

MINUTES REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
REYNOLDSBURG CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 14, 2008

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

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

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

Minutes of the regular Council meeting held December 17, 2007 were approved without objection.
Minutes of the special Council meeting held January 5, 2008 were approved without objection.
Minutes of the special Council meeting held January 8, 2008 were approved without objection.

Mr. Stake moved to add an Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances to replace the position of full time Human Resources Director with a part time Human Resources Director. Mr. Hills stated that the item would be number 13a on the agenda, and would be followed by item 11 being moved and becoming item 13b. The amended agenda was approved without objection.

Request for Executive Session to discuss appointment and compensation of a public employee - Mr. Stake moved to recess for Executive Session; Mr. Clemens seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Clemens "Yea"; Mrs. Newman "Yea"; Mrs. Shirey "Yea"; Mr. Stake "Yea"; Mr. Deskins "Yea"; Mrs. Kelly "Yea"; Mr. Joseph "Yea". Motion passed. Mr. Hills said those attending would be all elected officials; Clerk of Council; Megan Kish; and Chief of Police. Mr. Hills said Executive Sessions were usually at the end of the meeting, but it was necessary to hold it earlier this time; that Council should return shortly. Council recessed at 7:33 p.m.

Council reconvened at 7:47 p.m. With the roll called, members responding were: Mr. Clemens "Present"; Mrs. Newman "Present"; Mrs. Shirey "Present"; Mr. Stake "Present"; Mr. Deskins "Present"; Mrs. Kelly "Present"; Mr. Joseph "Present".

Communications- - Clerk read report from Clerk of Courts; total monies collected from courts held during December 2007, \$34,396. Monies also collected during that period pursuant to Ordinance Nos. 146-94 and 104-02- - \$1,907 for the Computerization Needs Fund; and \$165 for the Enforcement and Education Fund.

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CONTRACT (TWO YEARS) TO MAINTAIN MAIN STREET CORRIDOR REVITALIZATION LANDSCAPING AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY- - Clerk read ordinance by title for the one required reading. Mrs. Newman said the bid was far lower than had been expected; that the company was satisfactory; and moved adoption. Mrs. Shirey seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Clemens "Yea"; Mrs. Newman "Yea"; Mrs. Shirey "Yea"; Mr. Stake "Yea"; Mr. Deskins "Yea"; Mrs. Kelly "Yea"; Mr. Joseph "Yea". Motion passed; Ordinance No. 1-08 adopted.

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE 2008 STREET

PROGRAM; APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY- - Clerk read ordinance by title for the one required reading. Mr. Joseph moved adoption. Mr. Clemens seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Clemens "Yea"; Mrs. Newman "Yea"; Mrs. Shirey "Yea"; Mr. Stake "Yea"; Mr. Deskins "Yea"; Mrs. Kelly "Yea"; Mr. Joseph "Yea". Motion passed; Ordinance No. 2-08 adopted.

ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO: CHAPTER 160 EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION, SECTION 160.02 "Authorized Positions, Personnel, Classification and Pay Grade" Subsection (d) "Human Resources Department" AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY- - Clerk read ordinance by title for the one required reading. Mr. Stake moved to waive the mandatory committee referral rule. Mrs. Newman seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Clemens "Yea"; Mrs. Newman "Yea"; Mrs. Shirey "Yea"; Mr. Stake "Yea"; Mr. Deskins "Yea"; Mrs. Kelly "Yea"; Mr. Joseph "Yea". Motion passed; mandatory committee referral rule waived.

Mr. Stake moved adoption. Mr. Joseph seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Clemens "Yea"; Mrs. Newman "Yea"; Mrs. Shirey "Yea"; Mr. Stake "Yea"; Mr. Deskins "Yea"; Mrs. Kelly "Yea"; Mr. Joseph "Yea". Motion passed; Ordinance No. 3-08 adopted.

Clerk read Motion: That Reynoldsburg City Council does hereby confirm the Mayor's appointment of Megan Kish as Director of Human Resources for the City of Reynoldsburg effective January 15, 2008; position will be 3/4 time at a Pay Grade 20 (\$55,302 for the year 2008), and will receive no benefits, as negotiated at time of hiring.- -Mr. Stake moved adoption. Mr. Clemens seconded. Mrs. Shirey said she did agree that a Human Resources Director was needed, but that she did not agree with the pay grade; and would be abstaining.

With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Clemens "Yea"; Mrs. Newman "Yea"; Mrs. Shirey "Abstain"; Mr. Stake "Yea"; Mr. Deskins "Yea"; Mrs. Kelly "Yea"; Mr. Joseph "Yea". Motion passed.

ORDINANCE ACCEPTING UNRECORDED DEED OF EASEMENT (sanitary sewer easement) (.0142 acre) (ABEBA GOLLA)- - Clerk read ordinance by title for the second reading. Item referred to Service Committee.

ORDINANCE ACCEPTING UNRECORDED DEED OF EASEMENT (sanitary sewer easement) (.2344 acre) DARIN BOSTER- - Clerk read ordinance by title for the second reading. Item referred to Service Committee.

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 second reading. Item referred to Service Committee.

ORDINANCE APPROVING SPECIAL EXCEPTION USE PERMIT - (1756 and 1762 Brice Road, proposed use of land/structure - The Spot Family Fun & Billiards Club); applicant, Pat Manley- - Clerk read ordinance by title for the third reading.

Mr. Clemens moved to amend the ordinance by changing the applicant's name from Pat Manley to Michael Maszon. Mr. Stake seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr.

Clemens “Yea”; Mrs. Newman “Yea”; Mrs. Shirey “Yea”; Mr. Stake “Yea”; Mr. Deskins “Yea”; Mrs. Kelly “Yea”; Mr. Joseph “Yea”. Motion passed; ordinance amended.

Ms. Paley: My name is Eileen Paley. By the way, the daughter of Dr. Shelton Paley. And I was reading The Reynoldsburg News over, the most recent one. And when I actually read about my father, I also noticed that one of my clients, I’m an attorney in town, was in the paper also. And I was concerned because my office is in that area. And what I’m concerned with, and quite frankly, I went over there on Friday night and had a birthday party for my 18 year old nephew, just to personally see what the facility was like. And I have to tell you, the facility was very nice. And I talked to Michael about what he wanted to do. And my concern is, is that area has a lot of closed down businesses. And my office partner wants me to move out of the area because she’s concerned that we can’t bring businesses into our office. And I’m a business attorney. I think that Michael’s establishment is perfect for that area and I don’t consider it a bar as it does in the paper. I’m considering it a sports facility. When I go with my nephew to play lacrosse, they serve beer. When I go with my nephew to play indoor soccer, they serve beer. If I’m going to go with either my nephews, or my sister, or whoever, it doesn’t bother me that they serve beer. In fact, if he’s going to bring in, like his report states, national leagues and tournaments which would bring businesses to this community where it needs it the most, that’s what I want. So I need City Council to be concerned about bringing more business into that area instead of having a closed front which is what’s going to happen if this permit is not approved. So as a concerned citizen and a business owner in that area, that is very concerned about that area, and I’m fighting like heck to stay in the area, I would like to not have another empty store front. So that’s what I need to say.

Mr. Hills: Thank you very much for your comments. Second speaker slip I have is Timothy Gilmore. If you’d give your name and address for the record please.

Mr. Gilmore: Yeah. Tim Gilmore. And I’m addressing The Spot. So my big thing is, yes I’m not even of legal age to consume alcohol, but I would say, I shouldn’t have to go to a bar to attend league games and other social events. Even free play. So the thing that bothers me is, this is a local pool hall that we just recently stumbled across and it’s a very convenient location. Wonderful. But the thing that gets me is, I don’t want to drive to the west side of town to places that claim they’re pool halls and they have what, maybe two pool tables? And I mean, it’s kind of a disgrace. At least here, they live up to their name. You’re a pool hall. They’ve got tons of tables. Lots of play. People are great. But I mean, I don’t want to have to go into a bar. You go to a bar to drink. You go to a pool table to play pool. That’s basically what I have to say. Beer or not, it’s fine. But like I said, it should be separated. You should be able to look at it as a professional business. Because everybody associates all. If you look around this world renowned, that beer’s associated with recreational events. So I’m saying you know, as a local establishment it can be professional and they can have their alcohol. Even coming from an under aged drinker. You know, it’s not my thing. You know, I’m not of legal age. Pardon me. But that’s all I really have to say. You know, it’s worth a shot.

Mr. Hills: Tim, thank you very much for your comments. The next speaker slip I have is Michael Kohn.

Mr. Kohn: I’d like to continue on the point that he was saying. I live 5 minutes away from The

Spot and I only found, I found this place maybe a month ago. I had no idea it was even here. And before that, we didn't know about any place that you could go to shoot pool that wasn't a bar. And so having this local is very convenient, and it's also a good environment. And just like any other recreation, you go to baseball, football, good old American sports, they serve beer. And even me again, also not being of the age to drink and then not being concerned with the drinking, I'd like to see this place stay open. That's all I have to say.

Mr. Hills: Michael, thank you very much for your comments. The next speaker slip I have is Bruce Sowell. Bruce, if you would, give your name and address for the record. Bruce is going to come down front. He hasn't been here for a couple of months.

Mr. Sowell: I'm back in the city.

Mr. Hills: That's why I wanted you to give your address. Everybody wants to know where you are.

Mr. Sowell: My name is Bruce Sowell. I live at 2003 Baldwin Road. Having been associated with the city for almost three decades now, I've come to adopt Reynoldsburg as my home. And I know a lot of people in the city and about the city. And some of you that are on Council and some of you that are not on Council, I've known for quite a while. And I've always been outspoken and continue to be. My concern is, is that yes, we need businesses in that area. And that's what's been the argument. Well, we need a business there. I've got no problem with the business. The problem that I have is the area that I live in is a high crime area in this city. And as this area deteriorates, so goes the City of Reynoldsburg. The location of The Spot, is a problem. It's next to an apartment complex. As having been a person that's patrolled that area as a volunteer for many years, I've seen it go from quiet to just plain out, out of control. The A-list pool players that I've talked to, they go to play pool. They don't go to drink. So I'm saying, if the A-list pool players are not playing pool, then it's got to be the spectators are the ones that's drinking. You're saying you're having continuous tournaments that will be going on in there, like I said, once again, I don't think that's going to happen. The problem with The Spot is location. The location right there, there's been many businesses come in and left in that area right there. We need positive businesses in there. Sure he's got a nice pool hall. No problem with that. When he came in 6 months ago, or whatever time he came in, he asked for it he said family oriented. Now some of us sitting on Council, and a lot of them that is pushing for this legislation don't live in that area. I live in that area. Mr. Clemens lives in that area. The ones that are going to be voting for this ordinance don't live in that area. Now what we could do is, we could move the pool hall up to your area but we can't continue the way that we're going right now in our area with the rate of crime over there. We need to have positive things come in to the area. There are a number of places in that area, especially there's a beer drive-thru right next to it where you could get a drink. But why should I, as a citizen who lives in that area, have to put up with another place to drink? I mean, the number of OMVI arrests in that area. The fighting and stuff that's going on. I've seen they just recently tore down, I don't know if you're aware of it, the Wasabi Bar and Grill. It's a thing of the past now. They had pool halls too. It seems to be like, whenever somebody in business doesn't like anything, we'll just want to change the pool hall ordinance about the pool tables. Your job as Council people is to listen to us. The ones that have to bear the brunt of what goes on down in there. I moved to Reynoldsburg because I liked the quiet. I like the services. I

like the schools and stuff. And when I do decide to raise a family here, that's what I want to do. I want them to be able to walk the streets at night. When I first moved down here and I had my dad with me, I'm coming out of Cleveland...

Mr. Hills: Mr. Sowell if I could, your testimony is something about The Spot.

Mr. Sowell: Well, what I'm saying is this.....

Mr. Hills: Excuse me, Mr. Sowell. On the speaker slips, it tells you you have three minutes..

Mr. Sowell: Okay.

Mr. Hills: ..and I was trying to give everybody all the time they are, but you're kind of wandering about your family, and this, and the in town and out of town. If you want to say something about The Spot, why we should make a decision, that's what our job is.

Mr. Sowell: Okay. Well, I'll make the point as an end. I'm opposed to the beer part of the permit. Yes, if he wants to play pool there, I've got no problem with that. We just don't need an additional establishment down there serving alcoholic beverages. We've got enough problems there as it is. Thank you.

Mr. Hills: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Sowell. The next speaker slip I have is Ken Wright, 6356 Roselawn. Sorry Ken. I know you know your address. I didn't mean to do that for you. I just read too far.

Mr. Wright: I guess that saves me from identifying myself. It's done so well. Once again, I urge the Council to say no to alcohol sales at The Spot Pool Hall. Adding alcohol sales at The Spot would make that business a link in the chain of establishments that impact the crime problem in that neighborhood. The problem isn't just that such hangouts serve alcohol to people who then leave to commit crimes elsewhere. These businesses themselves become scenes of crimes. The young man who was gunned down in the former KJ's on Livingston Avenue last year was only 19 years old. He was murdered in a bar before he was old enough to drink there. And even though the bar was crowded with patrons when this murder occurred, no one at the scene would give evidence to the police about it. I ask members of Council, before you vote, to put yourselves in the shoes of the folks who live in the Brice/Livingston area and the west side of Reynoldsburg. I live in Huber and do you know, that I can actually remember a time when it was not uncommon to see a woman jogging alone at night in that neighborhood. Today, that act would be almost inconceivable. I certainly haven't seen it happen in many years. Lately, I've been encouraged by the words of Mayor McCloud and Lieutenant Scott McKinley. Both men were quoted in the press as having serious concern with the Brice/Livingston area. In the December 27 issue of This Week Reynoldsburg, Mayor McCloud, when referring to the Brice/Livingston area said, we have to meet that challenge head on. And of the challenge in the sense of commercial development and the increase of crime in that neighborhood, another quote from that same paper, McCloud said, "City officials need to look at where people are getting in trouble at various liquor establishments, and I'm not above letting the citizens vote that area dry." Lieutenant McKinley says, in the January 3 issue of This Week Reynoldsburg that he welcomes an action plan in and around the

Brice/Livingston area. Now these statements seem to indicate that the new administration is ready to deal with the problems in the Brice/Livingston area. Now all that is needed is for City Council to get on board and help in any way it can. Tonight would be a good time to start. Surely, even a child could see the folly of adding another alcoholic business to an area already saturated with bars and crime. Thanks for the opportunity to speak.

Mr. Hills: Thank you, Mr. Wright. The next speaker slip I have is R. Glen Skeen. Mr. Skeen.

Mr. Skeen: Hello. My name is Glen Skeen. I live at 8061 Goldsmith Drive. I've been a resident of Reynoldsburg for over 15 years. I have two girls, one in high school and one in junior high. Coached basketball in Reynoldsburg. I've been involved in this community for a number of years. I'm also a pool player. I shoot pool at a very high level. I shoot pool in an A Division. Pool halls cannot host many tournaments if they do not serve beer because most of the tournaments are sponsored by beer companies. That is one reason that I feel that it's important to have beer at The Spot Family Billiards. I also used to live over in the area at Century City. One thing I really do enjoy about Reynoldsburg is the fact that it is a diverse area. Now granted, that area is socially, economically under what most of Reynoldsburg is. And you are going to have crime in areas that have less money. I mean, these areas that you have over there have people that do not make a lot of money. And a lot of times, that is where you run into crime. It's not the alcohol and it's not the bars, it's the people that live with low means a lot of times. And that is what spurs on crime. A pool hall, unlike a bar, is not somewhere where people go to meet someone and date someone which oftentimes is at the _____ of many problems that you run into with bars. You don't have people in pool halls, and I've shot in many pool halls in this city and in other cities where they are in tougher neighborhoods, in areas that don't have a lot of money. They could __ other bars in those neighborhoods. They have practically no trouble. Because the people that go into these pool halls are there to shoot pool. I don't drink very often. I rarely drink. But it's important as a pool player to have the availability of sponsors to come in and host leagues. Because that is what really pushes someone to get better in pool. It also helps to maintain a steady business within an establishment. I realize that Reynoldsburg has had trouble over in that area before, but you cannot let fear hold you back when you're living in an area that is having economic trouble right now. I understand that there is trouble over there. But that trouble's not going to go away just because The Spot closes its doors and goes away. There is not going to be any more trouble than I can see, than you know, you just have nothing over there and there was just a vacant door front where people just run around putting graffiti up, go in the back door, knock windows out. It's an act of business. People are in there. The Spot has cameras inside and out watching people that are in there. In closing, I'd like to say that, as a pool player, I'm competitive. Just like in golfing. I'm competitive in golfing. I go for the competition. I'm a little bit old to go out and play basketball and to play all the physical sports that I used to play. But just like golf where they serve beer, you can compete without getting drunk. And that is what pool players do. I've rarely seen a pool player that gets drunk because your game gets worse. But you do have beer. People do drink occasionally while they're playing. And they do drink while they play. But responsibly. Because once you start to lose your motor skills, your game goes downhill. A pool hall is where you go to compete just like a golf course. Thank you.

Mr. Hills: Thank you, Mr. Skeen. The last speaker slip I have is Chris Long. Chris.

Mr. Long: Good evening Council, President Hills. My name's Chris Long. I live at 1675 Haft Drive. Many of you may remember who were on Council prior to the election, I've been down here speaking once before. I have no animosity towards this man with The Spot. I just don't care for the location he's going to put it in. And I do believe honestly, after taking a look at police reports, some of you will remember, I brought in a stack about two inches high, had almost 1400 calls down at just the Century City area. And roughly, about 5% of those were to Smokey's. Smokey's is a bar. Smokey's sells alcohol. And Smokey's hosts pool leagues. Well, that essentially is almost the same thing as what we're talking about here for The Spot. Now I understand that the gentleman has gone through some extensive aspects as far as security cameras inside, security cameras outside. And he's telling me that he's going to provide a safe environment. Well, on one side of it, I can't guarantee him he's going to have trouble, but on the other side, he can't guarantee me he's not going to. Now you as a legislative body, 98% of the time are making decisions for the entire city. When considering this, I would ask you to please take into account the comments that have been made by Mel Clemens, who literally built Huber. He's been in Reynoldsburg so long. And the residents in that area who have to sit out on their back patios, and late at night when it's quiet, hearing the gun fire. And 2 or 3 nights during the week in the summer time, watching the whirly bird and the Police Department over there looking for somebody again. We don't need another liquor establishment down in that area. Now his business would probably thrive and be fantastic in another area that doesn't have an element around it. And that element is there. You've heard me speak on that before. And yes, we need to stop at Brice Road. So that's all I have to say. Thank you guys. I appreciate it.

Mr. Hills: Thank you, Mr. Long. That's all the speaker slips I have. Is there anybody else in the audience that wants to speak to this this evening? Yes. Do you want to come forward? And if you would, fill out a speaker slip before you leave. And give us your name and address for the record.

Mr. Dollison: I'm Robert Dollison, 8088 Goldsmith Dr. Just like Mr. Skeen, I used to live over in Century City right by Smokey's bar. When The Spot came in, they knew the kind of environment that they were getting into. They knew what kind of competition they had. We have enough bars in the area. We have enough bars in Reynoldsburg, period. The Spot described themselves as being a family oriented company. If they want to share a bar, they are no longer family oriented. That's all I need to say.

Mr. Hills: Mr. Clemens, do you have any comments? Or anybody on Council have comments?

Mr. Clemens: I've made my comments over the past year and I haven't changed. I do want to say one thing. Last Council and this Council are all pro-business. We give all kinds of exceptions to bring business into Reynoldsburg. Our B&Z does. Our Planning Commission does. And I want to say that the last Council, and I did, supported the Special Exception Use Permit that was asked for 100%. We gave exactly everything that was asked for for this man's business. He asked for what he got. We gave it to him. And there were people that didn't want him to have a pool hall. But he got everything he asked for in this Special Exception Use Permit. What's there, and the other, is what he asked for. What he asked for to be on the Special Exception Use Permit. I see no reason to change it. We are here to help businesses, true. But we're not here to change ordinances one right after another to make the business survive. That's what a business is for is to survive. That's what you do. That's what you've built it for and you do it yourself. We

did everything you asked for from the city with the Special Exception Use Permit. I think that speaks for itself.

Mr. Hills: Thank you, Mr. Clemens. Any other comments from people on Council? Mrs. Newman.

Mrs. Newman: Yes. I'd just like to say that, to thank everyone who came to speak and who have spoken before. Their arguments have been quite convincing both pro and con. And honestly, every time I hear a person speak either for or against this matter, I change my mind again because they're all very logical and I can understand all reasons that people feel the way they do. And they have good arguments. And I'd like to thank Mr. Clemens for leading us through this whole thing too. But that's all I have to say now. It's been very difficult to make a decision. It really has been.

Mr. Hills: Councilman Stake.

Mr. Stake: Thank you, President Hills. It's not often I disagree with Councilman Clemens and I'm doing it early this year. I too, have great respect for Councilman Clemens and his leadership on this issue. However, I do disagree. I think if we continue to send the message that we're going to run off businesses in that area, we'll never have a viable economy in that area. I think this is a step in the right direction. I have a business in Mr. Clemens' Ward, and I'm concerned about that area myself, and I know the building I'm in is three-quarters empty right now. And if we run this person off, you know, somebody else, who's going to want to come and locate a business in that area if we continue to run businesses off in that area? I do see this as more of a recreational facility that happens to have beer as a side item. It's not some place where people go drink just to drink. He has excellent security there. I've been to The Spot. I've seen The Spot. I know that he has cameras. I know that he has people on the floor. And I know that there's a 6 month review on this. And if it doesn't work out, in 6 months, we can take the Special Exception Use Permit away. I say give the man a chance. Thank you.

Mr. Hills: Any other questions or comments from anybody on Council? Councilperson Kelly.

Mrs. Kelly: I've been thinking about this quite a bit and I looked up some information for myself as well as went back and read the BZA minutes. And what I discovered for myself is that The Spot has been a sponsor for Parks and Rec, as well as has been part of our Chamber. I did read the BZA minutes where Mr. Maszon, you came back and you were asking for a D1 Permit. One of the things that you said that struck me and I was glad that you acknowledged it, was that you were coming back, asking for a permit after you had originally said you would never ask for a permit, alcohol permit. And what you said is, I've learned from previous experience, never to say I'm never going to do something again. And from that statement, I'm kind of giving you the benefit of the doubt that you anticipated going in as a family establishment and you have not been able to make that a viable business so far. And that's why you're asking for the D1 Permit. However, with that being said, I also went to your web site. And having a family myself, granted they're young, they're 9 and 5, so they don't really play pool, but when I went to the web site, your web site doesn't necessarily to me, speak family. Not that it maybe wouldn't to an older, somebody that has older children. But one of the things I would suggest to you, either which way this goes,

that if you're going to keep family fun in your title, to try to target families a little bit more. I did see your tournaments on your web page listing for those types of things. I didn't really see things like family nights and those types of activities. If it's going to be a family facility, those are the kinds of activities that families look for. So I would encourage you to do that. Through reading this, I also noticed the BZA, the members of the BZA spent quite some time having conversation over the two year permit, the 6 month permit. And so for two years you would not be able to apply for another type of a permit. It would just be the beer permit. And I did notice that you had some concern with that. As far as I'm concerned, if this would be passed, that would be something we would definitely tow the line with. The 6 month permit, I want to make sure too that you understand also that if this were to pass, that that would be something that we would keep a real close eye on. And within that time, I would encourage you immensely, to understand, and I hope you've heard the concerns of those in the community around you. Because not only are you close to other alcohol, places that have alcohol, you're also very close to schools. You're very close to other areas that are more of a family establishment. It is up to you to make yourself invaluable to the community around you. It is the responsibility of every business owner, of every person who lives in Reynoldsburg to work together to make this a viable community, and a viable and growing community that we all know that it can be. So I have to agree too with Mr. Stake that an empty store front, I don't think is going to do anything for that area. However, an establishment that ends up being one that creates more police involvement is also not going to help. So I would encourage you, however this goes, and I can tell you if it passes, one of the things that I will be looking for to see in 6 months when it comes up, and I will be keeping a close eye myself, is the effort you put in to put yourself out there more into the community. With as many things as you have close to you and easy access to you, that should be something that you should be doing. I would like to see you having more, advertising more tournaments for the younger players who are unable to drink. Because that's not the, I don't see that part. I don't see the part of, I'm trying to get the families to come in. And that's all I have to say.

Mr. Hills: Okay. Any other questions or comments from Councilpersons? Mr. Clemens.

Mr. Clemens: Just one last thing. I just want it to be known, I support all the businesses in Reynoldsburg. I will not support, in my district, just to keep a business open by turning them into liquor establishments, I will not support those. And they can stay empty before I support turning them into liquor establishments. It's that plain and that's my feeling on it. That's the way it is.

Mr. Hills: Okay. Questions from any other Council person? (No response). If not, Mr. Clemens, your item 17 has been amended.

Mr. Clemens explained committee had recommended denial of the legislation; that the motion would be made in the positive; that voting 'aye' would be to approve the special exception use permit; that voting 'nay' would be to deny the special exception use permit.

Mr. Clemens moved adoption. Mr. Joseph seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Clemens "Nay"; Mrs. Newman "Nay"; Mrs. Shirey "Nay"; Mr. Stake "Yea"; Mr. Deskins "Nay"; Mrs. Kelly "Nay"; Mr. Joseph "Yea". Motion failed; legislation denied.

ORDINANCE MAKING TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO CLOSE PROJECT KNOWN AS
"PLEASANT VIEW SANITARY SEWER PROJECT)- -Clerk read ordinance by title for the

third reading. Mr. Stake moved adoption. Mrs. Newman seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Clemens "Yea"; Mrs. Newman "Yea"; Mrs. Shirey "Yea"; Mr. Stake "Yea"; Mr. Deskins "Yea"; Mrs. Kelly "Yea"; Mr. Joseph "Yea". Motion passed; Ordinance No. 4-08 adopted.

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

William L. Hills, President of Council

Nancy C. Frazier, Clerk of Council
(Minutes compiled/S. Lyday, Ass't. Clk. of Council)