

ORDINANCE NO. 23-2020

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO ACCEPT FUNDS FROM THE ALCOHOL, DRUG, AND MENTAL HEALTH BOARD OF FRANKLIN COUNTY; ESTABLISHING A REYNOLDSBURG RECOVERY COURT FUND; AUTHORIZING THE CITY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE REYNOLDSBURG RECOVERY COURT FUND; AND AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR THE REYNOLDSBURG RECOVERY COURT

WHEREAS, the Reynoldsburg City Attorney is working, in consultation with the Alcohol, Drug, and Mental Health Board of Franklin County (ADAMH), to establish a Recovery Court within the Reynoldsburg Mayor's Court; and

WHEREAS, the Reynoldsburg Recovery Court provides a non-adversarial approach to defendants who are diagnosed with substance abuse disorder and will address the needs of defendants with substance abuse disorders who face criminal charges by establishing effective treatment as an alternative to incarceration, improving quality of life, and increasing the safety of the community by providing court oversight and linking defendants to appropriate treatment and service providers; and

WHEREAS, to support the creation and continuation of the Reynoldsburg Recovery Court, ADAMH has granted to the City funding for the cost, operations, staff training, and program development for the City of Reynoldsburg Recovery Court on an annual basis, in the amount of \$49,842.00.

WHEREAS, in order to ensure that the funds are used solely for the Reynoldsburg Recovery Court, the City Attorney's Office desires to create a new fund that will maintain all funds used by the Reynoldsburg Recovery Court ("Fund 287, Reynoldsburg Recovery Court"); and

WHEREAS, in order to use the transferred funds, the City Auditor is directed to transfer \$39,721.60, said amount received from ADAMH, from the General Fund into Fund 287, Reynoldsburg Recovery Court, to aid in the initial costs to set up the Reynoldsburg Recovery Court; and

WHEREAS, in order for the Reynoldsburg Recovery Court to be successful, it may be necessary to seek other funding avenues from state and federal agencies and the City Attorney's Office requests authorization to apply for and accept those funds; and

WHEREAS, it is the interest and benefit of the City of Reynoldsburg and the public at large that the City accept the funds from ADAMH, establishing Fund 287, Reynoldsburg Recovery Court, and authorizes expenditure of those funds for the purpose of establishing and operating the Reynoldsburg Recovery Court.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Reynoldsburg, Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. The City Attorney, or designee, is authorized to accept funding from the Alcohol, Drug, and Mental Health Board of Franklin County (ADAMH), on an annual basis, in the amount of \$49,842.00, or such other amount as ADAMH may grant to the City, to support the creation and continuation of the Reynoldsburg Recovery Court.

SECTION 2. The City Attorney, or designee, is further authorized to enter into any agreements and sign documents as may be necessary and appropriate for obtaining and receiving these funds on an annual basis in accordance with all authority to the City Attorney.

SECTION 3. City Council finds and determines that the creation of “Fund 287, Reynoldsburg Recovery Court,” for the collection and disbursement of funds deposited therein, is in the City’s best interest and promotes the City’s general health, welfare, and safety of its residents and the public at large.

SECTION 4. City Council approves transferring \$39,721.60, said amount already received from ADAMH, from the City General Fund to the Fund 287, Reynoldsburg Recovery Court.

SECTION 5. The City Auditor is authorized to transfer \$39,721.60 from the City General Fund to Fund 287, Reynoldsburg Recovery Court.

SECTION 6. City Council authorizes the City Attorney and the Mayor, or designee, to seek, apply, and accept funds as may be necessary to support the continuation of the Reynoldsburg Recovery Court and to enter into any agreements and sign documents as may be necessary and appropriate for obtaining and receiving these funds.

SECTION 7. City Council authorizes additional deposits into Fund 287, Reynoldsburg Recovery Court, should additional funds be granted and received by the City specifically for the purpose of creation and continuance of the Reynoldsburg Recovery Court.

SECTION 8. Upon adoption by Council, this Ordinance shall be in effect thirty days following the signature by the Mayor.

PASSED this 9th day of March, 2020.


Leanoora Jenkins, Council President

ATTEST: 
Mollie Prasher, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: 
Joe Begony, Mayor

DATE 3-10-2020