



**MINUTES REGULAR MEETING
REYNOLDSBURG CITY COUNCIL
January 22, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION - Pastor Renee Russell of City Church of Reynoldsburg

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Pyakurel, Hill, Cotner, Baker, Johnson, Strickland, Salvati, and President Lawson-Rowe

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

President Lawson-Rowe stated the MORPC speaker is unable to attend this evening and has rescheduled for the February 12th Council meeting. Seeing no other changes, the agenda was approved as submitted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Special Meeting Minutes of December 18, 2023

The special Council meeting minutes from December 18, 2023 were approved as submitted.

Regular Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2024

The regular meeting minutes from the January 8, 2024 meeting were approved as submitted.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Councilmember Pyakurel shared with the community that there will be free help for community residents to file their 2023 taxes. Dial 211 to obtain more information and/or schedule an appointment.

Mayor Begeny read a proclamation regarding National Gun Violence Survivors Week.

WHEREAS, every year, more than 43,000 Americans are killed by guns, approximately 76,000 more are shot and wounded, and countless others experience the collective trauma of gun violence; and

Whereas, every year, on average, 1,702 Ohioans are killed in acts of gun violence and nearly 3,753 more are shot and wounded; and

Whereas, in advance of early February, when more Americans are killed with guns than are killed in our peer countries in an entire calendar year; and

Whereas, a gun violence survivor is anyone who has personally experienced gun violence - whether you witnessed an act of gun violence, been threatened or wounded with a gun, or had someone you know and cared about wounded or killed; and

Whereas, forms of gun violence can include, but are not limited to, gun suicides, gun homicides, domestic violence involving a gun, shootings by law enforcement, mass shootings and unintentional shootings; and

Whereas, 59 percent of adults in America, including 71 percent of Black and 60 percent of Latinx Americans, or someone they care about have experienced gun violence in their lifetime, demonstrating the reach and impact gun violence has in communities across America; and

Whereas, firearms are the leading cause of death for children and teens; and

Whereas, people in America, in cities across the nation are working to end the senseless violence by advocating for common sense gun safety legislation; and

Whereas, by commemorating National Gun Violence Survivors Week on January 22 to January 26, communities across America will raise awareness about gun violence and honor the lives stolen by gun violence; and

Whereas, we renew our commitment to reduce gun violence and pledge to do all we can to keep firearms out of the hands of those who are a danger to themselves or others and encourage responsible gun ownership to help keep our communities safe;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joe Begeny, Mayor of the City of Reynoldsburg, Ohio proclaim January 22-26, 2024, as:

NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE SURVIVORS WEEK

We encourage all citizens to support their communities' efforts to prevent the tragic effects of gun violence and to honor and value human lives.

Let the minutes show that Councilmember Baker arrived at 6:43pm.

REPORTS

West Licking Fire District Report - December

Councilmember Baker presented the Board report statistics for December, 2023.

He explained that the new fire department building is almost complete.

Liquor Permit

LB Sunoco Liquor Permit

Chief Baker reported that an investigation was completed for a transfer of a liquor permit held by Subu Petroleum Inc. that was doing business as Main St. Food Mart at 7616 East Main Street. The permit is being transferred to LB Sunoco Inc., who will continue to operate the business as a gas station at the same location. LB Sunoco Inc. is owned by Laith Banekhalid. The permit is for a C1 and C2 class for beer, wine, and pre-packaged, low-proof mixed beverages in sealed containers for carry-out only until 1am. There have been four alcohol and/or related police calls at the location during the past two years. One incident involved the sale of alcohol to an underage person. The Ohio Department of Liquor control advised they were not aware of anything that would prevent this permit from being transferred. When Mr. Banekhalid was interviewed by the RPD. He denied being cited for an alcohol-related offense. Delaware County Court records show that he was found guilty of furnishing alcohol to a minor in 2016. Mr. Banekhalid's original application to transfer also listed an incorrect date of birth for Mr. Banekhalid. Chief Baker recommended that the City request a hearing for this permit application.

Clerk Prasher asked if the hearing should be in Columbus or the county seat?
Attorney Shook indicated the city of Columbus.

There is no Development, Parks & Recreation Committee meeting.

Public Safety, Law & Courts Committee

This is the Public Safety, Law & Court Committee meeting for January 22, 2024. Members in attendance are: Councilmember Cotner, Councilmember Hill, Councilmember Johnson, Chair Pyakurel and President Lawson-Rowe.

A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with the Franklin County Sheriff's Office to Become a Member of the Franklin County DUI Task Force for 2024

Chief Baker indicated that this legislation would include the city of Reynoldsburg as part of the Franklin DUI Task Force for 2024. This legislation was an annual agreement. The City would have connections, information, and resources to help reduce alcohol-related vehicular incidents.

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

A Resolution to Authorize the Mayor to Purchase Crash Response Equipment from Precision Laser and Instruments Trimble Forensic

Chief Baker explained that this legislation would allow the police department to purchase vehicular crash investigation equipment. Previously, the City relied on the State Highway Patrol to handle these incidents; however, the Patrol indicated that they would no longer be able to handle these investigations. The City will purchase its own equipment using funds budgeted in the 2024 Budget.

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

Public Service & Transportation Committee

This is the Public Service & Transportation Committee meeting on January 22, 2024. Members in attendance are: Councilmember Cotner, Councilmember Hill, Councilmember Johnson, Chair Strickland, and President Lawson-Rowe.

A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with Subsite Electronics for the Repair of the Transtar Camera System and Waive Competitive Bidding

Mayor Begeny explained that this legislation would allow for the purchase of a new camera and the repair of the old camera used to view stormwater line for back-ups and condition of lines. The purchase of this equipment was included in the 2024 Budget.

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

There is no Finance & Administration Committee meeting.

RESOLUTIONS - CONSENT AGENDA

RESULT:	Motion carried. (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Salvati
SECONDER:	Strickland
AYES:	Cotner, Baker, Johnson, Lawson-Rowe, Strickland, Salvati, Pyakurel,

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CONSENT AGENDA FOR THIRD READING

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

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

OTHER COUNCIL MATTERS

Councilmember Strickland expressed her thanks to staff Nadia Miller and Jennifer Clemens for their help and assistance with the MLK Breakfast. She also thanked everyone who attended as they helped to make the event a success. This year the event was able to provide three scholarships to Reynoldsburg High School Seniors, including a \$2,000, \$500, and \$250 scholarship.

Councilmember Baker congratulated the boys basketball team and the OSU Lady Buckeyes for their recent wins. He also thanked police officers, nurses, doctors, teachers, retail workers for their sacrifices and hard work.



Review of Rules of Council

President Lawson-Rowe stated that Council was given a copy of the current Rules of Council for review. Council reviews the Rules of Council following every election. If any Council members wish to recommend any changes to the Rules, please contact Clerk Prasher about those changes. The Rules of Council will be presented to Council at the next Council meeting for approval.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

President Lawson-Rowe announced that Council would be holding a special meeting on Saturday, January 27, 2024, beginning at 9:00am in the second floor main conference room of City Hall to discuss Council goals and objectives for the next four years and citywide events. This work session was open to the public. The next regularly scheduled Council meeting was on Monday, February 12, 2024, beginning at 6:30pm.

As there was no further business, President Lawson-Rowe adjourned the meeting.

January 27, 2024 Special Council Meeting Retreat - 9:00am City Hall Main Conference Room

February 8, 2024 Planning & Zoning Board

February 12, 2024 City Council

February 22, 2024 Planning & Zoning Board

February 26, 2024 City Council

Leanora Jenkins, President of Council

Mollie Prasher, Clerk of Council