

MINUTES COUNCIL MEETING
REYNOLDSBURG CITY COUNCIL
March 22, 2010

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

Members of Council present: Leslie Kelly, Doug Joseph, Mel Clemens, Barth R. Cotner, Chris Long, Nathan Burd, Fred Deskins, Jr.

The Invocation was given by Mr. Cotner. Mr. Hills led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the regular Council meeting held March 8, 2010 were approved without objection.

The agenda was approved.

Community Comments and Requests: Mrs. Kelly said she “would like to publicly congratulate our girl’s High School Basketball Team for making it to the Final Four. They did a tremendous job this past Friday evening at the Schott playing; they were not victorious, they lost by I believe it was by three points, but besides the incredible playing that they did, there was a great outpouring of support from the community. The kids - it was our students that were there, there was this team section and they were excited and they were passionate about supporting their team. It was a great community effort, a great effort by the girls, and I think to me, it really illustrated that even in, sometimes in difficult times, that Reynoldsburg, as a community, we come through. So I was very pleased.”

Mr. Hills: Thank you for your comments and congratulations to Reynoldsburg.

Reports:

Chief of Police Suci: Thank you President Hills. Each year, our Awards Committee meets at the conclusion of each year and makes a determination as to what Officers or employees are deserving of an award earned during the previous year, so I’m here this evening to present some of those awards that were earned during last year, 2009, and the first award I would like to present is to Sergeant Cindy McComb for her twenty years of service, the **Faithful Service Award**. Sergeant McComb is currently assigned as the Administrative Sergeant. She is also at this point in time, attending the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command so I’m glad that she could come for this evening to receive her award. It is a very tough school to go to. There’s a lot of extra homework and work that they have to do when they go through their ten weeks of Academy-style training at the State Highway Patrol Academy and she’s attending that as we speak, and Cindy, congratulations on twenty years of service.

The next award I would like to present is our **Officer of the Year Award** and I would like to read the Citation: “This is to be awarded to Detective Kevin McDonnell in recognition for the continuous dedication and professionalism that you exhibit on a daily basis and the exemplary effort put forth in service to the City of Reynoldsburg and its citizens. Your high standards and

devotion to each and every case assigned to you has resulted in dozens of felony arrests and brought a successful conclusion to as many as ninety cases assigned to you throughout the past year. Through your hard work, you have made a positive contribution to the goals of law enforcement and to the Reynoldsburg Division of Police.” Detective Kevin McDonnell.

Our next award is a **Life Saving Award** and it would be awarded to Officer James Triplett and the citation reads: “This Letter of Citation is in recognition for your actions performed on April 26, 2009 while at the scene of an injury accident involving a young child that had been run over by a car. You provided life saving, emergency first aid to the victim. Your professionalism and decisive actions in such a critical situation enabled you to stabilize the victim long enough for medical units to respond to the scene and transport the victim to the hospital. You have distinguished yourself by making a positive contribution to the goals of law enforcement and the Reynoldsburg Division of Police”. Officer James Triplett.

The next award is a Letter of Citation for the 2009 **DUI Ace Award**, awarded to Officer Dan Downing and the citation reads: “To recognize you for receiving the 2009 DUI Ace Award. This award is given to the officer who apprehends the greatest number of “Driving Under the Influence” offenders in a calendar year. Your one hundred and ten arrests have been an important contribution to the goals of law enforcement and the Reynoldsburg Division of Police”. Officer Dan Downing.

The final award that we’re going to issue here this evening, a Letter of Citation 2009 **Distinguished Service Award** given to Officer Joe Pickering and the citation reads: “In recognition for your continued, exemplary efforts in the area of narcotics enforcement throughout the City of Reynoldsburg. During 2009 you were responsible for over 23% of the drug related cases initiated by the Division of Police. You have helped the department maintain a visible and viable presence as we work to alleviate this problem. Through your hard work and dedication you have made a positive contribution to the goals of law enforcement and the Reynoldsburg Division of Police”. Officer Joe Pickering.

Also, for the record, I would like to reflect some of the other awards we will be issuing at roll call: **Perfect Attendance for 2009:** Officer Jason Aamodt, Police Clerk Debi Byrd, Officer Robert Campbell, Sergeant Jim Costlow, Detective Tye Downard, Officer Dan Downing, Detective Jeff Gammell, Officer Tim Kessler, Office Mike Loyszczuk, Property Room Clerk Bill Rickwald; **Ten Years Faithful Service completed in 2009:** Police Dispatcher Susan Newman, Police Officer Tony Hines and Police Officer James Rodgers; **Five Years of Safe Driving Award completed in 2009:** Officer Mike Caruso, Officer Adam Daron and Detective Mike Bender; **Letter of Commendation for 2009:** Officer Scott Manny.

Thank you for your time.

Clerk read Motion---That the Council of the City of Reynoldsburg does hereby appoint Linda Winters and Edward Amaya to serve on the Reynoldsburg Housing Council for Community Reinvestment Areas; each term to be for three years. Mr. Deskins moved adoption. Mr. Clemens seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mrs. Kelly “Yea”; Mr. Joseph “Yea”; Mr. Clemens “Yea”; Mr. Cotner “Yea”; Mr. Long “Yea”; Mr. Burd “Yea”; Mr. Deskins “Yea”. Motion passed. Mr. Hills congratulated the two appointees. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

William L. Hills, President of Council

Nancy C. Frazier, Clerk of Council