



**MINUTES REGULAR MEETING
REYNOLDSBURG CITY COUNCIL
June 22, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Bhuwan Pyakurel called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

INVOCATION - Given by Rupen Trivedi

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Abram, Baker, Johnson, Pyakurel, Towns, Salvati, Chambers, Hill

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda is being amended to move the Development, Parks and Recreation Committee to follow the Finance and Administration Committee.

As there were no further changes, the agenda was approved as amended.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting Minutes for June 8, 2026

The regular meeting minutes of June 8, 2026, were approved as submitted.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Chris French

886 Hunt Valley Drive

Mr. French, a computer security professional and father of two, explained he was speaking solely as a volunteer for the "Undisruptible 27" project—an initiative under the Institute for Security and Technology composed of policymakers, tech experts, and industry leaders. Mr. French clarified that his remarks reflected his personal advocacy and not the views of his employer. He presented two critical timelines for Council to

consider: the fact that modern hospitals can generally only operate for two hours without a stable water supply and the urgent question of whether a municipality was structurally prepared to handle a severe, fourteen-day water outage. Mr. French detailed a sophisticated, multi-year cyber campaign targeting domestic critical infrastructure by hostile nation-state actors, pointing specifically to state-sponsored Chinese hacking cells. Citing intelligence briefings from federal leadership—including a 2023 warning from former CIA Director William Burns regarding a potential military conflict over Taiwan by 2027, and subsequent 2024 directives from FBI Director Christopher Wray and the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA). He explained that foreign threat actors were actively pre-positioning themselves within American utility networks. The strategic objective of these digital incursions, Mr. French warned, was to launch coordinated cyberattacks against civilian water, power, and telecommunications infrastructure during a future geopolitical conflict. By dismantling baseline utilities, these actors aim to induce widespread public panic, prevent regions from sending mutual aid to one another, and break a nation's collective will to resist. He noted that numerous cyber incidents had already targeted American municipalities, including the neighboring City of Columbus. He provided a real-world example from Waterbury, Connecticut, where an accidental water main outage paralyzed two major hospitals and impacted 100,000 residents for five days. He warned that an intentional, synchronized attack across multiple cities would quickly overwhelm FEMA's response capabilities. While acknowledging that these severe scenarios represent exceptional claims, he argued that the fluid nature of global threat intelligence demands proactive local action. Mr. French formally urged City Council to explicitly integrate a prolonged, fourteen-day water outage scenario into Reynoldsburg's active emergency response planning to determine which critical medical facilities would be prioritized and preserved. He directed Council to undisruptible27.org for collaborative security resources.

Roger Gauthier

334 Pathfinder Drive

Mr. Gauthier expressed his concern and dissatisfaction at Reynoldsburg's continued participation in the rapidly expanding flock program. Flock is a private company that primarily sells license plate tracking cameras. These cameras utilize AI power technology and were upheld by the current wave of data centers in Ohio. These cameras, alongside drones and residential scanners in areas as close as Michigan, compile a nationally accessible database by cops, federal agents, and staff as well as any agencies opting into the tech using a false notion of safety and crime prevention. Mr. Gauthier argued that even if the presumed benefits of Flock were true, the trade-off with security, privacy, and the breach of constitutional rights were simply not worth it. In reality, there was zero data to prove their efficacy. He stated that he had observed many complaints of stopping late night drag racing around Reynoldsburg. Mr. Gauthier reiterated that there was already abundant misuse of Flock technology. There were far too many cases of police officers stalking women, wrongful arrest involving racial

profiling of blacks, surveilling political protesters, and supplying immigrant families' movements to ICE, who then kidnap, deport, and even killing American citizens that were hardworking immigrants. Mr. Gauthier commented that there was a direct correlation between economic hardship, job security, poor education, and mental illness to crime. He requested that Council and the City remove the cameras, not replace them with another brand, and give the citizens back their privacy.

Quentin Lordier
10406 Tollgate Road

Mr. Lordier, an electrician who actively services communities across downtown and the Reynoldsburg Main Street corridor alongside his father and brother-in-law, spoke about the ongoing utilization of Flock Safety surveillance cameras. He expressed skepticism regarding the system's operational locations and municipal funding. He noted that during his frequent travels through the City, he routinely spots these automated cameras positioned along remote dirt roads and camping areas. He questioned why substantial public funds were being used for tracking low-traffic rural routes that primarily capture law-abiding individuals. He stated that this expansive technology failed to make him or the local citizens feel any safer. This Flock technology impacted working-class neighborhoods through the systemic surveillance of everyday citizens. He argued that vulnerable, hardworking families, who were simply trying to raise children and survive modern economic hardships, were being watched by automated systems for no justifiable reason. Mr. Lordier stated that the placement of the Flock technology felt less like an objective public safety initiative and more like the deliberate targeting of working-class communities. He added that his appearance before Council was a personal turning point in his civic responsibility by coming to speak before Council. He urged Council to listen to the anxieties of the tradespeople and working families who sustain the City's infrastructure.

Cameron Driskell
7375 Donald Avenue

Mr. Driskell shared with Council a deeply personal perspective on the reality of living under constant surveillance. He compared the current atmosphere to themes found in 1984. He stated that the Flock safety automated cameras were now positioned directly down the street from his home. While these systems were heavily marketed under the promise of building a safer, tighter-knit neighborhood, resident testimony indicated that the physical presence of the cameras exacted the opposite effect. Rather than feeling protected or at ease, citizens expressed a persistent, unsettling sense that their Fourth Amendment rights against unreasonable tracking were being steadily eroded every single day. Mr. Driskell described the growing mental toll of spotting these cameras pointed at traffic everywhere. The widespread saturation of license plate readers did not foster genuine public safety; instead, it injected an undercurrent of paranoia into the everyday lives of law-abiding community members. Mr. Driskell concluded that this

systemic tracking failed to noticeably alter or improve local conditions, while reiterating deep concerns that the data could ultimately be used by federal agencies like ICE to target immigrant families. He urged Council to recognize that a neighborhood constantly under watch was a neighborhood operating in fear, not safety.

Libby Wallace

344 Pathfinder Drive

Ms. Wallace spoke about the series of logistical and safety issues regarding the newly implemented policies for the upcoming Fourth of July fireworks celebration at Civic Park. Ms. Wallace clarified that she did not object to the City's new mandatory wristband entry policy. However, she argued that the roll-out felt like a last-minute directive that failed to fully account for operational logistics. Specifically, she noted that the current daytime pick-up schedule for the wristbands effectively excluded working residents. Ms. Wallace recommended that the administration expand distribution to include dedicated evening and weekend hours. She urged the City to expand its communication strategy to include the marquee sign out front of City Hall by partnering with local schools to utilize their digital signage along major thoroughfares like Livingston Avenue. Ms. Wallace, whose property in the Indian Creek subdivision directly borders Civic Park, raised critical questions regarding the physical implementation of perimeter barrier fencing. She stated that neighbors were informed that temporary barriers would be erected against their residential rear fences to secure the park's boundary line. She questioned whether the City would maintain a designated pedestrian easement, explaining that multiple family and neighborhood members suffer from physical disabilities and would struggle to access their traditional fireworks viewing locations, if the layout completely blocks access behind their properties. Ms. Wallace added that the annual gridlock and traffic hazards that plagued the Indian Creek neighborhood during the fireworks with motorists routinely turning off Lancaster Avenue onto Tomahawk Drive, flooding the residential streets without realizing that Pathfinder Drive was strictly closed off at Dougherty Drive. To prevent this annual influx, she requested the City install clear directional signage on both the northbound and southbound lanes of Lancaster Avenue at the Tomahawk intersection, explicitly stating that there was no public access to Civic Park; the route is restricted to neighborhood residents only. Ms. Wallace expressed concerns about the safety of children walking through the streets and urged the Reynoldsburg Police Department to significantly increase patrols to ensure emergency access, prevent motorists from illegally blocking residential driveways, and maintain basic neighborhood safety.

Veronica Rankin

6566 Retton Road

Ms. Rankin commented that since the program's inception in 2021, the City's network—which currently features approximately twenty-two active cameras tracking a municipal footprint of roughly 43,000 residents, which was used to execute approximately 94,000

individual database searches. She expressed concern regarding the deficit of public transparency, pointing out that citizens were currently forced to file formal public records requests and wait multiple weeks to obtain baseline information regarding system operations. Ms. Rankin argued that if the administration could instantly calculate total search volumes, it should be equally capable of readily providing immediate answers to critical oversight questions: specifically, the exact number of personnel authorized to access the network, the frequency of internal data audits, and the precise investigative parameters dictating who was being searched and for what explicit purposes. She challenged the official narrative that automated license plate readers (ALPRs) did not constitute a vehicular tracking mechanism, pointing out that cameras were now deliberately saturated across every primary municipal entrance and exit, with several high-traffic intersections featuring multiple tracking units mounted on opposing corners to log every directional movement. Ms. Rankin rejected the administrative claim that automated data collection was legally equivalent to being casually seen by a passerby on a public road, emphasizing that a physical passerby could not capture, upload, store, and retroactively index a citizen's travel history inside a permanent, searchable government database. She claimed the conventional defense that surveillance should only concern those with something to hide, asserting that a free, law-abiding citizen possesses a fundamental right to privacy and freedom of movement without being subjected to continuous, taxpayer-funded monitoring simply because technology makes it cheaper and easier. Ms. Rankin stated that genuine public safety did not require treating an entire municipal populace like potential criminal suspects. She urged City Council to listen to its constituents and begin the systematic removal of Reynoldsburg's Flock camera network and not substitute Flock with a competitor's automated vehicle tracking system. She demanded the City restore personal privacy rather than the acquisition of an alternative mass surveillance vendor.

Pranay Patel

5919 East Broad Street

Mr. Patel, representing the BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, thanked City Council for the session to be opened with a reflective invocation as the nation approaches its semi-quincentennial (250th) anniversary. He highlighted how the historical narrative of the United States has consistently been enhanced by communities of faith and enduring hope, providing individuals from vastly diverse cultural backgrounds the freedom to worship openly and contribute meaningfully to the common good. Speaking on behalf of the Mandir, a Hindu house of worship and volunteer-driven spiritual community nestled at 5419 East Broad Street, Mr. Patel explained that Hindu Americans view their faith and patriotism as profoundly interconnected through core principles of peace, compassion, love for neighbors, and deep civic responsibility. In keeping with this communal spirit, he formally extended an open invitation to family members, local neighbors, faith communities, and municipal leaders to attend the Mandir's upcoming "America 250 Open House" on Sunday, June 28th, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. He

thanked Council President Pyakurel, Council President Pro Tempore Baker, Mayor Begeny, and all sitting representatives of Reynoldsburg City Council that they be granted wisdom in their executive decisions, patience in their policy deliberations, and sincere compassion for every constituent served, and asking that the evening's proceedings be defined by respectful dialogue, thoughtful legislative action, and a unified dedication to the public interest.

Council President Pyakurel addressed the gallery, thanking every constituent who stepped forward to voice their personal perspective. He offered direct reassurance regarding the preceding testimonies on Flock Safety surveillance and park event logistics, stating firmly that the City is actively processing and auditing the data brought forward by residents. President Pyakurel emphasized that Council's silence during public comments does not equate to administrative apathy, clarifying that leadership is listening intently and working directly behind the scenes to synthesize the community's feedback into operational adjustments.

Councilmember Baker echoed President Pyakurel's gratitude, celebrating the packed chamber as a direct manifestation of healthy democratic governance. He observed that the freedom of citizens to approach the podium and candidly critique municipal initiatives without fear of ridicule or condescension was exactly what local democracy was designed to look like. While acknowledging that final legislative compromises or logistical answers may not always align perfectly with what every individual speaker hoped to hear, stressing the ongoing pursuit of solutions demonstrated Council's concern for residents' concerns.

Councilmember Chambers added her thanks to the participants for their emotional and analytical vulnerability, reiterating that public feedback was a vital element of the legislative process and inviting all Reynoldsburg residents to continue attending future public sessions to ensure their voices remain represented.

Mayoral Comments

Mayor Begeny announced a series of new security policies for the upcoming Independence Day fireworks celebration, scheduled for **Friday, July 3rd, at Civic Park**. These measures were a direct response to the rise of coordinated, large-scale event disruptions frequently referred to as "teen takeovers," which have necessitated a more structured approach to municipal gatherings. The objective is to prioritize Reynoldsburg residents, ensuring a safe environment for all attendees. The following protocols will be in effect for the July 3rd fireworks:

- 1) Any individual driving to Civic Park must display a **parking pass** prior to entry.
- 2) Attendance is now wristband-mandatory. Wristbands will be issued to residents 18 years of age and older. Minors must be accompanied at all times by an adult aged 21 or older. Residents walking to Civic Park must also be issued a wristband under the same age and residency criteria.

The Mayor explained that to avoid logistical bottlenecks at the park entrance, the City encourages residents to secure passes early at **City Hall**, available Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Tuesday through Thursday (this week) and Monday through Thursday (next week) from **5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** **The City remains focused on maintaining a safe, family-friendly environment for the upcoming July 4th parade and fireworks display. Residents are encouraged to monitor City social media channels, local television, and municipal signage for any further logistical updates.**

Mayor Begeny extended his gratitude to City staff and Councilmembers for the successful execution of both the recent Pride and Juneteenth celebrations. He would be hosting a "Walk and Talk" event this Thursday at 6:30 p.m., meeting at the intersection of Matterhorn and Tanya Terrace. The next mayoral town hall is scheduled for July 22nd at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.

Auditor's Update

Auditor Strickland stated that she had attended Council to present the 2024 audit findings in a more in-depth presentation. She explained that the City Auditor is responsible for filing for the previous year by May of the next year and there were two findings that were discovered by the Auditor of State for 2024. Auditor Strickland stated that she plans to discuss bank reconciliation, financial reporting, and the risk and impact and corrective actions her team has put into place. They are not only committed to Council, but to the residents of Reynoldsburg as well. She stated that she was not able to begin working in her elected position until January of this year and when she assumed that role her office only had two staff members. They have been working to rebuild this team and have requested an extension on the 2025 audit that has now been filed.

Auditor Strickland stated that her goal is to ensure that money is safeguarded, and her office is transparent and accountable. She introduced her administrative assistant specialist, Angelia Cleveland. Ms. Cleveland stated that she receives all funding coming into the office, assists with retention files, and any correspondence or scheduling.

Auditor Strickland also introduced the Deputy Auditor, Shannon Sorrell. Ms. Sorrell stated that she has been focused on the transition period for this office and has begun working with the Mayor, as well as the Auditor, on the 2027 budget process.

Auditor Strickland introduced the finance manager, Miccau McClelland. Ms. McClelland stated that she is working on the 2025 bank reconciliation and getting procedures and processes aligned and, in general, creating better controls for their department.



Auditor Strickland introduced the tax administrator, Lori Gischel. Ms. Gischel has been at Reynoldsburg for some time and was imperative to keeping this office running during the transition period. Ms. Gischel stated that her main role is to ensure tax revenue collection in order to maintain the City's fiscal wellbeing as well as the objectives of our economic development.

Auditor Strickland also introduced the payroll specialist, Megan Long. Ms. Long stated that her main role is ensuring that all employees are paid and they are currently working to upgrade the timekeeping software.

Auditor Strickland introduced Regina Ann Campbell. She is the temporary Senior Accountant. She came in to give the department extra assistance with bank reconciliations from 2025.

Auditor Strickland also introduced Cole Wyatt, their intern from MORPC. He put together this PowerPoint for Council and has done project-based work in the past, like tax increment financing payments.

Auditor Strickland also introduced Karen, who could not attend Council; she works on accounts payable.

Auditor Strickland stated that in the audit findings overview, two material weaknesses were identified. Those weaknesses were bank reconciliations and late annual financial reporting. In the bank reconciliations, they found unreconciled variances, unidentified items, and account system errors that affected cash balances during the testing of the December 2024 bank reconciliation. There were items identified amounting to \$3,047, \$52,361, and \$128,787. The late financial reporting stated that the City's 2024 annual financial report was not filed with the Ohio Auditor of State within the 150-day statutory window and no extension was obtained. Auditor Strickland stated that this is not acceptable at all. In an effective reconciliation process, the cash balances would be accurate, complete, and verifiable across all accounts. Bank statements would reconcile the City's accounting system without unexplained gaps and errors would be caught in a timely manner. Auditor Strickland stated that the ending bank balance per report did not agree with the fund balance report by a discrepancy of \$128,787. This variance may indicate that there may have been transactions recorded incorrectly between systems, entries were posted in different periods across records, or system-level reconciliation procedures may need overall strengthening.

Auditor Strickland explained that the Ohio Revised Code 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code 117-2-03(B) require that financial reports be filed with the Ohio Auditor of State within 150 days of the fiscal year-end for GAAP-basis entities. The 2024 filing should have been completed by May 30, 2025, but was not submitted.

until December 22, 2025, and the Auditors Office did not attempt to obtain an extension for this filing. She wanted to clarify that this was happening, and the report was filed before the current administration ever assumed office.

These findings matter because incomplete or inaccurate reports may result in: undetected errors, misstated records, fraud or theft exposure, and reduced transparency. Auditor Strickland stated that since January 2026, their office has rebuilt the department and has actively hired qualified staff, strengthened the internal operations, and was proactive in filing for an extension for the 2025 audit report. They are currently working on monthly book-to-book reconciliation, variance investigation and resolution, general ledger accuracy procedures, and auditor review and documentation. In the future, they are looking to provide quarterly reports to Council, they are staying on track with the 2025 audit cycle, and will be focusing on transparency and open communication.

Councilmember Johnson thanked the new administration for getting the Auditor's department caught up and rebuilding that team.

Councilmember Abram asked what is the most pressing issue they are facing currently and what their concerns are moving forward. She also asked about the posting errors and how they can strengthen the reconciliation process moving forward and if we need to go even further back to reconcile previous years' filings. Auditor Strickland stated that they are not planning to retroactively review any reports before 2024. She explained that the bank reconciliation is really the toughest thing for them to complete right now. They are looking through bank statements, star accounts, and spreadsheets to really make sense of what was happening at that time and the best path forward. Completing the 2025 report is the most important thing for their office right now. They currently have two people working to complete the 2025 auditor, and another employee working on 2026 to see if anything needs to be corrected for the 2026 report in 2027. Councilmember Abram asked how we got into this situation and how long this was an issue when all Council was ever informed of was the awards the department had received, she explained that she understands this all happened before Auditor Strickland ever assumed office. Auditor Strickland stated that she believes there were several different issues happening at the same time. The office was not fully staffed, staff members were not in the office, and she explained that she can't fix what happened in the past. All she knows now is that their team has the pressure to deliver for 2025 and 2026.

Councilmember Hill thanked Auditor Strickland for her transparency.

Councilmember Baker thanked Auditor Strickland and her team for really trying to fix this mess and stated that this is concerning. Auditor Strickland stated that her

team is absolutely fantastic and that her team is working summer hours right now from 7am to 4pm to have those extra few hours to focus. Councilmember Baker asked about the new time-keeping and payroll system they are working to implement. Auditor Strickland stated that the previous system does still have good functionality, it was just not being utilized in the best way it could be. She explained that they are moving towards UKG because the City already has a contract with them, so they are working within the confines of that contract and her administration knows how to use this system more efficiently.

Councilmember Towns thanked the department for this presentation and all the hard work they have been doing.

President Pyakurel asked when the 2025 report would be submitted. Auditor Strickland stated that their plan is to complete the work in August and to send it to an outside auditor for them to do all the filing. They are on track to complete this plan on time.

PROCLAMATIONS

A Proclamation Recognizing the City of Reynoldsburg as a Welcoming City Celebrating the Diversity of Our Residents by Acknowledging World Refugee Day

President Pyakurel stated that this Proclamation is very dear to him as he came to America as a refugee in 2009 after being in a refugee camp for 18 years. He was forced out of his country of origin, Bhutan, when he was 9 years old. He explained that his daughter was also born in the refugee camp and is very proud that she has now graduated from high school and is now going to Georgetown University this year to study policy. He stated that she is a testament to how people can grow when given the opportunity. He is thankful to live in America and is grateful to have been given this chance.

President Pyakurel read the Proclamation.

Councilmember Baker stated that this is a Proclamation that should be spoken on and congratulated his daughter on such a monumental achievement. He stated that her achievements go to show how impactful this opportunity to come to America was not just on President Pyakurel, but his whole family. He came here for a better life and was able to achieve that because he took a chance on America and made his dream a reality. He strongly believes that America is a country of immigrants, we all want the best for our families.



Councilmember Baker made a motion to approve this Proclamation. Second by Councilmember Salvati. Motion carried.

MOTIONS

An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract and Accept Funding Assistance through the OPRA State Initiative Program in Partnership with GameTime, Appropriating Funds Therefor, Waive Competitive Bidding, and Declaring an Emergency

President Pyakurel advised that Ordinance 34-2026, approved by Council during the June 8, 2026 meeting, needed to be reconsidered. He requested a motion to reconsider this Ordinance.

Councilmember Salvati moved to reconsider Ordinance 34-2026. Second by Councilmember Towns. Motion carried.

President Pyakurel explained that this Ordinance was being reconsidered as the appropriation language needed to be corrected to reflect that the funds from Game Time were a credit toward the overall cost of the equipment instead of a reimbursement.

Councilmember Salvati moved to amend the Ordinance to accept the corrected appropriation language and account numbers. Second by Councilmember Chambers. Motion carried.

Councilmember Salvati then moved to approve Ordinance 34-2026 as amended. Second by Councilmember Baker. Roll call vote: Abram, Baker, Johnson, Pyakurel, Towns, Salvati, Chambers, Hill. The Ordinance was approved as amended.

REPORTS

Clerk of Court Report

Clerk Of Court Report for May 2026

The Clerk of Court submitted monies collected from the courts held in May 2026 in

the amount of \$34,438.00.

Public Safety, Law & Courts Committee

This is the Public Safety, Law & Courts Committee meeting for June 22, 2026.

Members in attendance are: Councilmember Abram, Councilmember Chambers, Councilmember Towns, Chair Johnson, and President Pyakurel.

An Ordinance to Establish Section 705 Prohibiting Short-Term Rentals of the Codified Ordinances for the City of Reynoldsburg

Assistant Attorney Triplett explained that the body of the legislation remained identical in form, regulatory structure, and legal language to the draft vetted during earlier committee sessions. However, one corrective amendment would need to be made prior to the third reading. The title would need to be corrected to remove "prohibited." Attorney Shook explained that the current title inaccurately implied that the City intended to outright prohibit short-term lodging operations within the municipality. In reality, the forty-two-page framework was designed to legally permit, license, and strictly regulate short-term rental properties to ensure zoning compliance and neighborhood stability.

Chair Johnson moved to forward this Ordinance to Council for a second reading.
Second by Councilmember Towns. Motion carried

Public Service & Transportation Committee

This is the Public Service & Transportation Committee meeting for June 22, 2026.

Members in attendance are: Councilmember Abram, Councilmember Chambers, Councilmember Towns, Chair Hill, and President Pyakurel.

An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with _____ Pertaining to the 2026 Street Maintenance and Improvement Project, Appropriating Funds, and Declaring an Emergency

Director Dorman stated that this Ordinance is blank because they are trying to be proactive and avoid emergency language in the future. He explained that with the contracts the City does, because of the bidding process and the awards needing to be done within 60 days of opening the bid, they are doing their best to be more proactive. He stated that using the engineers' estimate, they are providing legislation that lists which streets they are proposing to do work on. Director Dorman stated that they do not go over 10% of what the estimated cost is for the award and Council would have to approve that moving forward. Today he is asking



Council to move this legislation forward, and they will come back to the next meeting with the winning bid offer and amend the legislation to add the contractor.

Councilmember Hill made a motion to move this Ordinance forward to Council for a first reading. Second by Councilmember Abram. Motion carried.

An Ordinance to Authorize the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with EMH&T for Engineering Design Services Pertaining to the East Main Street and Brice Road Intersection Improvement Project, Appropriating Funds Therefor, and Declaring an Emergency

Director Dorman stated that they have been discussing the Brice Rd corridor for some time now, and they have applied for funding and continue to apply for more. They are looking at dealing with this project in phases due to the complexity of the project and the size. The first phase would be the intersection of Brice and E Main. Currently, there is construction on the Alliance building at that intersection and the old Walgreens on that corner. They would like to have this intersection realigned to create a safer flow of traffic. There are federal funds to use that should be used sooner rather than later. Once the design is done for this area, it will be brought back to Council for their approval.

Councilmember Baker thanked him and the Mayor for leading the charge on this project.

Councilmember Hill moved to forward this Ordinance to Council for a first reading. Second by Councilmember Towns. Motion carried.

A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Purchase a Camera Van and Related Equipment for the Wastewater Department and Waive Competitive Bidding

Director Dorman stated that this has been something they have been discussing for a while now. It was brought to Council a few years ago but was removed to ensure that everything was aligned and ready before bringing it to Council to request a large sum of money. He explained that in the past they had worked with a camera that was in a trailer that had to be towed around. The water and storm department are out working all year in all weather, so this is an enclosed unit that would allow for better working conditions for those employees.

Councilmember Hill moved to forward this Resolution to Council for approval. Second by Councilmember Chambers. Motion carried.

Finance & Administration Committee

This is the Finance & Administration Committee meeting for June 22, 2026.



Members in attendance are: Councilmember Hill, Councilmember Johnson, Councilmember Salvati, Chair Baker, and President Pyakurel.

An Ordinance Appropriating Funds from the Unappropriated General Fund to Accounts in the Community Events Department from the 2025 Juneteenth Event

Director Clemens stated that the next three Ordinances are similar but event specific. Her department is requesting that the unused funds that they received in sponsorship dollars from the 2025 Juneteenth event be carried over to the 2026 budget.

Councilmember Baker made a motion to forward this Ordinance to Council for a first reading. Second by Councilmember Salvati. Motion carried.

An Ordinance Appropriating Funds from the Unappropriated General Fund to Accounts in the Community Events Department from the 2025 Pride Event

Director Clemens requested that the unused funds that they received in sponsorship dollars from the 2025 Pride event be carried over to the 2026 budget.

Councilmember Baker made a motion to forward this Ordinance to Council for a first reading. Second by Councilmember Salvati. Motion carried.

An Ordinance Appropriating Funds from the Unappropriated General Fund to Accounts in the Community Events Department from the 2025 Diwali-Tihar Celebration Event

Director Clemens requested that the unused funds that they received in sponsorship dollars from the 2025 Diwali-Tihar event be carried over to the 2026 budget.

Councilmember Baker made a motion to forward this Ordinance to Council for a first reading. Second by Councilmember Salvati. Motion carried.

A Resolution to Approve Payment of Services Performed to the Auditors Certificate of Availability of Funds

Mayor Begeny stated that this Resolution is for a then-and-now for a purchase order that was opened in 2025 for the minority, female, and veteran business grants. The original purchase order was closed prior to issuing the final business grant, and they are requesting that this be opened back up so they can finish the purchase order off and close out with a specific amount.



Councilmember Baker made a motion to forward this Resolution to Council for approval. Second by Councilmember Johnson. Motion carried.

**A Resolution to Approve Payment of Services Performed to the Auditors
Certificate of Availability of Funds**

Auditor Strickland stated that this Resolution is for a then-and-now for expenses paid before a purchase order was opened in an attempt to continue cleaning up the Auditor's department.

Councilmember Baker thanked her for ensuring that this will not be needed in the future.

Councilmember Baker made a motion to forward this Resolution to Council for approval. Second by Councilmember Johnson. Motion carried.

**A Resolution to Approve Payment of Services Performed to the Auditors
Certificate of Availability of Funds**

Director Cornell stated that this Resolution is for a then-and-now for a purchase order that was opened in June 2026 for third quarter insurance premium payments, but the purchase order was opened after the date of the invoice.

Councilmember Baker made a motion to forward this Resolution to Council for approval. Second by Councilmember Salvati. Motion carried.

Development, Parks & Recreation Committee

This is the Development, Parks & Recreation Committee meeting for June 22, 2026.

Members in attendance are: Councilmember Abram, Councilmember Chambers, Councilmember Towns, Chair Salvati, and President Pyakurel.

An Ordinance Authorizing an Agreement with Summit Road Industrial LLC or an Affiliate, Providing for a Project and a Property Tax Exemption Pursuant to the City's Community Reinvestment Area Program, and Declaring an Emergency

This legislation will be discussed in Executive Session.

Executive Session

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(5) "matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or regulations or state statutes."

Councilmember Salvati stated that Council would go into Executive Session and once the Executive Session was complete, Council would resume with the committee meeting.

Councilmember Abram made a motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to ORC section 121.22(G)(5) "matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or regulations or state statutes." Second by Councilmember Towns.

Roll call: Johnson — Yes; Towns — Yes; Salvati — Yes; Chambers — Yes; Hill — Yes; Abram — Yes; Baker — Yes; Pyakurel - Yes. The motion was approved 8 affirmative votes, 0 negative votes.

Council invited Mayor Begeny, Attorney Shook, Auditor Strickland, Director Meyer, and Clerk Prasher to remain in the session.

Councilmember Chambers made a motion to leave executive session. Second by Councilmember Towns.

Roll call: Johnson — Yes; Towns — Yes; Salvati — Yes; Chambers — Yes; Hill — Yes; Abram — Yes; Baker — Yes; Pyakurel - Yes. The motion was approved 8 affirmative votes, 0 negative votes.

Councilmember Salvati made a motion to forward this Ordinance to Council for a first reading. Second by Councilmember Towns. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS - CONSENT AGENDA

RESULT:	PASSED (UNANIMOUS) 8-0
MOVER:	Salvati
SECONDER:	Johnson
AYES:	Abram, Baker, Johnson, Pyakurel Towns, Salvati, Chambers, Hill

A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Purchase a Camera Van and Related Equipment for the Wastewater Department and Waive Competitive Bidding

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CONSENT AGENDA FOR EMERGENCY ADOPTION

RESULT:	PASSED (UNANIMOUS) 8-0
MOVER:	Salvati
SECONDER:	Towns
AYES:	Abram, Baker, Johnson, Pyakurel Towns, Salvati, Chambers, Hill

An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Purchase the Rights-of-Way and Easements Necessary for the Construction of the Summit Road Improvement Project, Appropriate Funds Therefor, and Declaring an Emergency

CONSENT AGENDA FOR FIRST READING

President Pyakurel announced that these Ordinances stand for a first reading.

An Ordinance Authorizing an Agreement with Summit Road Industrial LLC or an Affiliate, Providing for a Project and a Property Tax Exemption Pursuant to the City's Community Reinvestment Area Program, and Declaring an Emergency

An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with _____ Pertaining to the 2026 Street Maintenance and Improvement Project, Appropriating Funds, and Declaring an Emergency

An Ordinance to Authorize the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with EMH&T for Engineering Design Services Pertaining to the East Main Street and Brice Road Intersection Improvement Project, Appropriating Funds Therefor, and



Declaring an Emergency

An Ordinance Appropriating Funds from the Unappropriated General Fund to Accounts in the Community Events Department from the 2025 Juneteenth Event

An Ordinance Appropriating Funds from the Unappropriated General Fund to Accounts in the Community Events Department from the 2025 Pride Event

An Ordinance Appropriating Funds from the Unappropriated General Fund to Accounts in the Community Events Department from the 2025 Diwali-Tihar Celebration Event

CONSENT AGENDA FOR SECOND READING

Councilmember Salvati asked that these items be read separately.

An Ordinance to Establish Section 705 Prohibiting Short-Term Rentals of the Codified Ordinances for the City of Reynoldsburg

Councilmember Baker asked for clarification on the maximum number of residents occupying a short-term rental. Attorney Shook stated that if there were a home listed as a short-term rental, and it was a 5 bedroom home, the maximum occupancy for that rental would be 10 individuals.

This item stands for a second reading.

An Ordinance to Repeal and Replace Chapter 907 Rights-of-Way Management Policy of the Codified Ordinances for the City of Reynoldsburg

Councilmember Salvati asked when a cable company or any other company places one of those boxes on the right of way, do they remain the owner of that box and is that registered with the City. Attorney Shook stated that yes, they must register as the owner of that piece of property with the City. Councilmember Salvati asked if the City is allowed to ask the owners to remove that piece of equipment if it is broken and no longer functional. Attorney Shook stated that the City is allowed to request that they do that. Mayor Begeny stated that they do request that those pieces of equipment be removed, but it can be difficult when companies are bought



and sold along with the equipment, making it difficult to find the correct entity to contact.

This item stands for a second reading.

CONSENT AGENDA FOR THIRD READING

RESULT:	PASSED (UNANIMOUS) 8-0
MOVER:	Salvati
SECONDER:	Towns
AYES:	Abram, Baker, Johnson, Pyakurel Towns, Salvati, Chambers, Hill

An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with the Center of Science and Industry (COSI) and Appropriating Funds Therefor

An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with MS Consulting for Professional Engineering Services Pertaining to Storm Sewer Improvements as Outlined in the Recently Completed Blacklick Creek Watershed Study

OTHER COUNCIL MATTERS

Councilmember Johnson thanked everyone who attended the Juneteenth event. Everyone had an awesome time. She thanked all the City officials who attended and showed their support.

Councilmember Chambers thanked everyone for their support of Juneteenth and the City's Pride event. It was so wonderful to see community members coming together to celebrate our differences and embrace the diversity that makes Reynoldsburg the City of Respect. She added that the non-profit Kids on the Block offered free haircuts during Juneteenth. They were hosting a back-to-school bash on August 2nd in Huber Park from noon to 4pm and were seeking vendors, sponsors, and donations.

Councilmember Baker thanked Councilmember Johnson for her work in putting together the Juneteenth event. He also thanked the RPD and wished teachers a happy summer.

UPCOMING MEETINGS



July 1, 2026 Planning & Zoning Board
July 3, 2026 City Offices Closed in Celebration of July 4th
July 3, 2026 Reynoldsburg July 4th Fireworks
July 13, 2026 Council
July 16, 2026 Planning & Zoning Board
July 27, 2026 Council
August - No Council Meetings

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, Council President Pyakurel adjourned the meeting.

Bhuwan Pyakurel, Council President

Mollie Prasher, Clerk of Council