

MINUTES REYNOLDSBURG CITY COUNCIL MEETING

February 14, 2011

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

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

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

Minutes of the regular Council meeting held January 24, 2011 were approved without objection.

The agenda was approved.

Clerk read report from Clerk of Court- -total monies collected from courts held during January 2011 - \$39,521. Total monies also collected during that same period pursuant to Ordinance Numbers 146-94 and 104-02- - \$2,745 for the Computerization Needs Fund; and \$25 for the Enforcement and Education Fund.

Reports:

Mr. Hills: I have sort of a report and it's been passed out to everybody. I accepted the offer of the Mayor to go back and count competitive bidding waivers, and I would advise all Council people, when you have a little time to spend, go in and look through the Council, the ordinance books 2008, 2009, 2010. It's different seeing them all in order; and it's a nice review, but bottom line, I just wanted to note that 2008, there were six waivers of competitive bidding. If you look at most of them, it's because of a consortium bid, a State Contract bid, something like that, is why we granted the waiver. In 2008, Item No. 44-08, which was passed on 6-23-08, that was a little unusual and added six car dealers to the exempt on competitive bidding list. That allows the purchase order for a vehicle to be requested by a department and if approved by the Mayor, the Auditor has a duty to pay for the vehicle. There have been vehicles purchased this way, without either Council or general knowledge. This was the type of transaction that the Auditor of State referenced when we had the Management Meeting and in the management letter in the 2008 Audit.

The year 2009 was just for, all tied to some sort of other system or a previous specialized client like our insurance provider.

The year 2010, we'd been 6 and 4, we jumped to a total of fifteen and here we did have a couple, a few unusual things in 2010. Item No. 5-10 -- that was New World Systems, which was a recommendation of the Auditor, after review and discussion with a number of potential vendors regarding the new operating system for the Auditor, Water and segments of the Administration; and this one, I think everybody can remember, was fully discussed before City Council and some very relevant questions. Chris, I think you'd remember those were asked and we had a long discussion on that and as a result of 5-10, both 66-10 and 67-10 were the hardware and software purchases that were waived based on their recommendation of what was going to make the system work the way it should. Item No. 12-10, GBS was granted a contract in the Clerk of Courts Office. That one, I

believe, is very similar to the one out of the Auditor's Office. Ordinances 36-10 and 37-10, the reason I noted those, 36-10, Keytel was proposed to be added to the exempt vendor list, but removed prior to Council vote, and just Pace Analytical went forward, but on the same night on 37-10, Keytel was retained as exclusive IT contract provider of service for the City of Reynoldsburg. They provided consulting services for Reynoldsburg during 2009 and 2010, prior to that. The interesting thing on that is this can't, the ordinance was passed by Council, but it was over the objection of both the City Attorney and the Auditor regarding competitive bidding, but basically, I learned a lot from going back and seeing that we do, we have certainly increased the amount of waivers. Some based on our process of how we're selecting professional people to supply things for the city. So it, I guess it's just, which way you want to look at it is how it goes, but those that have a full discussion, I think Chris would even agree, those are, once you've had the discussion, I think that there may be a good reason.

Mr. Long: Um-hmm.

Mr. Hills: Just waiving it without having the discussion, that becomes a different story, but bottom line, we do it for a number of reasons and these ordinances, if anybody questions, they are marked, each one of them. I read over 300 and each one of them's marked in Volumes 2008, 2009 and 2010 in the Clerk of Council's Office; but did just want to bring that up for everybody's information.

Clerk read Motion: That the Safety/Service Director be and is hereby authorized and directed to advertise for bids for a new telephone system, hardware, and maintenance.

Mr. Hills: Councilman Joseph.

Mr. Joseph: President Hills, I'd like to hold this item tonight and refer this to Service Committee.

Mr. Hills: Okay, you'd like to hold it and return it back to Committee. Is there any opposition to that? All in favor vote "Aye". (All voted "Aye") Opposed. (No response). It will return to Committee.

Request for Executive Session to review collective bargaining strategy.--Mr. Long moved to recess for Executive Session; Mr. Cotner seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Long "Yea"; Mr. Burd "Yea"; Mr. Deskins "Yea"; Mrs. Kelly "Yea"; Mr. Joseph "Yea"; Mr. Clemens "Yea"; Mr. Cotner "Yea". Motion passed. Mr. Hills said those attending would be all elected officials, Clerk of Council, and Mr. Fishel. Council recessed for Executive Session at 7:39 p.m.

Council reconvened at 8:11 p.m. With the roll called, members responding were: Mr. Long "Present"; Mr. Burd "Present"; Mr. Deskins "Present"; Mrs. Kelly "Present"; Mr. Joseph "Present"; Mr. Clemens "Present"; Mr. Cotner "Present".

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

William L. Hills, President of Council

Nancy C. Frazier, Clerk of Council