

MINUTES COUNCIL MEETING
REYNOLDSBURG CITY COUNCIL
February 22, 2010

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

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

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

Minutes of the regular Council meeting held February 8, 2010 were approved without objection. Minutes of the special Council meeting held February 16, 2010 were approved without objection.

Mr. Joseph moved to amend the agenda by having Item 11 "ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO: AMENDING SECTION 1187.06 "Special Provisions for AR-1, AR-2, and AR-3 Multiple Family Districts" OF CHAPTER 1187 SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR RESIDENTIAL USES; AND AMENDING TABLE 1175.03 "Lot, Yard, Height Requirements for Dwellings" of CHAPTER 1175 DISTRICT REGULATIONS" returned to committee, stating there were still a few issues that were trying to be worked out. Mr. Cotner seconded. The amended agenda was approved with all voting "Aye".

Mr. Hills: That moves us to Item No. 7, Community Comments and Requests. This is the opportunity for anyone who is here to address Council on anything of importance that they'd like to talk about. I do not have any speaker slips; however, I do have, and would welcome Representative Marian Harris to come forward, if she would. She is your State Representative from Reynoldsburg, representing Reynoldsburg, and I think she has an update on some important issues going on in the Reynoldsburg area. Marian.

Representative Harris: Thank you very much. Let me start with a commercial, however. This Thursday, I do have a Town Hall Meeting right here. We have someone from AEP coming to talk about the smart grid and that's all I can tell you, because I'm going to learn about the smart grid at the same time everybody else does. So I welcome you all to attend and to spread the word and let people know about it.

Several months ago after Meijer's had closed over on the other side of I-70, I was in Office Max, yeah, Office Max and talking to the Assistant Manager and we were just very unhappy about what was happening to the Brice Road area - Target had left, Meijer's had left. There's all these empty stores and he told me that there had been at one time, a Business Association over in that area and we thought, why not try and get this going again. So I agreed to contact Mayor Coleman's office. He agreed to contact business owners in the area and we pulled together a group of about 25 or 30 business people. The Director of Development for Columbus came out. We had a good long conversation and it got started. We had several meetings. The Department of Transportation came

out and talked about the intersection. I testified before TRAC and learned more than I ever thought I'd ever want to know about all of that kind of stuff, transportation. I'm a Human Services person, but it's been fascinating and we have continued to meet with people and talk about it. As I was saying to the Mayor, it's been kind of a shotgun right now; we don't have any one particular plan. We have had the Director of MORPC, Chester Jordan, who came out a couple weeks ago and toured the area and he's going to be coming to a meeting. We have a meeting March 4th over at the Pride Center, the neighborhood Pride Center and he's going to talk. We also discovered about a month ago that the Outlet Mall where the movie theaters were, over behind Andersons, had been bought by a group of people from Florida and it's a consortium of about five individuals. I've been communicating with a gentleman in Minnesota of all places, but he's going to be at the meeting and talk about what their plans are for developing that. So we're kind of excited. I'm trying to get people to think out of the box. We're realizing that, you know, we don't have terrific primary care medical facilities, for example, in that area. You've got the hospital, you've got some Urgent Care on Main Street, but we don't really have any just basic medical facilities, so I've been talking to Mr. Carmel there and they're looking into their demographics and seeing what their planning is. Someone pointed out to me that we have a railroad track back there that maybe we ought to look at light manufacturing. So as I say, right now, it's kind of a shotgun approach. We're looking for ideas and hopefully the City of Columbus Development Department will be able to pull it all together and we were very excited to hear about your Big Bear Store. I mean that's your, you're all part of this continuum of Brice Road and so, I believe the Mayor is going to attend the meeting on March 4th and hopefully we'll be able to contribute ideas and share what you folks in Reynoldsburg are planning to do. So, I just wanted to bring you up to date, all is not lost south of I-70, that we're working hard to do what we can to bring it back to life, so thank you very much.

Mr. Hills: Thank you very much Representative Harris. Is there anyone that has any comments or communications they'd like to address Council with this evening? I know we've had some new people enter. Was there anything you needed, wanted to say to Council this evening?

Gentleman: We're here with Boy Scouts Troop #279 and just wanted to listen in to see how everything works here.

Mr. Hills: Well, good. We were just starting the agenda and we always welcome the Boy Scout Troops; and Troop #279, we're glad to have you here this evening.

Gentleman: Thank you.

Clerk read Motion: That the Mayor be and is hereby authorized and directed to advertise for bids for the maintenance of the landscaping beds and plants of Phases 1 and 2 of the Main Street Corridor Revitalization for 2010 and 2011. Mrs. Kelly moved adoption. Mr. Cotner seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Burd "Yea"; Mr. Deskins "Yea"; Mrs. Kelly "Yea";

Mr. Joseph “Yea”; Mr. Cotner “Yea”; Mr. Long “Yea”. Motion passed.

Clerk read Motion: That the Council of the City of Reynoldsburg does hereby approve the Mayor’s appointment of Sue Murphy to the Civil Service Commission for the four-year term that will end January 14, 2014. Mr. Joseph moved adoption. Mrs. Kelly seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Burd “Yea”; Mr. Deskins “Yea”; Mrs. Kelly “Yea”; Mr. Joseph “Yea”; Mr. Cotner “Yea”; Mr. Long “Yea”. Motion passed.

Request for Executive Session to review collective bargaining strategy.- -Mr. Joseph moved to recess for Executive Session; Mr. Burd seconded. Mr. Hills said those attending would be all elected officials, Clerk of Council, Safety/Service Director, Human Resources Director, and Attorney Marc Fishel. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Burd “Yea”; Mr. Deskins “Yea”; Mrs. Kelly “Yea”; Mr. Joseph “Yea”; Mr. Cotner “Yea”; Mr. Long “Yea”. Council recessed at 7:39 p.m.

Council reconvened at 8:45 p.m. With the roll called, members responding were: Mr. Burd “Yea”; Mr. Deskins “Present”; Mrs. Kelly “Present”; Mr. Joseph “Present”; Mr. Cotner “Present”; Mr. Long “Present”.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

William L. Hills, President of Council

Nancy C. Frazier, Clerk of Council