



**FINANCE COMMITTEE  
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 17, 2015**

**COMMITTEE MEETING: 7:30 PM**

**PLACE: COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
7232 E. MAIN ST, REYNOLDSBURG, OH 43068**

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes

1. Minutes 02/02/2015

Minutes Stand as Approved

4. Discussion

1. Planning Commission Appointments (D or I) held from 2/2/2015

Mr. Cotner: We've been saying a Democrat but it could be an Independent also. We have received a couple of resumes. We haven't set a timeframe or dead line on this so we'll hold it another couple of weeks to get more interest in this.

2. Authorizing CT Consultants to Conduct Phase 1 of Huber Park Review/Master Plan

Recommend Adoption as an Emergency

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>REFERRED TO COUNCIL [UNANIMOUS]</b>  |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Barth R. Cotner, At Large               |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Chris Long, At Large                    |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Barrett, Clemens, Cotner, Long, Skinner |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | Kelly, McGrady III                      |

3. Authorizing EMH&T to Conduct Design Engineering & Bidding Service for 2015 Street Program

Mr. Burd: Thank you Chairman Cotner, members of Council. This item will get the ball rolling on 2015 Street Program, specifically it will appropriate \$16,068 to allow EMH&T to do the preliminary engineering as well as handle all of the bidding for the program. We are anticipating a total cost of somewhere between \$900 and \$960 thousand dollars when this is said and done. This program is going to repave 8 or 9 streets in the city, it's also going to incorporate the proposal that we passed last year to replace the damage crosswalks in Olde Reynoldsburg as well as construct the parking lot in Olde Reynoldsburg. As you know we passed those items last year but by the time we got everything together it was too late in the construction season to start construction so we do not anticipate having that same problem this year. We talked a lot in the past about our street repair needs and truth of the matter is, we just don't have the type of funding we would like to address all of the different streets we would like to work on every year. Recently I gave you a color coded map that

showed the condition of every street in the city that was not a good map, it was a tough map to look at because a lot of streets are in poor or very poor condition. We don't have millions of dollars so what we do have we're trying to use wisely. Part of this year's program is we're trying to do groupings of streets. For example, this year we want to do Tomahawk, Trailblazer, Pathfinder and Wigwam because those streets are all connected, they're all in poor or very poor condition and by doing them all at once we're getting an entire neighborhood addressed as opposed to taking our limited funds and sort of scattering them randomly on streets throughout the city. That was part of the thinking on why we designed the program why we did this year and we think that it's a good program with the resources we have and we hope that you'll give it approval. Once this is approved, it will take EMH&T several weeks to do the engineering as well as get the documents together to bid it, we would request that I pass as an emergency whenever you're comfortable passing it just so we don't have to wait an extra month to hire a contractor. Cities all over the region are planning their projects right now and the sooner we get in the better as far as competition and getting a better price. I know you just got this last week, I'm not going to ask you to pass it next week or anything so as soon as you're comfortable we're ready to get going on it.

Mr. Barrett: The parking lot portion of this, it's the only thing I'm trying to get my arms wrapped around. I like the idea of us bringing people downtown, I think it sets our town up to win but I keep thinking about how we got the Senior Center paved, how we got it supported because it was by a creek. Would it be worth exploring since it's by a creek also?

Mr. Burd: We looked into it last year when we were initially wanting to do it and we didn't find any Grant proposal, I'll certainly be happy to see if there may be anything now that will allow it. At the time there was not but I'll look into it and I'll see what I can find between now and our next meeting but certainly we'd love to have Grant money if there was an opportunity.

Mr. Barrett: It just seems that that particular portion of, I get the brick sidewalks in the crosswalks, those are terrible. But it seems that that parking lot becomes more of a development issue to me and a service that we're offering, I'm curious, it is something that we could ask the business owners to maybe have a stake in that?

Mr. Burd: Like to build it and then assess them for a portion of the charges?

Mr. Barrett: Well we want them to do good..

Mr. Burd: It's not something that we had thought about, it would be used by anyone who wanted to use it so.. I guess I can't give an answer, it hasn't been a plan. I guess the construction and the engineering, and I have to verify this for you but I think that's between \$70 and \$80 thousand dollars of that 900+ so it's not a huge amount. I don't know how that would be divided up, I know there may be some business who don't get a lot of car traffic so they may say look I don't want to participate and they might be 3 doors down, there may be others that get a lot of car traffic and so I don't know how we would set that up proportionately but I can certainly talk to the Development Director to see if there is anything feasible.

Mr. Harris: Just a comment. One of the problems with getting a Grant for that particular property is the long term plan for the city as I understand is, for that not to be a parking lot and the EPA only gets them stuff that they want there as a permanent fixture so I think finding a Grant for that is going to be extremely difficult.

Mr. Barrett: Then the only thing I would like is to continue this through, if we could just get a dollar and cents figure on that portion of it.

Mr. Burd: I have one I just don't remember it, but I'll have it for you.

Mr. Barrett: I mean, I know a couple of businesses there that would really love it and probably some people that go to those businesses that would love it. Not sure that the guys out on Taylor road.. yeah, let's look at that.

Mr. Burd: I'll give you the exact dollar amount and it will include the construction estimated and the engineering for it.

Mr. Clemens: The important thing is to get that brick out of there.

Mr. Burd: yes totally agree.

Mr. Clemens: I hear more complaints on that than I hear of anything.

Mr. Burd: we've gotten complaints consistently about it. They're not getting better, obviously they're getting worse. Mr. Havener and I took a group of students down there last week, we had another group of students looking at Olde Reynoldsburg and I counted 6 bricks on the sidewalks, I have a whole collection in my office of paperweights, and personally its' the most excited about a project since I've been here because we get a lot of complaints and especially if you're in the furthest east bound lanes, it is jarring to hit those crosswalks and you just can't put cold patch down and smooth it out, it just doesn't work. So we wanted to get it done last year, we're definitely going to get it done this year.

Mr. Clemens: Because all of that traffic we do have there, that's important.

Mr. Burd: and the speeds they go unfortunately.

Mr. Barrett: when we replace the crosswalks, will we be making provisions for a new type of crosswalk because that's some pretty heavy traffic.

Mr. Burd: It's going to be asphalt. It's just going to be typical road.

Mr. Barrett: I mean mark them in any way?

Mr. Burd: Oh yea, they'll be marked as crosswalks. They're still going to be striped and marked as crosswalks, they just won't be brick.

Mr. Cotner: Any other questions? Ok, so at least 2 readings here, we'll see where everybody gets as far as comfort level based on some answers we get back then. Motion to send forward to Council for first reading. Second by Mr. Long.

Recommend Passing as an emergency on Second Reading

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