



**MINUTES REGULAR MEETING
REYNOLDSBURG CITY COUNCIL
December 18, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION - Reverend Dr. Toni Kleckley

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Baker, Johnson, Jenkins, Strickland, Salvati, Pyakurel, Lawson Rowe

ABSENT: Cother

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as submitted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - There are no minutes for approval.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Mayor Begeny

Mayor Begeny wished everyone a happy holiday season and thanked President Jenkins for all she has done.

250th Anniversary of the Boston Tea Party - DAR

Linda Young and Bonnie Murdaugh from the Daughters of the American Revolution gave a presentation about the 250th anniversary of the Boston Tea Party. Their purpose is to honor patriots and honor history. They invited Council to participate as they prepared for America's 250th anniversary. They thanked Council for all they do for the City.

PROCLAMATIONS

A Proclamation Recognizing Leanora "Angie" Jenkins Contributions to the Reynoldsburg City Council

Councilmember Lawson-Rowe started by giving praise to her forever Council President Angie Jenkins.

Councilmember Lawson-Rowe read the Proclamation.

President Jenkins stated that it had been an incredible journey, and she would not be here if it weren't for formal Councilmember Bryant and her determination and she thanked her for that. She stated that it had been great and that they, herself, Councilmember Strickland, and Councilmember Lawson-Rowe, made history as the first African American women elected. They were asked to submit articles to the Ohio History Museum and were recently included in a new book title The Radical Imagination of Black Women: Ambition, Politics, and Power. For this contribution, she is proud. She has always been committed to giving back to the community. She began as a radio newscaster at Xavier College where she was a student. She also worked for the Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce. She was also a program assistant for Tony Brown Journal, special interest stories about the African American community. She assisted with a program for Vietnam soldiers, worked in family and family services as a caseworker, and worked with Angels Wings with Delta Air Lines to assist families that had incidents with the airline. She also worked for the medical board, the nursing board administrators, the department of health, FEMA, H1N1 and Ebola health crises, and bio-health statistics. She also worked with the Attorney General's office to protect Ohio consumers. She has always had positions involved in helping her community and is happy to pave the way for women who look like her. She knows she made her mom proud and knows she has left a legacy to be proud of. She wanted to thank the City for their help and especially thanked Clerk Prasher, stating that she could not have done it without her. She thanked the citizens of Reynoldsburg for having faith in her and allowing her to be their Council President-Elect.

REPORTS

Finance & Administration Committee

This is the Finance & Administration Committee meeting for December 18, 2023.

Member in attendance are: Councilmember Pyakurel, Councilmember Lawson-Rowe, Councilmember Strickland, Chair Salvati, and President Jenkins.



A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract for City Cyber Insurance for 2024 and Waive Competitive Bidding

Director Boller stated that their broker received two offers for coverage; one was from our current carrier for \$34,374, the second offer was from another company for \$28,500, so that is a 17% decrease with more coverage. Our ransomware is increasing from \$1 million to \$2 million, the hardware replacement limit will go from \$1 million to \$2 million, increased reputational harm limits will go from \$1 million to \$2 million, and it will reduce the retention limit from \$40 thousand to \$25 thousand. Our waiting period will also drop from 12 hours to 8 hours. There will be a \$2000 terrorism policy added, so in total, it will be \$30,500 per year.

Councilmember Salvati moved to forward this Resolution to Council for approval. Second by Councilmember Pyakurel. Motion carried.

An Ordinance to Make Appropriations for Expenses and Other Expenditures of the City of Reynoldsburg, State of Ohio, During the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2024, and Declaring an Emergency

This Ordinance has been returned to committee for further discussion.

Attorney Shook stated that the only real significant change he has in his budget for 2024 is that his department is going to be taking over all the outside counsel funds from other departments. Previously, they had outside counsel fees for employment matters with the HR department, bond filings with the Auditor's office, and specialized development matters with the development department. They will continue to use these outside specialists, but the budget will be moved over to the Attorney's office. They are asking for \$80,000 in outside counsel fees to cover all of these departments.

Auditor Cicak started by thanking President Jenkins for her leadership, especially throughout the pandemic. He stated that NovaTime has a \$6100 update, so that has been included in their budget. The outside auditor, who does the state audits, was also renewed and that is \$25,000 with an increase of \$1700. They added \$17,000 for Baker Tilly and the credit card fees for community events have dropped \$1500.

Councilmember Salvati moved to amend this Ordinance to include all updated information in the Ordinance that was included in this packet. Second by Councilmember Pyakurel. Motion carried.

Councilmember Salvati moved to forward this amended Ordinance to Council for a third reading and emergency approval. Second by Councilmember Pyakurel. Motion carried.



An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 160, Section 160.02 Authorized Positions, Personnel, Classifications and Pay Grades for the City of Reynoldsburg, and Declaring an Emergency

This Ordinance has been returned to committee for further discussion.

Councilmember Pyakurel thanked Auditor Cicak for all the information he has provided him with since the last meeting.

Auditor Cicak stated that they are going back and looking at the actual job duties of these positions to make sure they are going through the correct processes. They hope to get this settled later in the year.

Councilmember Strickland thanked Auditor Cicak and Director Boller for working together on this, making sure that the correct processes are completed.

Councilmember Salvati moved to amend this Ordinance to accept the changes as identified by Chapter 160 Exhibit A provided by Director Boller included in this packet. Second by Councilmember Strickland. Motion carried.

Councilmember Salvati moved to forward this amended Ordinance to Council for a third reading and approval. Second by Councilmember Pyakurel. Motion carried.

Public Service and Transportation Committee

This is the Public Service & Transportation Committee meeting for December 18, 2023.

Members in attendance are: Councilmember Baker, Councilmember Johnson, Chair Strickland, and President Jenkins.

A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract Extension with the Franklin County Public Health Department and Clarke Environmental Mosquito Management Inc. for Mosquito Management Services from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024

Director Dorman stated that when West Nile became a concern, many communities decided to expand their mosquito services. The department of health did not have the staff for that at the time, so they contracted this work out. Clark Environmental was the best bid they received, and they will do perimeter control for City events as well as regular spraying.

Councilmember Strickland moved to forward this Resolution to Council for approval. Second by Councilmember Johnson. Motion carried.



A Resolution Authorizing Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with Evans, Mechwart, Hambleton & Tilton, Inc. (EMH&T) for General Engineering Consulting and Professional Design Services

Director Dorman stated that this Resolution is for an agreement with EMH&T. They received 9 or 10 proposals, which is the most they've received in a long time, but chose to continue working with EMH&T as their general engineering consultant. They also selected a back-up engineering firm. They also separated out inspection services and design services in this agreement because they are very different jobs.

Councilmember Strickland thanked Director Dorman for allowing them to be part of this process. She also asked if these scores are available somewhere. Director Dorman said they are available and are public record.

Councilmember Strickland moved to forward this Resolution to Council for approval. Second by Councilmember Johnson. Motion carried.

A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with Sands Decker for Back-up General Engineering Consulting and Professional Design Services

Director Dorman stated that this is the same as the previous Resolution for back-up engineering in case our primary engineer has a conflict of interest.

Councilmember Strickland moved to forward this Resolution to Council for approval. Second by Councilmember Baker. Motion carried.

A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with DLZ to Provide Project Inspection Services and General Engineering Consulting and Professional Design Services

Director Dorman stated that DLZ will be doing the inspection services alongside the contractor to ensure the project is done correctly. The engineering design services and the inspection services are now separate and will be provided by different contractors.

Councilmember Strickland moved to forward this Resolution to Council for approval. Second by Councilmember Baker. Motion carried.

A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with Evans, Mechwart, Hambleton & Tilton, Inc. (EMH&T) for Back-up Inspection Services

Director Dorman stated that this Resolution sets the back-up provided for inspection services, which is EMH&T.

Councilmember Strickland moved to forward this Resolution to Council for approval. Second by Councilmember Johnson. Motion carried.

A Resolution to Authorize the Mayor to Enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Etna Township as it Pertains to Contracting a Taylor Road Traffic Study

Mayor Begeny stated that ODOT is in the design and planning stage for an on and off ramp at Taylor Road and 70. It will be the third part of a very large project. They are partnering with Etna Township to do a traffic study for this entire area. This project should not exceed \$49,000. Etna Township will reimburse the City up to \$16,000.

Councilmember Strickland moved to forward this Resolution to Council for approval. Second by Councilmember Baker. Motion carried.

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 174 Procedure for the Selection of Design Professionals of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Reynoldsburg, Ohio, and Declaring an Emergency

Director Dorman stated that this Ordinance was modified to match the current RFP we had. They are mainly moving from a four-year contract to a two-year contract while also breaking it down into engineering services and inspection services rather than one item.

Councilmember Pyakurel asked why they were trying to move from four years to two years. Director Dorman stated that this would potentially allow them to save money or contract different engineering services based on specialties. It also allows for a one-year extension.

Councilmember Strickland moved to forward this Ordinance to Council for a first reading and emergency approval. Second by Councilmember Baker. Motion carried.

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

Mayor Begeny stated that since Waggoner Road is such a large project, they wanted to try and have this Ordinance in committee with the information and estimates before actually signing the contract to try to avoid having to pass emergency language. At the next meeting, they hope to have the contractor selected, and they will amend the Ordinance to include any additional information.



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

Public Safety, Law & Courts Committee

This is the Public Safety, Law & Courts Committee meeting for December 18, 2023. Members in attendance are: Councilmember Baker, Councilmember Johnson, Chair Lawson-Rowe, and President Jenkins.

A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter Into an Agreement With Axon Enterprise, Inc. to Purchase the TASER 10 Certification Bundles and Waive Competitive Bidding

Lieutenant Bender stated that this Resolution is to enter into an agreement to purchase Tasers. These items have been budgeted for in the 2024 budget and are being purchased at the Ohio State bid price.

Councilmember Baker asked if these are to replace the current Tasers or additional Tasers. Lieutenant Bender stated that these are to replace the old Tasers as they have aging technology that is no longer supported.

Councilmember Lawson-Rowe moved to forward this Resolution to Council for approval. Second by Councilmember Baker. Motion carried.

A Resolution Authorizing the City Auditor to Remove a Vehicle from the City's Fixed Asset List for the Reynoldsburg Police Department

Lieutenant Bender stated that this Resolution is to allow for the sale of a 2013 Ford Taurus that was used by the patrol bureau. The vehicle has over 106,000 miles. The vehicle will be sold on an online auction.

Councilmember Lawson-Rowe moved to forward this Resolution to Council for approval. Second by Councilmember Johnson. Motion carried.

A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter Into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Columbus for 911 Services

Lieutenant Bender stated that this Resolution is to enter into an agreement with the city of Columbus, Department of Public Safety. This is an agreement for 9-1-1 services and equipment. Costs associated with this agreement have been budgeted for in the 2024 budget.

Councilmember Lawson-Rowe moved to forward this Resolution to Council for

approval. Second by Councilmember Baker. Motion carried.

There is no Development, Parks & Recreation Committee meeting.

RESOLUTIONS - CONSENT AGENDA

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

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CONSENT AGENDA FOR EMERGENCY ADOPTION

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

An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 137-98 to Extend the Exemption from Taxation for the Taylor Square TIF Area for an Additional Thirty Years, and Declaring an Emergency

An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance No. 102-18, as Amended by Ordinance No. 174-2021, to Extend the Exemption from Taxation for the Brice-Main TIF Area, and Declaring an Emergency

An Ordinance to Amend the Personnel Procedure Manual Regarding Holidays, Network Devices, Use of Space Heaters, and Lactation Breaks, and



Declaring an Emergency

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 160, Section 160.02 Authorized Positions, Personnel, Classifications and Pay Grades for the City of Reynoldsburg, and Declaring an Emergency

An Ordinance to Make Appropriations for Expenses and Other Expenditures of the City of Reynoldsburg, State of Ohio, During the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2024, and Declaring an Emergency

An Ordinance to Transfer Funds Among Various General Fund Accounts, and Declaring an Emergency

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 174 Procedure for the Selection of Design Professionals of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Reynoldsburg, Ohio, and Declaring an Emergency

CONSENT AGENDA FOR FIRST READING

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CONSENT AGENDA FOR SECOND READING

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



CONSENT AGENDA FOR THIRD READING

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

An Ordinance to Approve the Final Plat Plans (Phases 2 & 3) for the Eastwood Development Project

An Ordinance to Establish Section 941.24 Annexation of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Reynoldsburg to Require Annexation into the City for Water and Sanitary Sewer Services

OTHER COUNCIL MATTERS

Councilmember Strickland thanked President Jenkins for her leadership and friendship. She stated that they started out doing things in the community together for their families and to see how she has grown into such a great person and President. She will forever be in her heart. She appreciates her and what she has been able to learn from her. President Jenkins thanked Councilmember Strickland for her support.

Councilmember Baker stated that it has been an honor to work with President Jenkins. He recalled that in 2019 when President Jenkins was first elected, he noted that his daughter now has women that look like her on this stage that she can look up to, and he still believes that now. Councilmember Baker thanked RPD, teachers, doctors, nursing staff, and those that work in retail. President Jenkins thanked Councilmember Baker.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

As there was no further business, President Jenkins ended her last meeting at 8:35pm.

December 22, 2023 City Offices Closed
December 25, 2023 City Offices Closed
December 29, 2023 City Offices Closed
January 1, 2024 City Offices Closed
January 4, 2024 Planning & Zoning Board - Cancelled
January 8, 2024 Council Organizational Meeting
January 15, 2024 MLK Day City Offices Closed



January 18, 2024 Planning & Zoning Board
January 22, 2024 Council

Leanora Jenkins, President of Council

Mollie Prasher, Clerk of Council