



**MINUTES REGULAR MEETING
REYNOLDSBURG CITY COUNCIL
January 8, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION - Hezekiah Martin of Southfield Community Missionary Baptist Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Cotner, Baker, Johnson, Lawson-Rowe, Strickland, Salvati, Pyakurel, Hill
ABSENT:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as submitted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting Minutes of December 11, 2023

The regular meeting minutes of December 11, 2023 were approved as submitted.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Mayor Begeny welcomed Meredith Lawson-Rowe as the new Council President and Councilmember Erin Hill as the new representative from Ward 4 to Council. He explained that 2024 would be a big year for the City with the start of the Waggoner Road project and the building of a new Parks & Recreation/Service Building. The next City event would be his State of the City address on Thursday, February 15th in Council Chambers. He indicated that he was looking forward to a great year.

PROCLAMATIONS

A Proclamation Recognizing Martin Luther King, Jr. and His Day of Service

Councilmember Strickland read the proclamation. Councilmember Baker expressed his appreciation for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the importance of continuing his dream by promoting giving back through community service.

COMMUNICATIONS

December Treasury Board Meeting Minutes

MOTIONS

A Motion to Confirm the Mayor and Council President Appointment of Shanette Strickland, Bhuwan Pyakurel, and Attorney Chris Shook to the Fairfield, Franklin, and Licking County Tax Incentive Review Councils

RESULT:	PASSED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Councilmember Salvati
SECONDER:	Councilmember Johnson
AYES:	Cotner, Baker, Johnson, Strickland, Salvati, Pyakurel, Hill, Lawson Rowe

A Motion to Confirm the Mayor and Council President Appointment of Bhuwan Pyakurel and Shanette Strickland to Various Community Reinvestment Area Housing Councils.

RESULT:	PASSED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Salvati
SECONDER:	Johnson
AYES:	Cotner, Baker, Johnson, Strickland, Salvati, Pyakurel, Hill, Lawson Rowe

A Motion to Hereby Appoint Auditor Stephen Cicak and Attorney Chris Shook to Serve on the Volunteer Peace Officers' Dependent Fund Board

This is an annual appointment. Auditor Cicak and Attorney Shook are designated appointees to this Board per the Ohio Revised Code and require Council's

approval of their appointment.

RESULT:	PASSED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Pyakurel
SECONDER:	Strickland
AYES:	Cotner, Baker, Johnson, Strickland, Salvati, Pyakurel, Hill, Lawson Rowe

A Motion to Recommend the Appointment of Mildred Johnson as the Council Representative to the Reynoldsburg Visitors Bureau

RESULT:	PASSED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Strickland
SECONDER:	Salvati
AYES:	Cotner, Baker, Johnson, Strickland, Salvati, Pyakurel, Hill, Lawson Rowe

A Motion to Recommend the Appointment of Stacie Baker as the Council Representative to the West Licking Joint Fire District Board for 2024

RESULT:	PASSED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Strickland
SECONDER:	Pyakurel
AYES:	Cotner, Baker, Johnson, Strickland, Salvati, Pyakurel, Hill, Lawson Rowe

A Motion to Reappoint Mollie Prasher to Serve as Clerk of Council for the Period Beginning February 1, 2024 through January 31, 2026

RESULT:	PASSED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Pyakurel
SECONDER:	Johnson
AYES:	Cotner, Baker, Johnson, Strickland, Salvati, Pyakurel, Hill, Lawson Rowe

A Motion to Designate the City Attorney to Attend the Required Trainings Related to Public Records Laws and Sunshine Laws on Behalf of the City Council

RESULT:	PASSED (UNANIMOUS)
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MOVER:	Salvati
SECONDER:	Strickland
AYES:	Cotner, Baker, Johnson, Strickland, Salvati, Pyakurel, Hill, Lawson Rowe

A Motion to Recommend the Appointment of Temporary Council Committee Chairs

President Lawson-Rowe moved to recommend the appointment of Lou Salvati as temporary chair of the Development, Parks & Recreation Committee; Bhuwan Pyakurel as temporary chair of the Public Safety, Law & Courts Committee; Shanette Strickland as the temporary chair of the Public Service and Transportation Committee, and Stacie Baker as the temporary chair of the Finance & Administration Committee.

RESULT:	PASSED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Strickland
SECONDER:	Johnson
AYES:	Cotner, Baker, Johnson, Strickland, Salvati, Pyakurel, Hill, awson Rowe

A Motion to Recommend the Appointment of Councilmembers to Council Committees Effective January 8, 2024 until the Next Council Organizational Meeting in January 2024

President Lawson-Rowe moved to recommend the appointment of Lou Salvati, Barth Cotner, Mildred Johnson, and Erin Hill to the Development, Parks & Recreation Committee; the appointment of Bhuwan Pyakurel, Barth Cotner, Mildred Johnson, and Erin Hill to the Public Safety, Laws & Court Committee; the appointment of Shanette Strickland, Barth Cotner, Mildred Johnson, and Erin Hill to the Public Service and Transportation Committee, and the appointment of Stacie Baker, Lou Salvati, Bhuwan Pyakurel and Shanette Strickland to the Finance & Administration Committee.

RESULT:	PASSED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Strickland
SECONDER:	Pyakurel
AYES:	Cotner, Baker, Johnson, Strickland, Salvati, Pyakurel, Hill, Lawson Rowe

A Motion to Recommend the Appointment of Shanette Strickland to Serve as the President Pro Tempore of Council for the Period Beginning January 8, 2024 until the Next Council Organizational Meeting in January 2025

RESULT:	PASSED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Salvati
SECONDER:	Johnson
AYES:	Cotner, Baker, Johnson, Strickland, Salvati, Pyakurel, Hill, Lawson Rowe

Following the motion to appoint Councilmember Strickland President Pro Temp, Councilmember Baker moved to nominate Councilmember Pyakurel as President Pro Temp with a second by Councilmember Pyakurel. As the motion to appoint Councilmember Strickland was already on the table, a vote was taken to appoint Councilmember Strickland.

REPORTS

Auditor's Reports

The Auditor's Office submitted the budget by department and classification for the months of August, September, and October of 2023.

Auditor's Reports, August, 2023

Auditor's Reports, September, 2023

Auditor's Reports, October, 2023

Liquor Permit

Liquor Permit Transfer for AAP Partners LLC

Chief Baker reported that Kwik N Cold Inc., located at 7592 & 7596 East Main Street is transferring their C1 and C2 liquor permits to AAP Partners LLC. There



were four calls to this location with the previous owner and issues with communications. The Liquor Board, however, feels there should be no issues with the new owner. The recommendation is to approve the transfer with no hearing.

Development, Parks & Recreation Committee

This is the Development, Parks & Recreation Committee meeting for January 8, 2024.

Members in attendance are: Councilmember Cotner, Councilmember Johnson, Councilmember Hill, Chair Salvati and President Lawson-Rowe.

Appointment of Committee Chair and Vice Chair

The Committee must select its Chair and Vice Chair.

Election of Committee Chair

Temporary Chair Salvati opened the floor for nominations. Councilmember Johnson made a motion to nominate Councilmember Salvati as chair of the Development, Parks & Recreation Committee. As there were no further nominations, nominations were closed and a voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

Election of Committee Vice Chair

Councilmember Salvati opened the floor for vice chair nominations.

Councilmember Johnson nominated Councilmember Cotner to be Vice Chair. As there were no further nominations, nominations were closed and a voice vote was taken. Motion carries.

Public Safety, Law & Courts Committee

This is the Public Safety, Laws & Court Committee meeting for January 8, 2024.

Members in attendance are: Councilmember Cotner, Councilmember Johnson, Councilmember Hill, Temporary Chair Pyakurel and President Lawson-Rowe.

Appointment of Committee Chair and Vice Chair

The Committee must select its Chair and Vice Chair.

Election of Committee Chair

Temporary Chair Pyakurel opened the floor for nominations. Councilmember



Johnson made a motion to nominate Councilmember Pyakurel as chair of the Safety, Law & Courts Committee. As there were no further nominations, nominations were closed and a voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

Election of Committee Vice Chair

Councilmember Pyakurel opened the floor for vice chair nominations.
Councilmember Pyakurel nominated Councilmember Johnson to be Vice Chair.
As there were no further nominations, nominations were closed and a voice vote was taken. Motion carries.

Public Service & Transportation Committee

This is the Public Service & Transportation Committee meeting for January 8, 2024.

Members in attendance are: Councilmember Cotner, Councilmember Johnson, Councilmember Hill, Temporary Chair Strickland, and President Lawson-Rowe.

Appointment of Committee Chair and Vice Chair

The Committee must select its Chair and Vice Chair.

Election of Committee Chair

Temporary Chair Strickland opened the floor for nominations. Councilmember Johnson made a motion to nominate Councilmember Strickland as chair of the Public Service & Transportation Committee. As there were no further nominations, nominations were closed and a voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

Election of Committee Vice Chair

Councilmember Strickland opened the floor for vice chair nominations.
Councilmember Strickland nominated Councilmember Johnson to be Vice Chair.
As there were no further nominations, nominations were closed and a voice vote was taken. Motion carries.

An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with Complete General Construction for the Waggoner Road Phase 1 Improvement Project, Appropriating Funds, and Declaring an Emergency

This legislation has returned to Council as a contractor has been recommended and the cost and funding for the project has been identified; therefore, the Ordinance needed to be amended.



Mayor Begeny advised that the bid results were in, and a recommendation has been brought to Council recommending Complete General Contracting as the lowest and best bid with a final price of \$10,590,223.05. This project is very complex and will be the City's water, sewer, sidewalk, and roads project for 2024. I want to thank all the departments that have been part of pulling this project together. The City intends to keep the residents notified regarding all aspects of the project's progress as well as maintain a stricter project timeline.

Councilmember Strickland moved to amend this Ordinance to approve Complete General Contracting as the contractor with a bid price of \$10,590,223.05 with a contingency six percent (\$635,413.38) and to designate all the various funding sources. Second by Councilmember Johnson. The Ordinance was amended.

Finance & Administration Committee

This is the Finance & Administration Committee meeting for January 8, 2024.

Members in attendance are: Councilmember Pyakurel, Councilmember Salvati, Councilmember Strickland, Temporary Chair Baker and President Lawson-Rowe.

Appointment of Committee Chair and Vice Chair

The Committee must select its Chair and Vice Chair.

Election of Committee Chair

Temporary Chair Baker opened the floor for nominations. Councilmember Salvati made a motion to nominate Councilmember Baker as chair of the Finance & Administration Committee. As there were no further nominations, nominations were closed and a voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

Election of Committee Vice Chair

Councilmember Baker opened the floor for vice chair nominations. Councilmember Baker nominated Councilmember Pyakurel to be Vice Chair. As there were no further nominations, nominations were closed and a voice vote was taken. Motion carries.

CONSENT AGENDA FOR SECOND READING

An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with Complete



**General Construction for the Waggoner Road Phase 1 Improvement Project,
Appropriating Funds, and Declaring an Emergency**

CONSENT AGENDA FOR THIRD READING

RESULT:	PASSED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	
SECONDER:	
AYES:	Cotner, Baker, Johnson, Jenkins, Strickland, Salvati, Pyakurel, Lawson Rowe

**An Ordinance to Amend Section 331.42 Texting While Driving Prohibited of
the Codified Ordinances for the City of Reynoldsburg**

OTHER COUNCIL MATTERS

Councilmember Strickland reminded everyone about the MLK Breakfast on Saturday, January 13th. This year, sponsors were obtained to support giving three scholarships to Reynoldsburg high school students. Pastor John Pope will be the guest speaker. The event is sold out.

Councilmember Baker wanted to thank police officers, nurses, doctors, teachers, retail workers for their sacrifices and hard work.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

As there was no further business, President Lawson-Rowe closed the meeting at 7:07pm.

January 15, 2024 MLK Day City Offices Closed
January 18, 2024 Planning & Zoning Board
January 22, 2024 Council
February 1, 2024 Planning & Zoning Board
February 12, 2024 Council
February 19, 2024 Presidents Day City Office Closed
February 26, 2024 Council



Leanora Jenkins, President of Council

Mollie Prasher, Clerk of Council