



**FINANCE COMMITTEE - BARTH COTNER
MONDAY JANUARY 23, 2017**

**COMMITTEE MEETING: IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE PREVIOUS
MEETING**

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

1. Call to Order

PRESENT: Clemens, Cotner, Long, Skinner, Joseph
ABSENT:

2. Approval of Agenda

Agenda stands approved.

3. Approval of Minutes

a. Finance Committee – Committee Meeting – January 10, 2017

Minutes stand approved.

4. Discussion

a. Motion that the Reynoldsburg Department of Public Service be and is Hereby Authorized and Directed to Advertise for Statements of Qualifications for the Reynoldsburg Community Center Project.

Mr. Sampson: Thank you Chairman Cotner. The purpose of this legislation is to advertise for an architect for the City of Reynoldsburg Community Center project. We will follow the State's qualification based selection process in choosing an architect. This process takes several months to complete and our goal is to have a team selected by May. The advertisement and the request for qualifications will state that project funding is contingent upon passing a May 2017 ballot issue. We will not put the architect under contract or begin design services until the results of the ballot issue are in and Council authorizes us to move forward.

RESULT:	REFERRED [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 2/13/2017 8:02 PM
MOVER:	Barth R. Cotner, At Large	
SECONDER:	Chris Long, At Large	
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- b. Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a "Master Agreement" with Constellation NewEnergy Inc., to Provide Full Requirements Retail Electric Energy Supply and Related Administrative Services to an Aggregated Group and Declaring an Emergency. (First Reading 1/23/2017).

Mr. Sampson: Thank you Chairman Cotner. The City's aggregation program expires in March of this year. Tonight's legislation presents our recommendation for Constellation to be the City's next aggregation provider. American Municipal Power solicited preliminary or indicative pricing for a 24 month period, Constellation came in the lowest indicative rate of 5.5 cents per kilowatt hour. It's important to note that final pricing will reflect any market changes between now and when the final pricing is established at the time Council adopts legislation.

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- c. A Resolution Accepting, Approving and Ratifying the Submitted Recommendations of Several City of Reynoldsburg Tax Incentive Review Councils; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (First Reading 1/23/2017).

Mr. Havener: I have no comments unless Council has some questions. This is just approving the minutes of the TIRC meetings before we submit the official documents to Franklin County for their use.

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- d. Ordinance Authorizing the Reynoldsburg Division of Police to Apply for and Accept the Us Department of Justice; Office of Justice Programs; Bureau of Justice Assistance Grant and Declaring an Emergency. (First Reading 1/23/2017).

Chief O'Neill: Thank you Chairman Cotner and members of Council. This grant came to us through the US Department of Justice and it specifically identified to help agencies get on board with the body camera movement that has been out there nation wide. It's my belief that that is going to pick up momentum at the State House eventually and if it doesn't come directly through legislation, it's going to probably affect our ability to get grants in the future if we don't have these body cameras. We estimate that we could get up and running with this program for approximately \$60,000 (sixty thousand dollars) and this particular grant has a

50% match so we'd be looking at most likely dipping into one of our special enforcement funds for the \$30,000 that we would have to put up to get this program under way. All of that is pretty much incumbent on them liking the application we put forward because as you know there are no guarantees with these Department of Justice Grants and we have submitted them in the past and thought we did a pretty good job and thought we had a good chance of getting money and we didn't. If that's the case, we would continue to explore the possibility of either additional grant funding or of coming up with the \$60,000 on our own but that's something that we would cross after we get a decision on this.

Mr. Cotner: How many officers would this supply if we get this grant or if you get this program going.

Chief O'Neill: That's a good question because there are several different versions of these body cameras out there and although the body cameras themselves do represent some expense, the real expense in all of this is the ongoing nature of the program and us trying to find a way to store the data once we collect it. There's obviously public records issues, retention schedules that will all be part of the process so ideally we would have enough to outfit one for every cruiser that is out there. There are some particular programs that want or recommend that every officer have their own camera. Again, the camera is not the expense its the actual storage that we have to figure out. Ideally we'd be looking at 14-15 of these to start out with as a pilot and if it looks like something we want to move forward with we'd pick up the extra 40.

Mr. Cotner: So would we be prepared if we receive this grant then? You mentioned those logistical challenges if you get the good news you're selected do you think you'd be able to hit the ground running?

Chief O'Neill: We have several projects that we've got under way right now including a complete overhaul of our records management system and our property management system. Those are a priority for us. We would tackle these as they come along and we're not reinventing the wheel, there are plenty of other departments out there, Ohio State University Police Department just went to body cameras last week. So they've done a lot of the ground work for us if nothing else we could probably cut and paste their entire program and come up with an acceptable process for handling this thing. We could do it, it's not our number one priority, but at least this would tell us where we ****.

Mr. Long: Actually we're kind of lucky, one of the individual who designed Columbus's system is actually living here in the City of Reynoldsburg. One of the things that he has stated and I think we need to keep in mind on this is that we don't have internal IT services right now, and even he has stated that Columbus is going to run into issues because they haven't adequately planned for the storage of public records, court history and things of that sort. Anything that we do, I understand that you may be totally prepared and everything else but we need to consult with our IT people to make sure we're prepared.

Chief O'Neill: We knew this was coming in fact when we sat down with the group that is helping us with our IT issues right now, we put this on the table at the very beginning and

they're worked with other agencies, Powell, comes to mind. I think they run the entire IT system for the City of Powell including their Police Department and they're gone down this road before, so this isn't something that would be new to them. It's a little larger scale than Powell's police department but I think if you've done 15, 40 isn't totally different.

Mr. Joseph: I've been a supporter of this kind of technology and I'm very happy to see that you brought this before Council, I have a couple of questions though. One is, I don't know if you've had a lot of discussions with any other departments or significant use of these, but the question that I have is that, what kind of liability issues to these things bring, or do they protect us from liability issues? I would think they would protect us somewhat with a video record where the city might be sued or something like that, do we have any evidence that it might protect the city?

Chief O'Neill: Probably the best that we could do would be to go back and look at the implementation of our cruiser cameras and how that affected our day to day operations and affected our ability to address concerns that citizens brought for us. Universally, I don't think it would be a secret to say that most police officers were not a fan of having a camera over their shoulder from the time they started to the time they clocked out every day and I was an officer here before anybody had cameras in their cars and have seen that because universally accepted. I would say without a doubt the cameras in the cars saved us a tremendous amount because we were able to immediately address concerns and go back and view some of the contacts that some of these people complained about and we had evidence that maybe their recollection of the events weren't entirely accurate.

Mr. Joseph: The other question was pertaining to, there's a question as to whether these types of videos would be available for anyone to view. Do we have anything in place or are we looking to the State or what procedures are we going to have to ensure that we follow the proper procedure on whether these videos are kept confidential within the city...

Chief O'Neill: The default in this matter would be the public records law that already exists and we certainly, I'm in no hurry to have my name attached to case law in these things and I gotta tell you that big yellow book that the Attorney General Publishes each year, we'll stick to that. It does represent a record, it does represent what we do on a day to day basis. Now there are obvious exceptions and there are certain redactions that would have to be accounted for, we would turn over evidence during an ongoing case, we would defer a lot of that to the City Attorney or Prosecutor if it's something that is happening downtown, but its no different than a police report as far as we're concerned. It represents a record and its on our retention schedule we'll hold it for as long as we have to and we'll purge it when the record says we should.

Mr. Joseph: Is that what we do with dash cameras now?

Chief O'Neill: Yes.

Mr. Joseph: Great thank you.

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- e. ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM UNAPPROPRIATED GENERAL FUND FOR GRANT MONIES RECEIVED FROM THE LBRANDS FOUNDATION. (Second Reading 2/13/2017).

Chief O'Neill: We completely out of the blue received a notification accompanied by a check from LBrands saying we were a recipient to a \$1500 grant to be used basically at our discretion. As is normal, we treated this like donated money and put it in the General Fund and we ask that it be taken out of the General Fund and be placed into the Community Resource Bureau account. Collectively we, the staff and I decided that \$1000 of that would be used to augment our give away items that we use at the Tomato Festival and National Night Out and the other appearances that we do and the balance of the other \$500 of this will be used to sort of seed money for this years Heroes for Heroes race. We know there's expenses going into these things whether its to purchase shirts or the equipment or even building another obstacle, we're treating that race as another ongoing enterprise and several of you have either taken part in it or volunteered at it in the past and we're proud of the race and want to see it move forward and this will allow us to take more of the donated money in entrance fees and convert that over to an actual donation into a charity that we pick.

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- f. Ordinance to Approve Payment of Services Performed Prior to the Auditor's Certification of Availability of Funds and Declaring an Emergency - Keytel Systems

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