

MINUTES REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
REYNOLDSBURG CITY COUNCIL
January 27, 2003

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

Members of Council present: Eric Gilbert, William Hills, Lane Beougher, Ron Stake, Sarah Cannella, Jim Wade. Councilman Mel Clemens was absent.

The Invocation was given by Mr. Beougher. Mr. McCloud led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the regular Council meeting held January 13, 2003 were approved without objection. Minutes of the special Council meeting held January 21, 2003 were approved without objection.

The agenda was approved.

Community Comments and Requests- -Donna Clifford spoke regarding pedestrian safety.

Reports- -Mrs. Cannella gave a report on conforming boundaries. She said Council will eventually have a meeting on this. She said when we do, we will let everyone know about it. She said the problem is that we have a contract given to us that brings up more questions than answers. She said she would like the questions answered before we talk to the public. Mr. Gilbert said that it is fair to say that no one understands the Truro Township fire fighters concerns that have brought forward no better than this Council. He said from his standpoint as a Council representative representing Ward III, he has within his Ward three separate townships within three different counties that will be greatly affected by any deliberations on this matter. He said what has to be our primary consideration in this matter and throughout these deliberations is the continued protection and safety of the citizens of Reynoldsburg first and foremost. He said he has heard from a great many residents over the past five days in Etna Township as well as Truro Township and Violet Township and all have shared their concerns and suggestions. He said he thinks it's important as we begin to deliberate this and obtain some answers to our questions, that we prevent this from becoming any type of a political football. He said that's very important and he thinks we can do that best by keeping the protection and safety of our citizens at the forefront of this.

Mr. Gilbert presented the completed first draft of the Council newsletter to be known as "Reynoldsburg City Council Update". He announced the creation of the City Council citizens help hot line. He said in 2002, President McCloud directed him to look into ways to better inform the public about how Council works, who our Council representatives are, how citizens can better participate in the Council process, and to create a process for citizens to get their views and concerns to the Council members in a more efficient manner. He said the Council newsletter provides information on how Council works, when Council meets, how to speak before Council, explains the Council Committee structure and process, informs the public of the resources provided by our professional clerk staff, background Bio's and contact information on each of the Council members and information on the new Council citizen help hot line. He said the newsletter is also designed so that a single Council member could utilize the piece to address a

single topic or, as an example, provide a Ward update for Ward representatives to highlight an issue or send out a questionnaire to their citizens. He said the Council hot line will be a new service provided to the citizens to get their views and/or concerns to the City Council members on a daily basis. He said many times a citizen has difficulty contacting a member for any number of reasons and the thought was to centralize citizen inquiries through the Council Clerk's office so that inquiries could be directed to the individual Council members the same day they are made. He said the hot line number will be made available upon review and approval from President McCloud of these two items. He said he would point out that these new services will not require any appropriations to the Council budget and distribution can be determined by the members at a later date. He said any suggestions from the members or general public will be greatly appreciated. He said he would like to take this opportunity to thank a resident, Sandra Long for her professional and technical input into this matter. He said without her assistance this would not have been possible from a creative and technical standpoint. He thanked the members also.

Mayor McPherson said our Human Resources Director, Millie Milam received the SPHR certification in December of 2002. He said this certification was earned by passing a 4 hour comprehensive written examination. He said a person with the Senior Professional Human Resources certification must demonstrate an advanced mastery of theoretical and practical experience in Human Resource management and accept the personal challenge to stay informed of new developments in the Human Resources field. He said SHRM is the world's largest organization dedicated exclusively to the Human Resource profession. He said the institutes purpose is to promote the establishment of professional standards and to recognize professionals who meet those standards. He said as of May of this last year, there were only 2,571 certified Human Resource professionals in the State of Ohio. He said now the City of Reynoldsburg is one of the 2,571. He said we have a certified Senior Professional Human Resource employee in this city.

Mayor McPherson read an award regarding Mr. Brandt: "The Reynoldsburg Area Chamber of Commerce is proud to recognize John Brandt as the recipient of the 2002 Good Government Award. For embodying the spirit of cooperation between government and business and working for a better community awarded to him on December 3, 2002".

Regular Agenda items:

ORDINANCE ENACTED BY THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO, HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY (LPA), IN THE MATTER OF THE STATED DESCRIBED PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY-
-Clerk read ordinance by title for the one required reading. Mr. Wade moved adoption. Mr. Hills seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Gilbert "Yea"; Mr. Hills "Yea"; Mr. Beougher "Yea"; Mr. Stake "Yea"; Mrs. Cannella "Yea"; Mr. Wade "Yea". Motion passed; Ordinance No. 2-03 adopted.

RESOLUTION CONCERNING SERVICES TO PROPERTY PROPOSED FOR ANNEXATION OF 1.4+/- ACRES, IN TRURO TOWNSHIP TO THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG (Harrison W. Smith, Jr., agent for Petitioner David E. Demarchi)- Clerk read

resolution by title for the first reading. Mr. Gilbert moved suspension of the CRC Section 4.04 three reading rule. Mr. Hills seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Gilbert "Yea"; Mr. Hills "Yea"; Mr. Beougher "Yea"; Mr. Stake "Yea"; Mrs. Cannella "Yea"; Mr. Wade "Yea". Motion passed; rule suspended.

Mr. Gilbert moved adoption. Mrs. Cannella seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Gilbert "Yea"; Mr. Hills "Yea"; Mr. Beougher "Yea"; Mr. Stake "Yea"; Mrs. Cannella "Yea"; Mr. Wade "Yea". Motion passed; Resolution No. 3-03 adopted.

ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 131-95 ON NOVEMBER 27, 1995 AND AS SUBSEQUENTLY AMENDED - 1675 Truro Avenue; from R-1 to AR-1c with Limitation Zoning Text; applicant, J. Timothy Rini Jr., V.P. of Land Development, C.V. Perry & Co. (5.146 acres)- -Clerk read ordinance by title for the first reading. Mr. McCloud set a Public Hearing on February 18, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Request for Executive Session by Councilman Hills and Mayor for discussion of compensation of public employees or officials. Mr. Stake moved to recess for Executive Session; Mr. Hills seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Gilbert "Yea"; Mr. Hills "Yea"; Mr. Beougher "Yea"; Mr. Stake "Yea"; Mrs. Cannella "Yea"; Mr. Wade "Yea". Motion passed. Mr. McCloud said following the Executive Session, Council would reconvene only to call the roll and adjourn. Council recessed for Executive Session at 7:45 p.m.

Council reconvened at 8:45 p.m. With the roll called, members responding were: Mr. Gilbert "Present"; Mr. Hills "Present"; Mr. Beougher "Present"; Mr. Stake "Present"; Mrs. Cannella "Present"; Mr. Wade "Present".

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Bradley L. McCloud, President of Council

Susie Smith, Assistant Clerk of Council