

MINUTES REGULAR COUNCIL
REYNOLDSBURG CITY COUNCIL
January 12, 2004

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

Members of Council present: Preston Stearns, Brett Baxter, Eric Gilbert, Mel Clemens, Lane Beougher, Ron Stake.

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

Minutes of the regular Council meeting held December 22, 2003 were approved without objection.

Mr. Beougher moved to add a motion to adopt a Resolution of expression recognizing Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Celebration. The amended agenda was approved with all voting "Aye". Mr. Hills noted that the motion would become Item 10b.

Community Comments and Requests:

Mr. Altherr: My name is Eric Altherr. I'm a resident of the City of Reynoldsburg. I would like to read a letter that I wrote to the editor, This Week, Reynoldsburg, on December 18, 2003. It is my expectation that this letter will be printed in an upcoming edition of that paper. The letter is in regards to the current vacancy on Reynoldsburg City Council, and I would like this reading to be entered to the record of this meeting. The letter states, "The article of Cannella, Lowis of open Council seat from December 4, 2003 edition of This Week, Reynoldsburg, indicated that former Council members Sarah Cannella and Ron Lowis have submitted letters of interest in filling an upcoming Reynoldsburg City Council vacancy. This vacancy will be created when Bill Hills ascends to Council President in January 2004. Both Mrs. Cannella and Mr. Lowis were defeated in their most re-election attempts in 2003 and 2000 respectively. I believe that this is an indication that Reynoldsburg voters have chosen against having these two individuals on City Council; that their business on Council has concluded, and that it is not in the community's best interest to give them a free pass back into a Council seat. I implore the current, and the recently elected City Council members to listen to the people by filling the impending vacancy from what is sure to be a large and qualified pool of interested candidates. I encourage the citizens of Reynoldsburg to contact their City Council representative and voice their dissent to a free pass for either Sarah Cannella or Ron Lowis. This is an opportunity for a new voice to be heard on City Council. We must not tolerate a free pass provided to either Mrs. Cannella, Mr. Lowis, any other former Council members or to retired city officials." The letter is signed Eric Altherr, member of the Greater Reynoldsburg Democratic Club. Thank you for your time and your attention.

Mr. Hills: Okay, Mr. Altherr. Does that raise any questions or any responses from any one on Council? (No response). If not, I will let you, Mr. Altherr, you're aware, because I didn't see you Saturday, there were 16 people interviewed from a time frame of about 9:00 in the morning until after 2:00 in the afternoon. And certainly, the majority of those people interviewed are not someone who has provided service to the city before. I appreciate the fact that you can certainly write the letter to the editor and you can come here and address this. We try to keep political

things out of this forum. But whoever is selected, a motion will be made by a Council member, there will be a second, and then there will be a number of votes. My anticipation is, that will be made next Tuesday, Monday being a holiday. And certainly, I don't discuss what goes on in Executive Session, nor am I allowed to. But your comments are noted for the record.

Mr. Altherr: Thank you.

Communications- - Clerk read report from Clerk of Courts: total monies collected from courts held during December 2003, \$22,756.10. Monies also collected during that period pursuant to Ordinance Nos. 146-94 and 104-02- - - \$1,226 for the Computerization Needs Fund and \$200 for the Enforcement and Education Fund.

Reports- - Chief Miller and Sergeant McComb presented Mr. Ted Klott with a Civilian Service Award to thank him for his assistance in helping to solve some property thefts.

Consent Agenda items:

Clerk read the following item by title. Disposition result listed at end of title.

for second reading: ORDINANCE ACCEPTING TWO UNRECORDED CONSERVATION EASEMENTS (NOCA Apartments Two Limited; NOCA, Ltd.)- - item referred to Service Committee.

Mr. Gilbert moved approval of the action on the Consent Agenda. Mr. Stake seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Stearns "Yea"; Mr. Baxter "Yea"; Mr. Gilbert "Yea"; Mr. Clemens "Yea"; Mr. Beougher "Yea"; Mr. Stake "Yea". Motion passed; disposition listed above.

Regular Agenda items:

Clerk read motion: That the Council of the City of Reynoldsburg does hereby adopt the Resolution recognizing the Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Celebration as referred to in the resolution signed and dated January 12, 2004. Mr. Beougher moved adoption. Mr. Stearns seconded. All voted "Aye". Motion passed.

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE MAIN and GRAHAM INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS- - Clerk read ordinance by title for the first reading. Item referred to Safety Committee.

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE 2004 STREET PROGRAM and APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (CIP #92) **AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**- - Clerk read ordinance by title for the second reading. Mr. Clemens moved to amend the ordinance as redrafted 1-9-04. Mr. Gilbert seconded. All voted "Aye". Motion passed; ordinance amended.

Mr. Clemens moved adoption. Mr. Beougher seconded. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Stearns "Yea"; Mr. Baxter "Yea"; Mr. Gilbert "Yea"; Mr. Clemens "Yea"; Mr. Beougher "Yea"; Mr. Stake "Yea". Motion passed; Ordinance No. 1-04 adopted.

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING IMPROVEMENTS TO CERTAIN PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE, DESCRIBING THE PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE

IMPROVEMENTS TO BE MADE DIRECTLY BENEFITTING THOSE PARCELS, REQUIRING THE OWNERS OF THOSE PARCELS TO MAKE SERVICE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES; ESTABLISHING A MUNICIPAL PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT TAX INCREMENT EQUIVALENT FUND FOR THE DEPOSIT OF SUCH SERVICE PAYMENTS; APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING A FORM OF TAX INCREMENT FINANCING AGREEMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY- -Clerk read ordinance by title for the second time. Item referred to Finance Committee.

Request for Executive Session to consider the appointment of a public official.- -Mr. Beougher moved to recess for Executive Session. Mr. Stearns seconded. Mr. Hills said those attending would be City Council and Clerk of Council. With the roll called, members voted: Mr. Stearns "Yea"; Mr. Baxter "Yea"; Mr. Gilbert "Yea"; Mr. Clemens "Yea"; Mr. Beougher "Yea"; Mr. Stake "Yea". Motion passed. Mr. Hills said following the Executive Session, Council would reconvene only to call the roll and adjourn. Council recessed at 7:43 p.m.

Council reconvened at 9:17 p.m. With the roll called, members responding were: Mr. Stearns "Present"; Mr. Baxter "Present"; Mr. Gilbert "Present"; Mr. Clemens "Present"; Mr. Beougher "Present"; Mr. Stake "Present".

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

William L. Hills, President of Council

Nancy C. Frazier, Clerk of Council