

MINUTES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
REYNOLDSBURG CITY COUNCIL
February 18, 2014

Members of Community Development Committee present: Leslie Kelly, Cornelius McGrady, III., Mel Clemens, Barth Cotner, Chris Long, Scott Barrett, Dan Skinner.

President of Council Doug Joseph was not present.

Chairman Kelly called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Approval of Agenda.

Approval of the minutes of the Community Development Committee Meeting held 01/06/2014.

Mrs. Kelly: Our final item for today is the introduction of Viktor Prozapas, the owner of Reynoldsburg Ace Hardware, LLC and I would like to welcome him to the podium.

Mr. Prozapas: Hello to everybody and thank you so much for this opportunity for us to come into this neighborhood. Basically, as you guys know, we bought the original True Value business and opening new Ace Hardware store in there scheduled to open on February 25th which is next week so we invite you to come shop with us when we open the doors. I'd like to ask all the Councilmen for support and spread the word around that a new business is coming in and you know, we are looking forward to serving everyone in this town and neighborhood and we are committed to staying there a long long time. So with your help we'll like to be there as long as possible. Like I said, February 25th that will be our soft opening, our Grand Opening will be probably early April so that we make sure everything works and when the spring rolls we'll be there to serve probably hot dogs and pepsi. So again, please help us out with community and any support we can get from you we will gladly appreciate and at the same time, if there is anything that Ace Hardware can do for you, we'll be glad to be there to help out. Any questions?

Mrs. Kelly: Does anybody have any questions? Well welcome to Reynoldsburg, we look forward to a long long relationship. Ok and with that I will close the Community Development Committee Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Community Development
- - April L. Beggerow, Clerk of Council
February 18, 2014

MINUTES SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
REYNOLDSBURG CITY COUNCIL
February 18, 2014

Members of Community Development Committee present: Chris Long, Dan Skinner, Mel Clemens, Leslie Kelly, Barth Cotner, Scott Barrett, Cornelius McGrady, III..

President of Council Doug Joseph was not present.

Chairman Long called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

Approval of Agenda.

Approval of the minutes of the Safety Committee Meeting held 01/06/2014.

Mr. Long: Item number 4 is the presentation of Officer Awards, Lieutenant, Chief, and ladies and gentlemen, if there are family members in the audience, you're more than welcome to come down front here to get a better angle for photographs and so forth as the awards are presented.

Chief O'Neill: Thank you Chairman Long and members of Council. This is sort of, the best way to describe it, as the most enjoyable time I get to spend in front of you all year. We get to recognize some of our officers and personnel within the Division of Police for some of the jobs that they've done over the past year, some of the achievements that we've seen, we don't hesitate to bring ourselves in front of you guys to sort of brag a little bit. So first one I'm going to bring up is Sargent of the year, Sargent Joe Vincent.

Sargent of the Year: SGT Joe Vincent performed his duties as a Patrol Sergeant in an exemplary manner throughout 2013 while also re-inventing the Reynoldsburg Police Reserve Division. Throughout the year SGT Vincent employed effective motivational techniques to improve the work ethic of his shift gaining the respect of his subordinates. In addition to completing his patrol sergeant duties, he volunteered to re-establish the Police Reserve Unit. He tirelessly worked to coordinate and oversee the hiring process of 15 new reserve officers to produce a 16 officer unit. SGT Vincent monitors the progress of each of the reserve officers as they conduct field and departmental training. He also tracks the reserve budget to ensure each officer is properly equipped to perform their duties. His reserve unit volunteered a total of 2,530.25 hours throughout 2013 supporting full time staff, crime prevention, and special details. SGT Vincent provides mentorship to the reserve officers grooming them for future full time employment. On many occasions while on his own time he scouted various schools, colleges, and police academies to recruit potential applicants. His dedication to duty brought great credit upon himself, the Division of Police, and the City of Reynoldsburg.

Next up, is Officer Tye Downard for Officer of the Year: Detective Tye Downard performed his duties as a detective in an exemplary manner throughout 2013 working narcotics investigations. He worked countless hours with the Franklin County/DEA Drug Task Force while maintaining his narcotics investigations in the City of Reynoldsburg. His efforts have produced seizures of

over \$639,497.00 in drug money, countless pounds of illegal narcotics, and multiple handguns and assault rifles used by suspects to protect their drug operations. Detective Downard was always readily available to support investigative efforts in every capacity no matter the time or the day of the week. Not only is he a department trainer who logged additional hours towards training officers, he was a good mentor and source of information for our newer officers to learn current trends with narcotics investigations. His motivation and dedication to duty brought great credit upon himself, the Division of Police, and the City of Reynoldsburg.

Dispatcher of the Year: Dispatcher Michele Severance performed her duties as a second shift dispatcher in an exemplary and dedicated manner throughout 2013. Often working alone, she handled approximately 80 calls for service per shift with little to no clerical support. She consistently placed the safety of the officers on the street as her primary duty as she ensures all calls are accurately documented and dispatched. She was instrumental in the creation of the 99P code to alert officers of potential Concealed Carry Weapon permits. She also developed an efficient method to process domestic violence warrants and packets. Dispatcher Severance also volunteered to serve as the training liaison for the dispatch center which does include training new dispatchers. Her professionalism and dedication to duty brought great credit upon herself, the Division of Police, and the City of Reynoldsburg.

Distinguished Officer of the Year which also serves as runner up for Officer of the Year: James Triplett. As most of you know, a couple of weeks ago, we put together a kind of an outline to some of the high points of the motor unit which was new in 2013 and obviously Officer Triplett as our only full time officer assigned to that unit was instrumental in some of those numbers. I just want to highlight some of the things that went on. For exceptional service between January and December 2013 while serving as the first Reynoldsburg Division of Police Motor Unit Officer. Officer Triplett distinguished himself through hard work to ensure the success of the newly established Motor Unit. He worked tirelessly on all complaints received by the citizens of Reynoldsburg resulting in 772 traffic citations and 180 traffic warnings to curb poor driving behaviors and promote safer streets for citizens to commute. Officer Triplett also coordinated and participated in numerous community events re-establishing a positive image of the Police Department to the citizens. Officer Triplett's initiative, professionalism, and commitment to public service brings great credit upon himself, the Division of Police, and the City of Reynoldsburg. He was runner up in our Officer of the Year voting, by far the closest vote we ever had. We had a handful of very well qualified and very deserving officers put up for this award but obviously we could only have one and his work and effort throughout the year made him a natural to be recognized with the distinguished service award. Mr. Triplett.

DUI Ace Award: Officer Dan Downing. In recognition of the exemplary performance you exhibited in the area of OVI enforcement during the calendar year 2013. You have distinguished yourself by detecting and apprehending more than 78 impaired drivers and contributed to the goal of creating a safer community through traffic enforcement. Your efforts in this area make you an example for others to follow and show your dedication to the City of Reynoldsburg and its citizens. It should also be noted that Officer Dan Downing had been removed from 3rd shift for a large portion of the year to augment our efforts with the motor unit. He was a full time officer through a large part of the summer months which puts him in school zones and

neighborhood traffic enforcement instead of on 3rd shift where he does the bulk of his DUI enforcement. Had he not been taken off of that shift he probably would have been well over his 125 or 130 arrests, so Officer Dan Downing.

Community Service Award for Mark Moser: For his professionalism and contributions to re-establish Community Relations with the citizens of Reynoldsburg between January and December 2013. Sergeant Mark Moser coordinated, supervised and participated in over 38 community related events presenting a positive image of the police department. His supervision and deployment of the Motor Unit and Bicycle Patrol Unit imparted a significant impact in the areas of traffic safety, crime prevention, and traffic education with the community. Multiple citizens took time to express their gratitude for the efforts of the Motor Unit and Bike Unit reaching out to the public, which is reflection of SGT Moser's performance. SGT Mark Moser's initiative, dedication to duty, and commitment to the community brought great credit upon himself, the Division of Police, and the City of Reynoldsburg. I want to note real quick that this is the first time that this award has ever been given even though it has been part of our awards program for years and years. No one has ever put themselves out in the community and had the impact that Sargent Moser had with us last year.

Well that's all the awards we have. I'm not sure we'll have our audience much longer so if there is anything you want to say to all of these people, go ahead and take your shot.

Mr. Long: I'd just like to say thank you very much to everybody who was awarded at the presentation this evening, to the families who support them. Without you guys and the work that you do out there, we wouldn't have the community that we do. So thank you. Anybody else? Thank you very much Chief. And I will close the Safety Committee at 7:47.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Safety Committee

-- April L. Beggerow, Clerk of Council
February 18, 2014

MINUTES SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING
REYNOLDSBURG CITY COUNCIL
February 18, 2014

Members of Service Committee present: Mel Clemens, Scott A. Barrett, Leslie Kelly, Barth R. Cotner, Chris Long, Cornelius McGrady, III., Dan Skinner.

President of Council Doug Joseph was not present.

Chairman Clemens called the meeting to order at 7:48 p.m.

Approval of Agenda.

Approval of the minutes of the Service Committee Meeting held 01/06/2014.

Discussion: Liquor Permit Request – Braun Bars Reynoldsburg LLC, dba. Just off Main, 1371 Hentz Dr, Reynoldsburg, Ohio, 43068.

Chief O'Neill: Thank you Chairman Clemens. We had Officer Bock conduct this Liquor Permit Application, Transfer. Obviously this is an area that has had a bar in it for the last many many years, at least preceding my years on the department. There's been no change to the layout of the building, we don't see any more significant impact than it's had over the past several years so there's no reason for us to contest this application.

Mr. Clemens: Thank you Chief. Are there are any discussion, question pertaining this item? If not, we'll just let it stand. Next item:

Discussion: Liquor Permit Request – Adam 1750 Brice LLC, dba. Century City Market, 1750 Brice Road, Reynoldsburg, Ohio, 43068

Chief O'Neill: Thank you Chairman Clemens, again, Officer Bock conducted this investigation. This is a change in management of the Century City Market that sits just south of the Century City apartment driveway on Brice Road. There's no significant impact to the community as far as this change over is concerned and we don't have a reason to contest this application.

Mr. Clemens: Thank you. I have no problem as far as the liquor permits requested, but I do have a problem that they do not meet our codes that we seem to have a problem enforcing as far as the window coverage and I can't see supporting something else if they're not going to meet our codes.

Chief O'Neill: Their not the only one down in that area that we have identified as having excessive window coverings through advertisings posted in their windows. As you know Officer Kessler has recently taken over as the Community Resource Officer and he spends most of his time when he's not basically putting together the program, working out of the substation down at Century City and this is an area that he's going to address either through our efforts or through

the efforts of the building department and zoning enforcement.

Mr. Clemens: I would think so, because it's been this way for years and I know there's others down there that need to be cleaned up.

Chief O'Neill: It's definitely on his list of ones that get to and I would anticipate that once the weather breaks and he gets out on foot a little bit more, I would think we will have some movement in that area relatively soon.

Mr. Clemens: Well we're going to put a new street in and I think it's time we clean the area up. Are there any more questions pertaining to this item?

Mr. McGrady: I just want to, you touched on the signs so I'm not going to beat that dead horse to death because it's been kicked around for a while, but I just want to reiterate that while this transfer may or may not go through, I want to express my displeasure in the continued saturation of establishments on that corner and I would not support the transfer. Thank you.

Mr. Clemens: Thank you, are there any other questions pertaining to the item? I know our problem is that if it's there, unless we have a good reason on turning it down, and you say you have none..

Chief O'Neill: As the way we evaluate these with regards to the impact to the community, the way that the business has been operating over the past several years, we understand what liquor control is looking for when they talk about violations. We don't have anything on the owner that would exclude him from a permit. Again, it's been down there, I'm not endorsing the idea of a liquor establishment down there, I'm just telling you that I don't think liquor control is going to find anything that we've seen as a reason to contest this.

Mr. Clemens: Jed, would you have anything to say on that, I know that you handle these cases.

Mr. Hood: Yes certainly I would defer to the Council, but as the Chief eluded to, we have very limited grounds for these appeals, Mel you've done these for years and years, way before I've been here. It's an unfortunate circumstance but with the transfers, a transfer is usually pretty standard unless the new owner as the Chief was eluding to, has something questionable in their background, whether they operated another alcohol establishment that had citations against them, whether they had criminal history, things of that nature. We have appealed and the city has prevailed on those grounds in the past, but there are very few other grounds we can appeal a transfer for if the Chief's investigation has come back with no objection, at this point I would urge the Council to take his advice and allow the transfer to go forward.

Mr. Clemens: Thank you Jed. Are there any other questions for the City Attorney or the Chief? I move we take no action. That ends the Service Committee Meeting at 7:55.

Meeting adjourned 7:54 p.m.

Service Committee

- - April L. Beggerow, Clerk of Council

February 18, 2014

MINUTES FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
REYNOLDSBURG CITY COUNCIL
February 18, 2014

Members of Finance Committee present: Barth R. Cotner, Chris Long, Mel Clemens, Leslie Kelly, Scott A. Barrett, Cornelius McGrady, III., Dan Skinner.

President of Council Doug Joseph was not present.

Councilman Long called the meeting to order at 7:54 p.m.

Approval of Agenda.

Approval of minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held 2/3/2014 and the Special Finance Committee Meeting held 2/3/2014 and 2/10/2014. –Minutes held until next Finance Committee Meeting.

Mr. Cotner: Item 4 is a discussion on the budget and we're going to try to hear from our City Attorney and City Auditor so we'll start with Mr. Harris coming up, see if there's any questions regarding their departments and then we'll move forward with the budget.

Mr. Harris: Thank you Chairman Cotner, members of Council. I'm going to go through my budget real quickly here. The changes between this year and last year are basically in payroll. The 30 hour people under the Affordable Care Act have to be offered medical insurance, that's 20 some thousand of \$324,000 that you had in the budget that was given to you tonight. The Mayor and I have been working on that for some time. We finished up over the weekend and today and I worked hard to get this done by 5:00 today so you would have what we think would be the final budget. The rest of mine comes down to office supplies, computer supplies, when you get into the 300 accounts, I have several things in there that make up the vast majority of that \$64,425. One of them is \$18,000 to the Auditor of State who does our audit every year, we're required to have that by state law, so I don't think not paying the Auditor of state is a possibility. Also \$17,000 for Don Schonhart and Associates to do our annual financial reports which have to be done for the Securities and Exchange Commission, that's \$17,000. Also we have to have every year a filing that we have Mr. Fronzman do, our bond counsel to the SEC for ongoing information concerning our ongoing debt. We have things that EMH&T does that's about \$3,000 for GASB 34 which is part of that financial statement which deals with the amount of the city's net assets, especially things like roads and infrastructure and any change in the valuation of those. So most of mine other than the payroll is things that the city, I really don't have an option on whether or not to do them. Now I have those, a couple other ones I wrote down, I have to go to classes every year at the State Treasurer's Office has to get credit to invest the City's money, this is a cost of about \$3,000, bank fees which we pay on credit card transactions both in my department and the Clerk of Court's and the checking accounts, things that run about \$7,000 a year. So when it comes to cutting those kinds of things, there's really no a lot I can do. Bank fees have been competitively bid, Mr. Fronzman's been our bond counsel for years, so with that being said if anyone has any questions on mine, I'll certainly be glad to answer them.

Mr. Cotner: Going and gone, probably not going too far away though. Alright thank you and Mr. Hood, any highlights you've got there sir and thank you for touching base on things here as well.

Mr. Hood: Yes, I apologize, I had my staff here to introduce to the new Council member that haven't met the Assistant Prosecutor for the City but one of my primary roles for those that don't know is to prosecute all of the misdemeanor cases that occur within the city limits so for all of those fine officers that we did recognize and those that were not recognized this year, when we issue citations that are misdemeanors in the City of Reynoldsburg, it is incumbent upon me and my staff, especially, to prosecute those and represent the city in court for however long those cases go. I've pulled some numbers very quickly this afternoon, I know that you've heard from Ms. Clark, our Clerk of Court and Mayor McCloud's Mayors Court, we crossed 7,000 cases this year, we actually prosecuted 7,474 cases. That is a staggering number. For my office, it's kind of off the charts as far as the last few years. If you look at our budget this budget request is more closely aligned to actual expenditures, that's what I've always tried to do. For those of you that have been here for more than a few years, you realize that the biggest charge in my account that could or could not be spent is my Special Counsel budget. That is when I seek the advice of other, normally larger law firms to help us with some more complex litigation. Luckily, I have not had to do that lately and we have undertaken more and more action with my full time Assistant City Attorney Mr. Roth and myself instead of going out of the city to hire counsel in the city itself. As we've done more with less and as we've done more in house, the budget numbers actually have been more closely aligned with actual expenditures. This goes back to 2011, it's what the Auditor provided, if you go back even farther past that you'll see that number closer to \$100,000 a year, that is what City Attorney Underwood requested and was granted year in and year out. Some years he spent that, some years he didn't, but I thought it was important we do more work in house because we realigned my staff and I brought in a full time Assistant City Attorney and actually merged another position. If you see my 100 accounts are a little less than last year, \$22,000 is the total that is less than the interim budget that was requested. If you're looking at the same numbers, the interim budget number was \$498,000 whereas the final request is \$476,000. That's \$22,000 less than the actual expenditures of 2013. So we're trying to keep the budget as closely as possible. We did that after reviewing the workload for my clerical staff, we have made one of my law clerk technically is her title, part time. She's going to be working part time hours this year aside from covering vacation and some ill time as my legal secretary deals with health issues. So with that I'm happy to answer any questions.

Mrs. Kelly: Jed, you shared with us that you guys prosecute over 7,000 cases, which you're right, that's a huge amount of cases, what does that look like when those get prosecuted, do they all result in an attorney going to court or is there different things?

Mr. Hood: Every municipal court case does. Every other case is a Thursday morning, which some of you have witnessed, some of you have not, but we have about 200 some people here on Thursday morning. Councilman McGrady, Councilman Clemens have witnessed that themselves, it's a long day. There's three of us working non-stop from 8:00 to at least 11:30 or noon to try to get everybody back to work. It's supposed to be a more informal process so some come with lawyers, some do not, some are resolved with the first court date, some are not. From

what I understand, these are all the cases that were opened in both Franklin County Municipal Court and in Mayor's Court combined. The reason I bring the number up is because my office has to represent the City in each one of those.

Mrs. Kelly: Right, and that's kind of what I'm getting to. So if they're in Mayor's Court and there are 250 down here, we still have to have an attorney here for all of those because Municipal Court, you've got to go all the way to Franklin County to that one.

Mr. Hood: Yes, let me take a step back, we prosecute in Municipal Court every day. My staff and I. My staff primarily, but my staff and I. 3 of us are brought back on Thursday mornings and Thursday afternoons to do mayor's court and we leave 1 prosecutor downtown to handle everything else that's going on. Now it's a reduced caseload on Thursdays in municipal court, but is overwhelmed by what goes on in Mayors Court on a weekly basis.

Mrs. Kelly: thank you.

Mr. Clemens: Jed, you're also responsible in Fairfield County and Licking County also aren't you?

Mr. Hood: I am. I've undertaken contracts with both the City Attorney in Lancaster and City of Newark, since I've been here, that has worked extremely well. As you can see there was a modest increase in the City of Lancaster's contract as there is a new City Attorney down there. They haven't asked us for an increase in quite some time, in fact, I don't think It's been increased since I've been in here so about 8 years. So as far as time and effort and expense, it is well worth it to the city and to my office to contract what little we do, to make sure they have competent representation from the city with people they recognize in those municipal court systems.

Mr. Skinner: Hey Jed, who do we contract out or do we contract out for the municipal cases, or do you or Matt handle them yourselves? When we go downtown for jury trial?

Mr. Hood: Franklin County?

Mr. Skinner: yeah.

Mr. Hood: I have a full time Assistant City Attorney, Matt Roth, and I have 2 part time, one dedicated specifically to domestic violence cases, his name is Glen Willer and the second is Keven Shannon, he's a part time Assistant City Attorney as well. Mr. Willer, and I apologize, I didn't not realize I was going to be doing this this evening, if I would have known that I would have brought them to introduce them to you and the other members that have not met them. Mr. Willer is a Sargent with the Upper Arlington Police department and works part time for us and the City of Whitehall as a domestic violence prosecutor, Mr. Shannon, is the Groveport City Attorney, or Law Director if you will, he's not elected and Assistant City Attorney here and Matt Roth whom you have met, is a full time Assistant City Attorney that has no private law practice.

Mr. Cotner: Anything else?

Mr. Hood: Thank you.

Mr. Cotner: Thank you sir. Ok. So now, questions, issues comments about where we want to move with the budget.

Mrs. Kelly: I have a question and I think Mr. Harris, this probably goes to you and I apologize that I don't have a ton of the details because I'm just looking at this part of it, but I was informed that, I think, there's a \$500,000 reduction? In the budget?

Mr. Harris: More than that.

Mrs. Kelly: Ok, more than that? Ok, is there, can you share with us where those deductions came from like by department and by item, so if it was from the police department or, let me just grab one, so if it was just like for example, police, because I'm looking at this one, so if it was from police and it came out of office supplies, it came out of that line item and this was the number that came out of it.

Mr. Harris: What basically has happened, I don't have a breakdown, I can get you the sheets that I marked up to show where the Mayor and I have made changes in it and what we've basically done over the last couple of weeks and finished up. We went through every line of every budget and looked at what was asked for vs. what was spent over the last 5 years and made what we felt were judicious cuts, not necessarily across the board but in every department because we didn't feel that this would be the time to ask for additional money and sometimes people put a little fluff in there and we cut all that out. We're also going to be taking some money from the Capital Improvements Fund and moving it over to the General Fund because there are some Capital items in there like some land development issues, fencing, that kind of stuff, which are capital projects but they're not big enough to do whole capital improvement project and separate it out for \$10,000. So we worked on this for the last few weeks, we finished it up today and I wanted to get everything for you tonight and you can look at them at your leisure obviously. If you take what you have, the new one and the old one and set them out you can see what was done.

Mrs. Kelly: Well I would appreciate it if you could get us a list of we got this here and this here, just kind of delineate.

Mr. Harris: I don't know if I'm going to spend 4 or 5 hours listing every one, but I will get you something that has an explanation of some of it.

Mrs. Kelly: OK or even your sheets that you said that you marked on that I can go through. That probably would be more judicious vs.....

Mr. Harris: Yeah if you take the police department, the old one and the new one and put them next to each other, you can see the cuts.

Mrs. Kelly: Right, but I'm sure that you probably already have that written down somewhere since you did that.

Mr. Harris: All I did was take them and mark them up.

Mrs. Kelly: That would be great, something that would delineate that for us would be super. Thank you.

Mr. Harris: Also there was one thing added in that there was a cost of living adjustment for the 160 employees, who this would be their 3rd year without a raise and 4 out of the last 5 and we felt it necessary in order to try to curtail what has been a large turnover in the city of giving them some kind of cost of living adjustment and we decided on what was agreed up on with us was 3% and that increase is included in this budget.

Mrs. Kelly: Ok and then when I'm looking at this and I'm looking at the first page, it says the 2013 actual expense was \$34,761,253, the budget request for this year is \$35,160,000 so...

Mr. Harris: That's total City.

Mrs. Kelly: yes, so that is a little bit higher than comparatively last year so when we're talking about the reduction, we're talking a reduction from the Interim to this one.

Mr. Harris: What I'm talking about is the decrease in the General Fund budget. The things like the street department and the water department, I mean, the water department we already know we're going to get an increase, we got an increase from the City of Columbus. There are also some increases in there for the street department and the water, wastewater, storm water, as far as things that they're going to be purchasing, but those are funded separately with funds that cannot be used by anything else but what their intention was. So we have basically tried to concentrate on the General Fund because that's where the deficiency has been.

Mrs. Kelly: Ok, and then when I look at the actual expense for 2013 and the request for 2014, it is still a larger request for 2014 than what was actually spent in 2013, but is it a reduction from the interim budget's request. I just want to make sure I'm reading it right. Ok.

Mr. Harris: Some of the things that have caused the increase in the General Fund was the increase in the Police Department contract, the addition of about \$225,000 of additional health insurance that we have to pay because of the Affordable Care Act, so that's probably 400-500 thousand of that right there, just in those 2 items.

Mrs. Kelly: The reason that I'm asking for the delineation is that I think it's really important for the people in the community to know this is where we are, this is where we have reduced because that's a large amount of money to reduce from the interim to this and I think it's important that the community understands where this is coming from, as well as all of us. I'm finished.

Mr. Skinner: Are you asking, do you think Councilwoman Kelly that just a memo that says department A cut by x number of dollars, department b cut by..

Mrs. Kelly: it's more than department, because for example, when you look at police, if it came out of overtime for example, say there was a reduction there, just police, overtime, reduced by this or I don't know, uniforms, police division, uniforms, reduced by this, just so we can see specifically where it came from so the people from the community can see that the city once again is tightening its belt.

Mr. Cotner: Other questions? No other questions, no other comments? Mr. Harris, thank you.

Mr. Clemens: I would think, we worked on this for a long time, I understand what Leslie wants, but I would think it'd be time to move it on and as we're in process of the different, moving it back and forth in committee, getting it started to get it passed. So I would like to make a motion to move this on for the first reading.

Mr. Long: and I'll second.

Mr. Cotner: Ok, motion by Councilman Clemens, with a second by Councilman Long all in favor of sending this forward for first reading say "Aye".

All voted Aye, motion passed.

Next item this evening,

Discussion: Request to approve the addition of D.A. Davidson & Company to the list of approved Investment Representatives for the City.

Mr. Harris: We have over the years used a number of different people to do our investments on funds. One of the people who we've used for a long time, his name is Steve Conn, he's been with the Huntington Bank. Huntington Bank has joined a growing number of financial institutions that don't like doing business with government and the reason being, we have so many regulations and if you see what's happened in New York, they get sued a lot. And so Mr. Conn has decided to leave there and go with a brokerage house called D. A. Davidson & Company, it's a large, they operate in about 40 states, they have a place in Cincinnati, they're opening an office here, I would like to continue to work with Mr. Conn because he's a very good bond trader, has good analytical skills and has done a yeoman's job for us over the year, has spoken to the Treasury Investment Board, Mr. Hood and the Mayor and I have a lot of confidence in Mr. Conn and we would like to keep working with him and so we would like to add him to the approved list of people we can use.

Mr. Cotner: Ok, makes a lot of sense to me. Questions?

Mr. McGrady: Any information on the particular broker?

Mr. Harris: He is the broker.

Mr. McGrady: so it's his own firm?

Mr. Harris: No it's D.A. Davidson & Company.

Mr. McGrady: right so anything on...?

Mr. Harris: It's a large company they do business in about 40 states, they do primarily fixed income which is all bonds. They are new to the state of Ohio but they are a very known well known and brokerage firm.

Mr. Cotner: and I don't see any special notations, do you want this...

Mr. Harris: I would like to get this done fairly quickly, I don't know if this actually takes just a motion or an ordinance, but I do have some money that is sitting at Huntington bank that I don't want them to invest, I would like to get to him, so if you could read it for a couple of times and then pass it as an emergency, that would just be ducky.

Mr. Cotner: I'll make a motion that we send this forward to Council with recommendation for adoption, second by Councilman Skinner.

Mr. Clemens: I have a question before we vote on it. Could it also be checked that if it is a motion we could have it ready for Monday night.

Mr. Cotner: Do you know Mr. Hood, could you answer that right now?

Mr. Hood: To be honest with you, we haven't done this since I've been here, so I hesitate to answer right now, can't go wrong with an ordinance but if we can do it with a Motion we'll know and if so, we'll get ahold of the Clerk and make sure she understands that and hopefully talk to President Joseph and see if we can get it added to the agenda next Monday and get it taken care of. Thank you Mel.

Mr. Cotner: Ok, well we'll still for now go ahead and send it forward with recommendation for adoption as an emergency, second by Councilman Skinner.

All voted "Aye" Motion passed.

Item 6 is a discussion: Agreement with EMH&T for engineering services, 2014 & 2015.

Mr. Burd: Thank you Chairman Cotner, members of Council. We are happy to be at a point where we can bring this forward for your consideration. EMH&T is no stranger to the city, they were our engineering firm for 4 decades I believe. Among engineering firms, they have, I think, an unmatched understanding of our history and of our current needs. The agreement that you have in front of you would cover the rest of 2014 as well as all of 2015. We would pay EMH&T based on an hourly rate dependent upon the work and who was doing the work that needs done.

That is the same set-up the city had used previously with the firm. The important number to note is that the agreement specifies that the annual no to exceed amount will be \$75,000. That's an annual amount. This is quite a bit less than what we budgeted last year for our internal Department of Engineering, so we feel like this is a good move for the city financially, in addition to being a good move for the city because of the expertise and experience that the firm can use on our behalf. This has been reviewed by our City Attorney and approved by our City Attorney, we would ask that it pass as an emergency just as soon as you all feel comfortable with moving forward on it. Ryan Andrews is with me tonight, Ryan is from EMH&T, he will be the project manager for us, he'll be our point of contact for all engineering related matters, at least our first point of contact. I have really grown to appreciate Ryan because he's the rare breed of engineer that can talk to a non-engineer and make sense. I found that to be challenging since I've taken this job, but Ryan works really well with this. So I'm going to let him introduce himself and then we'll take any questions you may have.

Mr. Anderson: Thanks Nathan. I'm sure many of you know EMH&T like Nathan mentioned, we've worked with the city and for the city for 40 years or so with the exception of the past few. I just wanted to take an opportunity to introduce myself. I've been with EMH&T for a little over 9 years now and I've managed a design team of about 5 people within the firm and oversee a lot of capital improvement projects, capital budgeting, roadway, infrastructure, utility projects. Right now I'm currently working with Nathan on the Brice road corridor improvement project and I've also done a lot of work on the sanitary sewer studies that the city had to do in response to the EPA consent order. Some of the more recent work I've done definitely kind of gives us a good feeling for what the city is facing as far as infrastructure needs and in addition, previously when we served as the city consulting engineer, I assisted I don't know if any of you remember Dave Parkinson who was here and kind of filled this role at that time, I assisted him a lot on projects like the Main street corridor improvement, the Taylor road reconstruction and widening. I've done a lot of street program work with them back in that time as well. So that's sort of my experience with EMH&T. Prior to my time with EMH&T, I was an engineering officer in the United States Air Force, so I spent about 5 years of active duty in the military. So in between my military time and the EMH&T time I'm very diverse experience and background and am very eager for this opportunity and excited to work with you.

Mr. Long: I like it Nathan, he's brief.

Mr. Burd: That's a goal of ours.

Mr. Cotner: Anyone have questions for either one of these gentlemen? Concerns about, comfortable for moving this forward?

Mrs. Kelly: I think I agree with you Nathan. I think It's a really great opportunity for the city. I think there's often times where unusual little things come up that if you don't have an engineer that has specific training in that area, you're looking for an outside person anyway and I know that's come up a couple of times with the city different times we've had an engineer. So I think it's great to have a whole company that has such a variety of people.

Mr. Burd: We're going to go from having little institutional knowledge to having a whole lot of it as soon as this is approved, so we're excited about that.

Mrs. Kelly: And I will also say that as an educator in Reynoldsburg. There have been times where EMH&T has acted as a community partner and also did different activities within the schools so for me I'm excited to have somebody who also values not just the City of Reynoldsburg, but the entire community.

Mr. Burd: And on that same note, they've sponsored our community clean-up day in the years where they weren't our engineering firm so, we'll be talking about that here in a couple of months. But they have been very active community partners as well.

Mrs. Kelly: That's wonderful.

Mr. Cotner: Ok, then I'll make a motion that we send this forward to council with recommendation for adoption as an emergency, second by Councilman Long.

All voted "Aye" Motion passed.

Adjourned at 8:21

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- - April L. Beggerow, Clerk of Council
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