



**MINUTES REGULAR MEETING
REYNOLDSBURG CITY COUNCIL
February 12, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION - Tim Meier with The Alliance

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The February 12, 2024 agenda was approved as submitted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting Minutes of January 22, 2024

The regular meeting minutes of the January 22, 2024 were approved as submitted.

Special Council Meeting Minutes of January 27, 2024

The special meeting minutes of the January 27, 2024 were approved as submitted.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Chief Elder Minister John Henry
166 Hither Creek Lane

Chief Elder Henry recently moved here from South Carolina where he was an elder in the Gullah African Village Church. He also represented a non-profit group, Save our Youth and Families, supporting young people by building self-esteem and providing

them with work experience. They are currently looking for a building to house their group. He advised Council that he was interested in establishing his youth group here in Reynoldsburg along with the School District to build a brighter future for our local youth.

Councilmember Strickland welcomed Chief Elder to the community and expressed Council's good wishes for the establishment of this program.

Mayor Joe Begeny

State of the City event will be this week on Thursday, February 15th with doors opening at 6:30pm.

Presentation of MLK Breakfast Scholarship - Purushotam Khatiwoda, 2nd place 2024 MLK Legacy Scholarship Recipient

As Purushotam Khatiwoda was unable to attend, there was no presentation.

Presentation by Lauren Cardoni with MORPC

Lauren Cardoni, Active Transportation and Safety Program Manager with MORPC, provided a presentation about the upcoming Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

MORPC's role in central Ohio is to provide long-range planning for transportation, both vehicular and pedestrian recommendations for the development of central Ohio. Ms. Cardoni shared that central Ohio was rapidly growing with ever-changing demographics. Development is changing, which in turn makes demands and causes changes to the area's transportation systems. The Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) identifies long-range (20+ year) regional transportation strategies and projects. This Plan is submitted to the Ohio Department of Transportation and USDOT every four years. In order to receive funding, transportation projects must be listed on the MTP to be eligible for federal funding.

This Plan also guides the work of MORPC as well as regional and local planning partners. By guiding investments in transportation and mobility infrastructure and service in central Ohio, the MTP identifies strategies to advance six specific goals.

1. Create sustainable neighborhoods to improve all residents' quality of life.
2. Position central Ohio to attract and retain economic opportunity to prosper as a region and compete globally.
3. Provide transportation and mobility options to benefit the health, safety, and welfare of all people.
4. Increase regional collaboration and employ innovative transportation solutions to maximize the return on public expenditures.
5. Protect natural resources and mitigate infrastructure vulnerabilities to maintain a healthy ecosystem and community.
6. Reduce per capita energy consumption and promote alternative fuel resources

to increase affordability and resiliency of regional energy supplies.

Ms. Cardoni shared possible draft roadway, transit, and trail projects, especially those in Reynoldsburg. She also described the process for seeking public input for adopting this Plan. The overall goal in developing this Plan was to build faster, more reliable public transportation systems, safer and expanded bike and pedestrian paths, and more walkable communities that provide greater affordable access to work, home, and entertainment.

MORPC will hold an open house to further discuss the MTP on March 19th from 3:30 to 6:30pm.

Councilmember Strickland asked if MORPC would meet the May deadline. Ms. Cardoni indicated that they will work to make sure the deadline is met.

Councilmember Baker how the current bike paths/trails would be connected and what the specific improvements would be to intersections specifically the five-points intersection. Ms. Cardoni stated that there are other organizations within central Ohio that MORPC works with to make these types of connections. There are currently 230 trails in the central Ohio area with new trails being added. The intersection improvements mentioned in the presentation were currently just conceptual.

PROCLAMATIONS

A Proclamation Recognizing Black History Month

Councilmember Baker read the proclamation. He stated that reading a Black History Month proclamation began during his first term on Council in order to demonstrate that the City of Reynoldsburg honors Black history. He added that Black history is American history and should be recognized as such. Councilmember Baker stated that we should all be able to love and respect one another based on the content of our character, not what we look like on the outside.

Councilmember Pyakurel moved to approve the proclamation. Second by Councilmember Johnson. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS



Treasury Board Minutes January 2024

Purchase Order Report for the Month of January

MOTIONS

A Motion of the Council of the City of Reynoldsburg Expressing Concern and Frustration Regarding Gun Violence and Calling Upon the General Assembly of the State of Ohio to Take Action Advancing Reasonable, Rational, and Fair Gun Control Legislation

Councilmember Erin Hill read the legislation, in its entirety, into the record.

Councilmember Salvati moved to approve this motion. Second by Councilmember Hill. Motion carried.

RESULT:	Approve (6-0-1)
MOVER:	Salvati
SECONDER:	Hill
AYES:	6
NAYS:	0
ABSTENTION:	1

A Motion to Approve the Rules of Council

Councilmember Baker moved to approve the Rules of Council. Second by Councilmember Johnson. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Clerk of Court Reports

The Clerk of Court submitted monies collected from the courts held in May through December 2023 in the amount of \$121,119.00.



Clerk of Court Report for May 2023

Clerk of Court Report for June 2023

Clerk of Court Report for July 2023

Clerk of Court Report for August 2023

Clerk of Court Report for September 2023

Clerk of Court Report for October 2023

Clerk of Court Report for November 2023

Clerk of Court Report for December 2023

West Licking Fire District Report

Councilmember Baker provided the stats for the month of January 2024. He stated that he had toured the new fire station. The new station should be completed on time.

Development, Parks & Recreation Committee

This is the Development, Parks & Recreation Committee meeting for February 12, 2024.

Members in attendance are: Councilmember Cotner, Councilmember Hill, Councilmember Johnson, Chair Salvati and President Pro Temp Strickland.

A Resolution Authorizing the City Auditor to Remove Equipment from the

City's Fixed Asset List for Parks & Recreation

Director Bauman explained that this legislation would remove a mower, backhoe and fertilizer spreader from the Parks & Recreation fixed asset list. This equipment would be sold on GovDeals and, if not sold, then sold as scrap metal.

Councilmember Salvati moved to forward the Resolution to Council. Second by Councilmember Johnson. Motion carried.

A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Purchase a Case 21F Compact Wheel Loader and Related Equipment/Accessories for the Parks and Recreation Department and Waive Competitive Bidding

Director Bauman indicated that this legislation was to purchase a new compact wheel loader and related equipment to replace the backhoe.

Councilmember Salvati moved to forward this Resolution to Council. Second by Councilmember Johnson. Motion carried.

A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Purchase Two Ford F-250 Trucks and Related Equipment for the Parks and Recreation Department and Waive Competitive Bidding

Director Bauman presented legislation to purchase two new Ford F-250 pick-up trucks with related equipment. These trucks will be purchased using the state bidding contract. The trucks that are being replaced will be given to the new Park Rangers.

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

Public Safety, Law & Courts Committee

This is the Public Safety, Laws & Court Committee meeting for February 12, 2024.

Members in attendance are: Councilmember Cotner, Councilmember Hill, Councilmember Johnson, Chair Pyakurel and President Pro Temp Strickland.

An Ordinance Appropriating Unencumbered Balances as of December 31, 2023, in Various Police Special Revenue Funds, Providing that Revenues for Funds Received During 2024 be Accepted, and Declaring an Emergency

Chief Baker advised Council that this legislation is an annual housekeeping item to move funds leftover from the 2023 budget to the 2024 budget.



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

Public Service & Transportation Committee

This is the Public Service & Transportation Committee meeting for February 12, 2024.

Members in attendance are: Councilmember Cotner, Councilmember Hill, Councilmember Johnson, Chair Strickland, and President Pro Temp Strickland.

An Ordinance to Approve Payment of Services Performed to the Auditors Certificate of Availability of Funds, and Declaring an Emergency

Director Dorman explained that a Then and Now was necessary for the purchase of Sensus meters. Council approved staff purchasing Sensus meters at the end of 2023 to lock in the price. However, Sensus sent the meters prior to the end of the year, instead of in 2024 when they were requested. Therefore, the staff were not anticipating paying for all the meters in 2023.

Council Pro Temp Strickland moved to forward this Ordinance to Council as a single-read emergency. Second by Councilmember Johnson. Motion carried.

An Ordinance to Accept a Sanitary Sewer Easement (0.088 Acres) From Main And Rosehill, LLC, and Declaring an Emergency

Attorney Shook explained that this sewer easement was necessary for the out parcel that was being developed at the Kroger property at East Main Street and Rosehill Road.

Council Pro Temp Strickland moved to forward this Ordinance to Council as a single-read emergency. Second by Councilmember Johnson. Motion carried.

An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with DLZ for Construction Inspection Services Relating for Waggoner Road Phase I Project, and Appropriating Funds

Director Dorman stated that as DLZ was now contracted to complete the City's engineering inspection services, inspecting the Waggoner Road Phase 1 Project would be their first project with the City. This Ordinance would authorize DLZ to complete all inspection services for Phase 1 of Waggoner Road. We anticipate the project starting in early April.

Council Pro Temp Strickland moved to forward this Ordinance to Council for a first

reading. Second by Councilmember Hill. Motion carried.

A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Purchase Two Ford F-150 Trucks and Related Equipment for the Water and Wastewater Department and Waive Competitive Bidding

Director Dorman explained that various City departments need to purchase new pick-up trucks in 2024. The Water/Wastewater Department was purchasing two Ford F-150 trucks with the Street Department purchasing a Ford F-350 and the Stormwater Department purchasing a Ford F-450. All of these purchases were budgeted and will be purchased through the state bid contract. Some of the existing vehicles will be given to other departments and the remaining vehicles will be sold on GovDeals.

Council Pro Temp Strickland moved to forward this Resolution to Council for approval. Second by Councilmember Hill. Motion carried.

A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Purchase a Ford F-350 4 x 4 Pick-up Truck and Related Equipment for the Street Department and Waive Competitive Bidding

Council Pro Temp Strickland moved to forward this Resolution to Council for approval. Second by Councilmember Hill. Motion carried.

A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Purchase a Ford F-450 Truck and Related Equipment for the Stormwater Department and Waive Competitive Bidding

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

A Resolution Authorizing the Clerk of Council to Certify Nuisance Costs (2023) for Collection by the Fairfield County Auditor

Director Dorman stated that the next three resolutions were annual housekeeping items. The City will removed garbage and trash left in front of properties. The City will also cut grass on private property after a code enforcement violation was served and there was no response or remediation. The cost for the City to complete these projects is billed to the property owner. If payment was not received, the City has the authority to file an assessment with the County Auditor for the cost of these services to be assessed to the property owner's property tax bill. These resolutions provide the City with the authority to file those assessments.

Council Pro Temp Strickland moved to forward this Resolution to Council for



approval. Second by Councilmember Hill. Motion carried.

A Resolution Authorizing the Clerk of Council to Certify Nuisance Costs (2023) for Collection by the Franklin County Auditor

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

A Resolution Authorizing the Clerk of Council to Certify Nuisance Costs (2023) for Collection by the Licking County Auditor

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

A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign an Agreement with the City of Columbus for Snow and Ice Removal Services

Director Dorman advised Council that this Resolution memorialized an agreement with the City of Columbus about an exchange of snow removal services that was negotiated late in 2023. The City of Columbus and Reynoldsburg have exchanged plowing and salting services on the eastern edge of Reynoldsburg, which should improve the efficiency of both cities snow removal process. We hope to continue this agreement into 2024.

Council Pro Temp Strickland moved to forward this Resolution to Council for approval. Second by Councilmember Hill. Motion carried.

Finance & Administration Committee

This is the Finance & Administration Committee meeting for February 12, 2024.

Members in attendance are: Councilmember Pyakurel, Councilmember Salvati, Chair Baker and President Pro Temp Strickland.

An Ordinance to Approve Payment of Services Performed to the Auditor's Certificate of Availability of Funds, and Declaring an Emergency

Auditor Cicak stated that this Then and Now was for a larger bill from AEP for street lighting. He indicated that it was probably not necessary to submit this Then and Now because of the type of bill, but he wanted to demonstrate that his department was treated the same as other departments.

Councilmember Baker asked why the bill was higher than the expected purchase order originally estimated. Auditor Cicak was not aware of a reason for the increased lighting costs.



Councilmember Baker moved to forward this Ordinance to Council as a single-read emergency. Second by Councilmember Salvati. Motion carried.

A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter Into an Agreement with the Various Etna-Reynoldsburg Joint Economic Development Districts to Provide Clerk and Secretarial Services

Attorney Shook explained that the City would not be taking over the responsibility for the secretarial and clerk services for the City's current five JEDDs. Those services are currently being provided by the law firm of Albers and Albers. This agreement would save the JEDDs money. Clerk Prasher would be providing those services. Each JEDD would need a similar agreement.

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

A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Three-Year Contract with Schonhardt & Associates for the Preparation of the City of Reynoldsburg Annual Comprehensive Financial Report

Auditor Cicak stated that this legislation was to renew the contract with Schonhardt & Associates for the preparation of the City's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. This contract is for three years.

Councilmember Baker asked how long the City has used Schonhardt & Associates. Auditor Cicak indicated that the City had been with the firm for over twenty years.

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

RESOLUTIONS - CONSENT AGENDA

RESULT:	7-0 (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Baker
SECONDER:	Johnson
AYES:	Cotner, Baker, Johnson, Strickland, Salvati, Pyakurel, Hill

A Resolution Authorizing the City Auditor to Remove Equipment from the City's Fixed Asset List for Parks & Recreation



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CONSENT AGENDA FOR EMERGENCY ADOPTION

RESULT: 7-0 (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Salvati

SECONDER: Baker

AYES: Cotner, Baker, Johnson, Strickland, Salvati, Pyakurel, Hill

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CONSENT AGENDA FOR FIRST READING

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OTHER COUNCIL MATTERS

Councilmember Pyakurel shared that the Truro Fire Department was hosting a safety training class on Saturday morning, February 17, 2024 at the YMCA.

Councilmember Baker congratulated the Reynoldsburg boys and girls high school basketball team on making it to the tournament. The City wishes them the best of luck. He also thanked the RPD, nurses, doctors, teachers, retail workers for their sacrifices and hard work.

Discussion of Suspension of TRL Ordinance

Attorney Shook advised Council that the state of Ohio has recently passed legislation that preempted municipalities from passing legislation regarding tobacco including banning tobacco licensing and flavored tobacco. The City of Reynoldsburg passed legislation to establish tobacco licensing last year. However, provisions of the State's new law are punitive against municipalities for attempting to enforce these regulations. The State can come back to municipalities with fines as well as legal fees and court costs. The City has seventy-five days to make any decisions. The city of Columbus is filing a lawsuit against this ban. Other local communities with similar laws to Reynoldsburg are considering joining the Columbus lawsuit. I suggest that the City of Reynoldsburg joins that Columbus lawsuit. Attorney Shook indicated that he would keep Council posted on any future developments.

Goals & Objectives from Council Retreat

President Pro Temp Strickland explained that the results of the Council retreat to set goals and objectives were enclosed in Council's packet for Council's and citizenry review.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

February 19, 2024 Presidents' Day City Offices Closed
February 22, 2024 Planning & Zoning Board



February 26, 2024 Council
March 7, 2024 Planning & Zoning Board
March 11, 2024 Council
March 21, 2024 Planning & Zoning Board
March 25, 2024 Council

Leanora Jenkins, President of Council

Mollie Prasher, Clerk of Council