

MINUTES REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
REYNOLDSBURG CITY COUNCIL  
January 12, 2009

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

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

Mr. Hills: Before Item 3, I would like to just note, it is a new year, 2009 and I think you all heard my Invocation over 20 times last year, so I will start again this year, but I certainly would invite anyone that wants to give the Invocation, you certainly can; and if you let Nancy or I know ahead of time, we can even get your name on the agenda. Would you all please rise for the Invocation and remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Minutes of the regular Council meeting held December 22, 2008 were approved without objection.

Minutes of the special Council meeting held January 6, 2009 were approved without objection.

Mrs. Kelly moved to amend the agenda by adding a motion regarding the Unity Day Celebration. Mr. Clemens seconded. The amended agenda was approved with all voting "Aye". Mr. Hills said the topic would be added as Item 10b.

Community Comments and Requests:

Bruce Sowell: First of all, I want to thank distinguished members of Council. As being a long-time resident of the City of Reynoldsburg over twenty-something years, I have enjoyed living in this City and it's great to be back and as my first time addressing you in the year 2009. I'm extending an invitation to you all, members of Council and the public at large to celebrate with us down here at Unity Day Celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King. The theme for this year is going to be a Dream Imagined; a Dream Realized. We'll be entering a new year, with the coming of the new President, 44<sup>th</sup> President of the United States, Barack Obama but this, Dr. King's dream was more; it was based on more than just being a dream, but he had asked and he had rallied a nation together. Reynoldsburg rallied together and they also gave their support to making sure that dream is, was realized. So, I personally came out to invite you all, you're perfectly welcome, especially the Mayor of the City. This event is not coming off just by myself or any particular of you, it's coming off with a coalition of people, so I once again extend my welcome to you all. I hope that I will see you and recognize you and let you know that the citizens of this Community do appreciate the jobs that you do. .... It will be on the 19<sup>th</sup> of January at 7:30p.m. There will be an awards celebration. We have asked some of the recent members to come back to also help to present the awards. There, the keynote speaker will be Dr., I'm sorry, Pastor Bromfield, Maurice Bromfield, and he will be speaking about King's dream and what it means to him and also to the Citizens of the United States as a whole, so like I say, once again, I appreciate if you all show up and the request is out there and this is a free event. The public at large is invited. Thank you very

much.

Communications: Clerk read report from Clerk of Court - monies collected from Courts held during December 2008 - - \$32,705. Monies collected during that same period pursuant to City Ordinances 149-94 and 104-02, \$2,518 for the Computerization Needs Fund; and \$45 for the Enforcement and Education Fund.

#### Reports:

City Auditor Harris: Thank you President Hills, members of Council. I would just like to go on the record to respond to something that appeared in the paper several weeks ago in the *This Week* paper concerning the 2009 Interim Budget. It was alluded in there that it was, we had to go to an Interim Budget because I didn't discover until sometime in December that there was an extra pay period. That is not true. I knew of the extra pay period as early as the end of December 2007. During the 2008 Final Budget I had mentioned it to several people. Certainly by the time we got to doing the budget, in the Tax Budget, it was figured in the expenditures for the extra pay period. The budget sheets that came out starting in August, all had the extra pay period in them and so the extra pay period being discovered late was not the reason. The reason that we went to an Interim Budget, the needs of the City from a budgetary standpoint, at this point, are larger than what the expected revenues are and we will be working over the next month or two in order to come back with a budget that's more closely aligned. Thank you very much.

Mr. Hills: Does that raise any comments or questions? I will add that I'm not Vice Chair of Finance, so we have a little Press problem every now and then. I saw that in some paper just recently so, I don't believe I'm, you didn't make me Vice Chair did you?

Mr. Stake: No, you're correct.

Mr. Hills: Correct that I am not Vice Chair of Finance. Moving on to Item b as President of Council Hills Report and I've got three short reports. First of all, I'd like to recognize Nicholas Baker, Jr., Assistant Scout Master of Troop 279. They're here this evening working on a Citizenship and Community Merit Badge. He's standing up and he has two people with him. To his right is Justin Sayre, the Scout Master and another individual in the troop. I have the pleasure of meeting with them Wednesday night as they have their Troop 279 meeting, and we're going to talk about the budgets and what you do when you don't have quite as much money as you would like to have to make things go around. So, it should be an interesting discussion and they're here tonight working on their Community Badge; so we do thank you for coming to Council, we appreciate your being here.

Second, I would like to remind everybody of the informal Council Meeting 1-17-09, that's Saturday at 9:00 a.m. It will be on sort of a general discussions, and questions and answers, and for clarification on anybody that has any issues.

And then Item 3 under that is the next meeting of Council, which would be a Committee Meeting, will be on 1-20-2009, that's a Tuesday - the reason being as we've noticed, Martin Luther King Day is on the 19<sup>th</sup>, open only that day for the purpose of the gathering that evening at 7:30 p.m.

Clerk read Motion: That the Council of the City of Reynoldsburg does hereby appoint Norman Brusk to serve on the Board of Zoning and Building Appeals, effective 1-15-09; term to be for four years.- -Mr. Stake moved approval. Mr. Deskins seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mrs. Kelly "Yea"; Mr. Joseph "Yea"; Mr. Clemens "Yea"; Mrs. Shirey "Yea"; Mr. Stake "Yea"; Mr. Deskins "Yea". Motion passed.

Clerk deferred to Councilwoman Kelly for the Motion- -

Mrs. Kelly: Yes, since I just received the Resolution and nobody's really had a chance to see it or look at it, I would like to make a Motion approving and supporting the Unity Celebration. The Unity Day Celebration recognizes the value of diversity, unity among all races. This is held on the date of Dr. King's Birthday and recognizes the importance of Dr. King's many contributions, and it provides the citizens of Reynoldsburg an opportunity to come together and share in this celebration. So I would like to make a motion that as a Council, that we approve and support the **Unity Day Celebration**. Mr. Stake seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mrs. Kelly "Yea"; Mr. Joseph "Yea"; Mr. Clemens "Yea"; Mrs. Shirey "Yea"; Mr. Stake "Yea"; Mr. Deskins "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- -Clerk read ordinance by title for the first time. Item referred to Finance Committee.**

Request by President of Council for Executive Session to consider the appointment of a public official- -Mr. Clemens moved to recess for the Executive Session; Mrs. Shirey seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mrs. Kelly "Yea"; Mr. Joseph "Yea"; Mr. Clemens "Yea"; Mrs. Shirey "Yea"; Mr. Stake "Yea"; Mr. Deskins "Yea". Motion passed. Mr. Hills said Council would be going into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of appointment of a Public Official; those attending would be the Clerk of Council, City Attorney and Council members. Mr. Hills said Council would reconvene afterwards, but there would **not** be an appointment of any replacement for Council, so there was no need in everybody staying, because it wasn't going to happen. **Mr. Hills said Council would reconvene only to call the roll and adjourn. Council recessed at 7:45 p.m.**

**Council reconvened at 8:25 p.m. With the roll called, members responding were:** Mrs. Kelly "Present"; Mr. Joseph "Present"; Mr. Clemens "Present"; Mrs. Shirey "Present"; Mr. Stake "Present"; Mr. Deskins "Present".

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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William L. Hills, President of Council

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Nancy C. Frazier, Clerk of Council