph.

Mr. Hills: ...I would hope that if you had one 45 mph and one 35 mph and you're in the corporate limits, that you would probably come down to the lower limit. How it ever got to be different is amazing in its own self.

Mr. Miller: Yeah, I'm not sure how that happened.

Mr. Hills: I don't know either.

Mrs. Kelly: So if we did want to pursue on reducing the limit, it would be something that would take time. It wouldn't be an overnight thing.

Mr. Miller: Correct.

Mrs. Kelly: Okay. I personally would love to see the speed limit go down because I know when I pull on the side of the road there to park and I open up my driver's side door, it can be a little frightening.

Mr. Clemens: I truthfully, don't know how anybody goes over 25 mph basically. I mean if you look, if you drive down it very often in your car, I don't know how you go much faster. I mean, the traffic's backed up, you're parking on both sides of the road. So I don't know that it would make a lot of difference because unless it would be the middle of the night but I mean, you try back and forth on that section that you're talking about, it'd be tough to get up to 35 - 40 mph. I mean it would be.

Mrs. Kelly: You hit all those lights you're.....

Mr. Clemens: You ain't kidding.

Mrs. Kelly:you're going good. Mr. Cotner.

Mr. Cotner: I'll just say as somebody that's been there my whole life, they get up there. It's a....

Mr. Clemens: I'm sure, but the majority of the time, it's hard, it's tough.

Mr. Cotner: ...especially now that I got another business and I'm on both sides of the street. You're taking your life in your hands trying to cross there and cars are coming well over 35 mph so I'd love to see that go down.

Mr. Clemens: I have no problem with it, but I do know the speed, because you get down to 25 mph and they start considering that a speed trap and that's when they start eliminating it because I know what they did in the smaller towns.

Mrs. Kelly: Are there any other questions? Yes, Mr. Clemens.

Mr. Clemens: I have a question. You know, it's something to think about, it's no problem, but I've been through it before, and that's changing that truck traffic up on Waggoner Road. That's something that has to be thought about; need some discussion on that one.

Mrs. Kelly: Okay, yes.

Mr. Hills: If I could just bring up a couple things. I've already talked to Luke about it, and one of them is the truck traffic. March 3rd was a big day for this plan apparently because you all met with the Screening Commission, the Screening Committee, to say 'gee, are there any other things we want to try to get in before it goes to Planning Commission tonight' and there were three items that came out of that, that went to Planning Commission and they attached those as a condition to their approval coming from Planning Commission, and that's probably all well and good, but I think as Mel says here, the recommendation for arts and art-type businesses in the area and keeping all residential homes currently residential to remain residential, and substitute Graham Road for Jackson Street, I agree that Planning Commission, you all handed them a sheet, you handed them these are the three conditions the Screening Committee wanted added in and then I think Matt, you said all we need to do is take a motion adding those three conditions in, those three statements. It read that way. Make a motion to send the Olde Reynoldsburg Strategic Plan final input or final, excuse me, because Mr. Wall was never sure which one was final, because you didn't have a final in front of him, it was not an updated draft that he had, back to the City Council with a recommendation for approval with the inclusion of the Steering Committee Meeting, February 3, 2011 recommendations for consideration, the three that were discussed during the meeting are included in the document.

Now I understand, there are no written minutes of the meeting, but I think everybody if they look behind their sheet, their legislative yellow sheet, it says approved with the following conditions. If, as we go through this process, and I believe somebody tried to point out to Nancy where those conditions are, I don't think as I look through this, I can't find whether it says, anywhere it says substitute Graham Road for Jackson, and you know, did the Planning Commission say it? They said exactly what's in there. Did they see anything, no, it was just over, we met with the Screening Committee, and we want to add these things in, and it was done through that. Is that the best way to do it? In my mind, absolutely not, but is it up here and I think that someone needs to point out, and it does not need to be tonight, but where were their modifications? We haven't seen them, because the only one we saw is the one that came to us March 16, 2011 and we're told those recommendations from the Planning Commission are incorporated in the document, correct? Would somebody over the next couple weeks, let's find out where they are, and what language got included, that addresses how arts within Olde Reynoldsburg, how residential homes, and substitute Graham for Jackson, because I'm not sure that I read in the minutes, there's a lot of historical knowledge comes out of that Planning Commission. If you'd had McGrath there, you'd have been another hour because he'd have added another historical perspective, but it wasn't and there's some things could be like Mr.

Bates - we just see it every other year; and I'm not saying it's right or wrong. I'm just saying that there is historical perspective to a lot of issues that come to Council, but I think we need to know where those items, which in essence, are the recommendation of the Screening Committee which were obviously conceded to by the Planning Commission, where are they and what changes did that make in the document? It's hard for us to tell because we didn't see the document before the changes, but you see what we're after. Where did you put....

Mr. Hansen: I understand.

Mr. Hills:homes and Graham Road. Okay. Thank you.

Mrs. Kelly: Matt, can you work on that for us and let us know like what page that's on and.....

Mr. Hansen: Sure.

Mrs. Kelly:what paragraph and then we can just look at it that way.

Mr. Hansen: Thank you.

Mrs. Kelly: Are there any other questions? Okay, I will send it forward for it's.....

Mr. Hills: Do you want to send it, or do you want to hold it?

Mrs. Kelly: Let me hold it, I'll hold it until our next committee meeting, Okay, thank you. Hold for two weeks. Okay and with that, I will close the Community Development Committee meeting at 7:49 p.m.

Community Development Committee

-- -Nancy C. Frazier, Clerk of Council

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