

MINUTES REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
REYNOLDSBURG CITY COUNCIL
February 13, 2012

President of Council Doug Joseph called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Members of Council present: Barth R. Cotner, Chris Long, Nathan Burd, Scott A. Barrett, Leslie Kelly, Cornelius McGrady III, Mel Clemens.

The Invocation was given by Councilman Long. Mr. Joseph led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the regular Council meeting held January 23, 2012 were approved without objection.

Mr. Cotner moved to amend the agenda by adding an ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 12-11 passed March 28, 2011 that authorized the purchase of a dump truck for the Storm Water Department, in order to have reference to a trade-in vehicle be included in the legislation. Mr. Barrett seconded. Mr. Joseph said Council would have to waive the committee referral rule, and pass the item as an emergency, each action to require five votes. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Cotner "Yea"; Mr. Long "Yea"; Mr. Burd "Yea"; Mr. Barrett "Yea"; Mrs. Kelly "Yea"; Mr. McGrady "Yea"; Mr. Clemens "Yea". Motion passed; amended agenda approved. Mr. Joseph said the item would become Item 14a.

Community Comments and Requests

a. Presentation - Metropolitan Transportation Plan

Bernice Cage, Public Information Officer and Diversity Manager, Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission presented information about the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, noting the improvements were the result of growth, and material engineers had sent to them; that in order to have the improvements be federally-funded, they must be included on the plan. Ms. Cage said the entire presentation could be viewed by visiting the web site: www.morpc.org.

Communications

Clerk read report from Clerk of Court: monies collected from courts held during the month of December 2011 - \$37,006; monies collected during that same period pursuant to Ordinance No. 146-94 and Ordinance No. 104-02 - - - \$2,520 for the Computerization Needs Fund; and \$120 for the Enforcement and Education Fund.

Reports

a. Presentation of Awards for Reynoldsburg Division of Police

Acting Chief Scott McKinley presented the following awards, and said that in addition to the formal awards, he had a less formal one that they use to recognize performance of their employees on a regular basis called the "Chief's Letter of Commendation"; that probably three or four were handed out each month about something that had been brought to their attention regarding an employee having done something good for the community, or had done something outstanding; and read the latest example regarding Officer Burks. "On February 9, 2012 Officer Burks was dispatched to the Reynoldsburg Police Department to meet with a 14-year-old female,

who wished to report a domestic situation at her home that morning involving her mother. On interviewing this youth, Officer Burks agreed to take her home so she could get ready for school and then escorted her to her high school. Officer Burks not only took the time and effort to ensure the youth got to school safely, but also made the effort to meet with the principal and the counselor in an effort to gain assistance for this youth. As a result, the girl was found to be eligible for the free lunch program, something she had not had access to in the past. Officer Burks then made himself available to meet with the girl's mother ____ of the school's was involved in proposing a plan with the mother and offering suggestions as to dealing with the living situation at her home. Officer Burks also engaged Truro Township Fire Department to obtain heating assistance and a fire safety plan for the home, where they were using a furnace that was not operational and they were heating the house with space heaters, which was overloading the electrical circuits. There were also no working smoke detectors in the home at that time. So through his actions, we recognize him with this letter of commendation."

Acting Chief McKinley then presented the following awards:

10 Year Faithful Service: Officer Damon Faraone; Officer Tamara Jackson; Officer Ryan Kiser; Officer Jeremy Severance

20 Year Faithful Service: Officer Dave Love

30 Year Faithful Service: Police Clerk Linda Paugh

2011 OVI Ace Award: Officer Dan Downing

2011 Officer of the Year Award: Officer Vincent Scalmato

2011 Supervisor of the Year Award: Sergeant Ron Wright

2011 Lifesaving Awards: Officer James Rodgers; Officer James Triplett.

President of Council Joseph announced that volunteers would be needed for two commissions that would be created in 2012 - the Charter Review Commission and the Ward Boundary Commission. Citizens that are interested in serving on either of the commissions should send a letter of interest to the Clerk of Council, to include any pertinent bio information and also their political party affiliation. The deadline for submission is the second committee meeting in March.

Mr. McGrady: You make reference to anyone that's interested, to submit their application, resume, etc. My question is relative to a committee that I made request for, maybe 2009-2010; the individual that was selected at the time, it was a committee, anyway, the response from Mr. Deskins was that we selected an individual whose application was received a year ago; so my question is, anytime these review committee seats are available, are we going to take new applications, or is there something written that says we will retain these resumes, applications, in a bin somewhere for future use? That is my question.

Mr. Joseph: Mrs. Frazier, do we not retain a file with people who submit to be on various boards and commissions to be considered?

Clerk Frazier: If they say so. If they want to be considered for other...anything that might come down the pike, okay; if not, they just respond for that, and that's the only thing we consider them for.

Mr. Joseph: Some of the cities' boards and commissions are on-going bodies that are continuous; whereas, the Charter Review and the Ward Boundary are temporary commissions that serve for a period until their work is done, which is generally a few months. So, and then again, they don't meet again for either five or ten years depending on which one it is. We have received a few letters already from people who want to serve on these commissions, but, again, unless they specifically specify that they want to be retained, they typically aren't.

Mr. McGrady: Okay, so to go back to my initial question, so there's nothing written - it's just per the individual 'retain my resume for consideration for any...'

Mr. Joseph: Right, because some people might say I'm interested in this particular position and if it's filled by someone else, I mean, they only applied for that one position, but if they're applying for something more general - 'I'd like to be considered for any number of boards or commissions', then that would be retained.

Mr. McGrady: Okay, thank you.

Motion(s)

Clerk read Motion: That the Council of the City of Reynoldsburg does hereby appoint Marshall Spalding to fill an unexpired term on the Design Review Board; term will end December 31, 2012.- -Mr. Long moved adoption; Mr. Clemens seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Cotner "Yea"; Mr. Long "Yea"; Mr. Burd "Yea"; Mr. Barrett "Yea"; Mrs. Kelly "Yea"; Mr. McGrady "Yea"; Mr. Clemens "Yea". Motion passed.

ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO: AMENDING SECTION 971.08 "Program and Facility Fees And Charges" OF CHAPTER 971 MUNICIPAL PARKS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY- -Clerk read ordinance by title for the one required reading. Mrs. Kelly moved adoption; Mr. Barrett seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Cotner "Yea"; Mr. Long "Yea"; Mr. Burd "Yea"; Mr. Barrett "Yea"; Mrs. Kelly "Yea"; Mr. McGrady "Yea"; Mr. Clemens "Yea". Motion passed; Ordinance No. 02-2012 adopted.

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE 2012 STREET PROGRAM - LANCASTER AVENUE; APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY- -Clerk read ordinance by title for the one required reading. Mr. Clemens moved adoption; Mr. Burd seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Cotner "Yea"; Mr. Long "Yea"; Mr. Burd "Yea"; Mr. Barrett "Yea"; Mrs. Kelly "Yea"; Mr. McGrady "Yea"; Mr. Clemens "Yea". Motion passed; Ordinance No. 03-2012 adopted.

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PREPARATION OF DOCUMENTS AND ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR THE 2012 SANITARY SEWER PROGRAM; APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY- -Clerk read ordinance by title for the one required reading. Mr. Cotner moved adoption; Mr. Barrett seconded. With the roll called,

members voted: Mr. Cotner “Yea”; Mr. Long “Yea”; Mr. Burd “Yea”; Mr. Barrett “Yea”; Mrs. Kelly “Yea”; Mr. McGrady “Yea”; Mr. Clemens “Yea”. Motion passed; Ordinance No. 04-2012 adopted.

ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATION FOR PAYMENT OF BILLS FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY PROSECUTOR’S OFFICE, AND FOR COMMON PLEAS CLERK OF COURT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY- - Clerk read ordinance by title for the one required reading. Mr. Long moved adoption; Mr. Clemens seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Cotner “Yea”; Mr. Long “Yea”; Mr. Burd “Yea”; Mr. Barrett “Yea”; Mrs. Kelly “Yea”; Mr. McGrady “Yea”; Mr. Clemens “Yea”. Motion passed; Ordinance No. 05-2012 adopted.

ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 12-11 PASSED MARCH 28, 2011 THAT AUTHORIZED THE MAYOR TO PURCHASE ONE 2011 FORD F-450 DUMP TRUCK FOR THE STORM WATER DEPARTMENT, TO INCLUDE REFERENCE TO TRADE-IN VEHICLE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY- - Clerk read ordinance by title for the one required reading. Mayor McCloud explained that the original information for the legislation had not included reference to the trade-in vehicle and the information was needed for action by the Auditor. Mr. McGrady asked if the original purchase had gone through the bid process. The Mayor replied it had been attached to the state bid. Mr. McGrady asked who had the history on the matter; the Mayor said the Clerk of Council had the information. Mr. Cotner moved to waive the committee referral and recommendation rule; Mr. Long seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Cotner “Yea”; Mr. Long “Yea”; Mr. Burd “Yea”; Mr. Barrett “Yea”; Mrs. Kelly “Yea”; Mr. McGrady “Yea”; Mr. Clemens “Yea”. Motion passed; committee referral rule waived. Mr. Cotner moved adoption; Mr. Barrett seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Cotner “Yea”; Mr. Long “Yea”; Mr. Burd “Yea”; Mr. Barrett “Yea”; Mrs. Kelly “Yea”; Mr. McGrady “Yea”; Mr. Clemens “Yea”. Motion passed; Ordinance No. 06-2012 adopted.

ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO: ADDITION of SECTION 971.40 “Approval by Council; Director’s Powers” TO CHAPTER 971 MUNICIPAL PARKS- - Clerk read ordinance by title for the first reading. Item referred to Community Development Committee.

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXTENSION OF CONTRACT WITH BRICKMAN GROUP FOR ONE YEAR FOR MAINTENANCE OF MAIN STREET CORRIDOR REVITALIZATION LANDSCAPING- - Clerk read ordinance by title for the first reading.

Mr. McGrady: I understand my decision may or may not impact this vote here, but I cannot support this document. As we discussed last week, this item was never approved by Council and has been ongoing since 2006; I have an ethical issue with it. And I can’t understand how with this not going before Council for approval, how we, you know, the contract we have here, how we still, aside from the contract, how we’re still bound with this, if it has not gone through Council. That’s my question, so therefore I cannot support this.

Mr. Joseph: This is only the first reading and there will be additional discussion in committee next week.

Mr. McGrady: Okay.

Mr. Joseph said the item would be returned to the Community Development Committee.

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE STATE OF OHIO FROM SEEKING TO TAKE CONTROL OF MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX COLLECTION- -Clerk read resolution by title for the first reading; item referred to Finance Committee.

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH DONALD J. SCHONHARDT & ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR MANAGEMENT CONSULTING SERVICES- -Clerk read ordinance by title for the second reading. Item referred to Finance Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Doug Joseph, President of Council

Nancy C. Frazier, Clerk of Council