

MINUTES REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
REYNOLDSBURG CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 28, 2008

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

Members of Council present: Antoinette Newman, Donna Shirey, Ron Stake, Fred Deskins, Leslie Kelly, Doug Joseph, Mel Clemens.

The Invocation was given by Mr. Hills, who also led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the regular Council meeting held January 14, 2008 were approved without objection.

The agenda was approved.

Community Comments and Requests- - -

Mr. Baxter: Good evening, my name is Brett Baxter Sr. I live at 7901 Windrift Place, Reynoldsburg, Ohio. President of Council, Council members. The reason I've come here tonight is to bring you up to speed to some of the things that have happened over the last month or so. We have met as an association with the city, and I am pleased to announce that we are making progress and that's good news. It has been a long time that we've been working toward this project and trying to get it resolved, and with the new Administration, I'm happy to announce that we are making leverage in that direction. A couple of facts I just want to make sure that we get out into the public. The street is twenty-three feet and there's no contest of that any longer. The street was built, and it is out of code. There's no longer a contest of that as well. So with that said, I believe that we have some work with the city to try to solve this problem. And I'm happy to say that this Administration's willing to do so. So I just thought I'd bring you up to date and let you know where we stand. I thank you for your time.

Reports- - -

Mr. Stake: Thank you President Hills. I just want to talk a little bit tonight about some of the confusion on the Gas Aggregation Program. In fact, just this evening, I received a post card dated January 15 talking about Interstate Gas Supply and if you want to opt out - and you had to opt out by the 24th. So we're past that. And I know a lot of folks in Reynoldsburg have been getting this. Previous to this, I got a letter from Interstate Gas Supply saying that if I want to keep their program, just stay, I didn't have to do anything. And they were offering 3 ½ cents off a unit on the gas versus Columbia Gas. I know the city's been getting a lot of calls from residents in regards to this post card and they're very confused. What I've been told by Interstate Gas is that you can opt out at any time. So there is a deadline on the card for opting out. However, you can opt out after the deadline. I'd like the public to know that. And I also, I spoke with some constituents about this and I think it was a little bit misunderstood. They felt that City Council did this to them, and it really didn't work that way. Back on November 6, 2001 in the General Election, the local residents authorized the City of Reynoldsburg to enter into this program and it's evolved along the way since then. So it's not something that City Council did. It was brought to us by the Development Department at the time. It was brought to the voters and then it did come back to City Council and was revised and voted on. But the purpose of the program is to buy gas with some clout. Small businesses and residents were able to get together and purchase the gas. And

the only way to get the discount on the gas was to have a program like this. It's not like your phone service where you can go out and get Insight, or Vonage, or AT&T. It doesn't work that way. The only way to offer a discount to the citizens was to put a program like this in effect. So with that said, I just would like the Administration to make sure that, there are some requirements in this, and I want to make sure that the, or ask the Administration to make sure that the requirements are upheld and they look into making sure that this is done properly. And the press maybe get some information out there to people. Let them know that they can opt out at any time, and it does save them money. The Interstate Gas Supply does save them money over Columbia Gas. Columbia Gas still does the billing, the repairs, and is still run through their lines. It's just purchased as a group from Interstate Gas. Thank you, President Hills.

Mr. Hills: Mr. Stake, if I could ask one follow-up question on Interstate. It is 3 ½% discount below Columbia's normal rate? Is that how that is?

Mr. Stake: Right. It's 3 ½ cents per unit off of what the Columbia Gas rate is. So it is a benefit to the citizens. Although they can have the Columbia Gas if they wish.

Mr. Hills: Okay. They can opt out and pay 3 ½ cents more or go to some other supplier.

Mr. Stake: Well, I don't think they can go to another supplier. There's only two. There's Columbia Gas and Interstate Gas supply that run the.....

Mr. Hills: Interstate's the only offer here.

Mr. Stake: ..right.

Mr. Hills: Thank you very much. I appreciate the update.

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE, ADOPT AND ENACT A SUPPLEMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO- -Clerk read ordinance by title for the one required reading. Mr. Stake moved adoption. Mrs. Newman seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mrs. Newman "Yea"; Mrs. Shirey "Yea"; Mr. Stake "Yea"; Mr. Deskins "Yea"; Mrs. Kelly "Yea"; Mr. Joseph "Yea"; Mr. Clemens "Yea". Motion passed; Ordinance No. 5-08 adopted.

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO PURCHASE FOUR VEHICLES (three 2008 Ford Crown Victoria Police Cruisers; one 2008 Chevrolet Tahoe) FOR REYNOLDSBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT- -Clerk read ordinance by title for the first reading. Item referred to Safety Committee.

ORDINANCE ACCEPTING UNRECORDED DEED OF EASEMENT (sanitary sewer easement) (.0142 acre) (ABEBA GOLLA)- -Clerk read ordinance by title for the third reading. Mr. Clemens moved adoption. Mrs. Shirey seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mrs. Newman "Yea"; Mrs. Shirey "Yea"; Mr. Stake "Abstain"; Mr. Deskins "Yea"; Mrs. Kelly "Yea"; Mr. Joseph "Yea"; Mr. Clemens "Yea". Motion passed; Ordinance No. 6-08 adopted.

ORDINANCE ACCEPTING UNRECORDED DEED OF EASEMENT (sanitary sewer easement) (.2344 acre) DARIN BOSTER- -Clerk read ordinance by title for the third reading. Mr. Clemens moved adoption. Mr. Joseph seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mrs. Newman "Yea"; Mrs. Shirey "Yea"; Mr. Stake "Abstain"; Mr. Deskins "Yea"; Mrs. Kelly "Yea"; Mr. Joseph "Yea"; Mr. Clemens "Yea". Motion passed; Ordinance No. 7-08 adopted.

ORDINANCE APPROVING AMENDED FINAL PLAT OF OAK VALLEY SUBDIVISION SECTION 1 entitled "Replat Of Easements Of Oak Valley Subdivision Section One" AND REPEALING ORDINANCE 67-98- -Clerk read ordinance by title for the third reading. Mr. Clemens moved adoption. Mr. Stake seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mrs. Newman "Yea"; Mrs. Shirey "Yea"; Mr. Stake "Yea"; Mr. Deskins "Yea"; Mrs. Kelly "Yea"; Mr. Joseph "Yea"; Mr. Clemens "Yea". Motion passed; Ordinance No. 8-08 adopted.

Request by Mayor for an Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. Mr. Stake moved to recess for Executive Session; Mr. Joseph seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mrs. Newman "Yea"; Mrs. Shirey "Yea"; Mr. Stake "Yea"; Mr. Deskins "Yea"; Mrs. Kelly "Yea"; Mr. Joseph "Yea"; Mr. Clemens "Yea". Motion passed. Mr. Hills said those attending would be elected officials, Clerk of Council, and Attorney Marc Fishel. Mr. Hills said following the Executive Session, Council would reconvene only to call the roll and adjourn. Council recessed at 7:40 p.m.

Council reconvened at 9:05 p.m. With the roll called, members responding were: Mrs. Newman "Present"; Mr. Stake "Present"; Mr. Deskins "Present"; Mrs. Kelly "Present"; Mr. Joseph "Present"; Mr. Clemens "Present".

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

William L. Hills, President of Council

Nancy C. Frazier, Clerk of Council

(Minutes compiled/S. Lyday, Ass't. Clerk of Council)