



**MINUTES REGULAR MEETING
REYNOLDSBURG CITY COUNCIL
January 9, 2023**

Invocation - Pastor Aaron DeLong from Simple Church

PRESENT: Cotner, Baker (6:33 PM), Bryant, Jenkins, Strickland, Salvati, Pyakurel,
Lawson Rowe

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as submitted.

Approval of Minutes

a. City Council – Special Meeting – December 19, 2022

The regular meeting minutes of December 19, 2022 were approved as submitted.

RESULT:	ACCEPTED
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Community Comments

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**Brett Luzader
1116 Gibson Road**

Mr. Luzader asked why they have to continuously have the westbound right turn lane closed on E Main Street. He stated that he understands there is a utility pole in the road at the corner there but believes that there is enough room to leave the lane open but place cones just around the pole to ensure people avoid it. He believes that this would help the flow of traffic since it seems to be backed up at any point during the day.

**Robert Huenfeld
6666 Imperial Rose Place**

Mr. Huenfeld stated that he would like to address energy independence. He stated that he is a capitalist and he owns stock in Opal Fuels which manufactures a clean version of diesel fuel. He stated that they sell this fuel at a rate of \$1.50 per gallon to the public. He explained that right now their stock is at \$7 a share. Currently, diesel is at around \$5 a gallon, this would be



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a great way for the city to create revenue through a new form of fuel. He stated that he called Opal Fuels corporate and invited them to Reynoldsburg City Council. He stated that the Vice President's name is Todd Firestone and his phone number is (914)705-4001 in case the City would like to contact them about this opportunity.

Mayor Begeny

Mayor Begeny stated that he hoped Council had the opportunity to look at the new Alliance building, which is the facility being built at the corner of Brice and Main Street. He stated that if they were unable to make it to the big reveal, there are pictures on the City web page in the planning and zoning documents.

Mayor Begeny also stated that right before Christmas, Reynoldsburg was awarded \$1.585 million in federal funding for the East Main Phase 2 Project. They are not sure when the money will be here exactly but are hoping to use it this year rather than wait until next year. He explained that he believes it has been around 30 years since Reynoldsburg has received any federal funding for projects. He also stated that he will make sure the document provided by Mr. Luzader about the pole in the street will be given to EMH&T. Mayor Begeny explained that the main conversation around that area with EMH&T was safety and what would happen to that service area if the pole were to be hit. He stated that Breezeway is the last of the companies to remove their lines and they are coming down the week of the January 16th. Once done, AEP will pull the rest of the poles out.

Mayor Begeny also gave a reminder about the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast on Saturday (1/14) at Reynoldsburg Community Church but it is already sold out.

Mayor Begeny also gave a reminder about the Reynoldsburg State of the City at City Hall on February 8th to get an idea of what is going on in the City and what future plans are.

Proclamations

A PROCLAMATION TO RECOGNIZE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. AND HIS DAY OF SERVICE

Councilmember Strickland read the proclamation. Councilmember Baker thanked Councilmember Strickland for bringing this proclamation to Council.



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RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kristin Bryant, At-Large Councilmember
SECONDER:	Meredith Lawson Rowe, Councilwoman
AYES:	Cotner, Baker, Bryant, Jenkins, Strickland, Salvati, Pyakurel, Lawson Rowe

Communications

TREASURY BOARD MINUTES FROM DECEMBER

Motions

A MOTION TO CONFIRM THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL PRESIDENT APPOINTMENT OF SHANETTE STRICKLAND, BHUWAN PYAKUREL, AND ATTORNEY SHOOK TO THE FAIRFIELD, FRANKLIN, AND LICKING COUNTY TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCILS

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Stacie Baker, At-Large Councilmember
SECONDER:	Kristin Bryant, At-Large Councilmember
AYES:	Cotner, Baker, Bryant, Jenkins, Strickland, Salvati, Pyakurel, Lawson Rowe

A MOTION TO AFFIRM THE APPOINTMENTS OF SHANETTE STRICKLAND AND BHUWAN PYAKUREL TO THE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AS DESCRIBED IN ORDINANCE 26-97

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Louis Salvati, Councilman
SECONDER:	Stacie Baker, At-Large Councilmember
AYES:	Cotner, Baker, Bryant, Jenkins, Strickland, Salvati, Pyakurel, Lawson Rowe

A MOTION TO AFFIRM THE APPOINTMENT OF SHANETTE STRICKLAND AND BHUWAN PYAKUREL TO THE EAST MAIN COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA HOUSING COUNCIL



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RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Meredith Lawson Rowe, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Stacie Baker, At-Large Councilmember
AYES:	Cotner, Baker, Bryant, Jenkins, Strickland, Salvati, Pyakurel, Lawson Rowe

A MOTION HEREBY APPOINTING AUDITOR STEPHEN CICAK AND ATTORNEY CHRIS SHOOK TO SERVE ON THE VOLUNTEER PEACE OFFICERS' DEPENDENT FUND BOARD

President Jenkins stated that this was an annual appointment. Auditor Cicak and Attorney Shook were designated appointees to this Board per the Ohio Revised Code and require Council's approval of their appointment.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Shanette Strickland, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Bhuwan Pyakurel, Councilman
AYES:	Cotner, Baker, Bryant, Jenkins, Strickland, Salvati, Pyakurel, Lawson Rowe

A MOTION TO RECOMMEND THE APPOINTMENT OF BHUWAN PYAKUREL AS THE COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE REYNOLDSBURG VISITORS BUREAU

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Louis Salvati, Councilman
SECONDER:	Stacie Baker, At-Large Councilmember
AYES:	Cotner, Baker, Bryant, Jenkins, Strickland, Salvati, Pyakurel, Lawson Rowe

A MOTION TO RECOMMEND THE APPOINTMENT OF STACIE BAKER AS THE COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE WEST LICKING JOINT FIRE DISTRICT BOARD FOR 2023



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MOVER:	Shanette Strickland, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Kristin Bryant, At-Large Councilmember
AYES:	Cotner, Baker, Bryant, Jenkins, Strickland, Salvati, Pyakurel, Lawson Rowe

A MOTION TO RECOMMEND THE APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kristin Bryant, At-Large Councilmember
SECONDER:	Meredith Lawson Rowe, Councilwoman
AYES:	Cotner, Baker, Bryant, Jenkins, Strickland, Salvati, Pyakurel, Lawson Rowe

A MOTION TO RECOMMEND THE APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILMEMBERS TO COUNCIL COMMITTEES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 10, 2023 UNTIL THE NEXT COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING IN JANUARY 2024

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



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RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kristin Bryant, At-Large Councilmember
SECONDER:	Shanette Strickland, Councilwoman
AYES:	Cotner, Baker, Bryant, Jenkins, Strickland, Salvati, Pyakurel, Lawson Rowe

A MOTION TO RECOMMEND THE APPOINTMENT OF MEREDITH LAWSON-ROWE TO SERVE AS THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF COUNCIL FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 10, 2023 UNTIL THE NEXT COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING IN JANUARY 2024

President Jenkins moved to recommend the appointment of Meredith Lawson-Rowe to serve as the Pro Tempore of Council for the period beginning January 10, 2023 until the next Council organizational meeting in January, 2024.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Shanette Strickland, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Kristin Bryant, At-Large Councilmember
AYES:	Cotner, Baker, Bryant, Jenkins, Strickland, Salvati, Pyakurel, Lawson Rowe

Reports

Development, Parks & Recreation Committee

This is the Development, Parks & Recreation Committee meeting for January 9, 2023.

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

Appointment of Committee Chair and Vice Chair

Election of Committee Chair

Councilmember Baker

The committee must select its chair and vice chair, there will be an election of committee chair.



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Councilmember Baker opened the floor for nominations. Councilmember Baker made a motion to nominate Councilmember Pyakurel as chair of the Development, Parks and Recreation Committee. Second by Councilmember Lawson-Rowe. As there were no further nominations, nominations were closed. Motion carried.

Election of Committee Vice Chair

Councilmember Pyakurel assumed the leadership of the Development, Parks and Recreation Committee.

He opened the floor for vice chair nominations. Councilmember Pyakurel nominated Councilmember Baker to be vice chair. Second by Councilmember Baker. As there were no further nominations, nominations were closed. Motion carries.

A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Purchase a Utility Task Vehicle (UTV) and Related Equipment for the Reynoldsburg Parks and Recreation Department and Waive Competitive Bidding

Mayor Begeny explained that this Resolution authorizing the purchase of a utility task vehicle and related equipment with a price not to exceed \$75,000. This purchase was part of the 2023 Budget. The piece that is not for competitive bidding was for the GPS accessory that would help line soccer fields. Bidding was not required because there was only one company that offers this.

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

Public Safety, Law & Courts Committee

This is the Public Safety, Laws & Court Committee meeting for January 9, 2023.

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



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Appointment of Committee Chair and Vice Chair

Election of Committee Chair

Councilmember Bryant

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Councilmember Bryant opened the floor for nominations. Councilmember Lawson-Rowe made a motion to nominate Councilmember Bryant as chair of the Public Safety, Laws, and Court Committee. Second by Councilmember Pyakurel. As there were no further nominations, nominations were closed. Motion carried.

Election of Committee Vice Chair

Councilmember Bryant opened the floor for vice chair nominations. Councilmember Bryant nominated Councilmember Lawson-Rowe to be vice chair. Second by Councilmember Pyakurel. As there were no further nominations, nominations were closed. Motion carries.

An Ordinance Adopting Chapter 723 Tobacco Retailer License of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Reynoldsburg to Establish the Tobacco Products Sales Licensing Program

Councilmember Lawson-Rowe invited Amanda Turner, Executive Director of Preventing Tobacco Addiction Foundation, to speak about this Ordinance.

Amanda Turner discussed some recent action that has happened in Columbus. She explained that Columbus unanimously voted to end that sale of flavored tobacco products and already have a tobacco retail license in place. Two days later the State House tried to reverse that action, but was vetoed by Governor Dewine and endorsed what Columbus did. They are hoping other cities will follow in this direction.

Councilmember Lawson-Rowe made a comment that flavored tobacco products are not included in the tobacco retail license they are discussing.



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Councilmember Baker asked what the current fine is for someone selling to underage people. Attorney Shook stated that it is currently a low level misdemeanor but with the possibility of jail in very serious circumstances. This also only applies to the employee who completed the sale. The fine is a maximum of \$250 or they must perform community service to earn a dismissal of the charge.

Councilmember Bryant moved to amend the Ordinance to reflect the changes outlined by Attorney Shook. Second by Councilmember Lawson-Rowe. Motion carried.

Councilmember Bryant moved to forward this Ordinance as amended to Council for a second reading. Second by Councilmember Pyakurel. Motion carried.

Public Service & Transportation Committee

This is the Public Service & Transportation Committee meeting for January 9, 2023. Members in attendance are: Councilmember Cotner, Councilmember Pyakurel, Councilmember Lawson-Rowe, Chair Strickland, and President Jenkins.

Appointment of Committee Chair and Vice Chair

Election of Committee Chair

Councilmember Strickland

The committee must select its chair and vice chair, there will be an election of committee chair.

Councilmember Strickland opened the floor for nominations. Councilmember Lawson-Rowe made a motion to nominate Councilmember Strickland as chair of the Public Safety and Transportation Committee. Second by Councilmember Pyakurel. As there were no further nominations, nominations were closed. Motion carried.



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Election of Committee Vice Chair

He opened the floor for vice chair nominations. Councilmember Strickland nominated Councilmember Lawson-Rowe to be vice chair. Second by Councilmember Lawson-Rowe. As there were no further nominations, nominations were closed. Motion carries.

A Resolution to Authorize the Purchase of 2000 MXU Units and Meters from Sensus for the Upgrade Program and Waive Competitive Bidding

Director Dorman explained that this Resolution is for the readers that are attached to the meters at residential or commercial properties. These readers send the data wirelessly to the towers and then to the software that allows them to come up with the correct billing for usage and water consumption. These 2000 readers should complete the process to get them completely online.

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

A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with EMH&T for the Engineering and Management of the 2023 Sewerline CCTV, Manhole Inspections, and Cleaning Project

Director Dorman explained this is the pre-work before they begin their construction projects to analyze the system using cameras and taking videos to assess the system and make sure there are no obstructions or any areas of pipe failure or collapse where they may need to do point repairs. This data will be used to determine their construction program later.

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

A Resolution to Authorize the Mayor to Purchase Two International Trucks and Related Equipment for the Street Department and Waive Competitive Bidding



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Director Dorman explained that these trucks were budgeted as their big purchase for the street department this year. He stated that the reason they want to get these purchased at the beginning of the year is because of the delay in purchases of vehicles they have previously seen. He stated that these are plow trucks that have to be assembled as well. He also explained that these vehicles will replace two of their worst vehicles and will either auction them off or be moved to another department.

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

A Resolution to Authorize the Mayor to Purchase Two Ford Trucks and Related Equipment for the Building Department and Waive Competitive Bidding

Director Dorman explained that these two Ford Rangers will be for the code enforcement officers. They did look into EV options but those were around \$20,000 more expensive per truck than the normal gas Rangers. These will replace two older vehicles that are currently in their fleet.

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

Finance & Administration Committee

This is the Finance & Administration Committee meeting for January 9, 2023

Members in attendance are: Councilmember Pyakurel, Councilmember Bryant, Councilmember Strickland, Temporary Chair Salvati and President Jenkins.

Appointment of Committee Chair and Vice Chair

Election of Committee Chair

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Councilmember Salvati opened the floor for nominations. Councilmember Bryant made a motion to nominate Councilmember Salvati as chair of the Finance & Administration Committee. Second by Councilmember Strickland. As there were no further nominations, nominations were closed. Motion carried.

Election of Committee Vice Chair

Councilmember Salvati opened the floor for vice chair nominations. Councilmember Strickland nominated Councilmember Bryant to be vice chair. Second by Councilmember Pyakurel. As there were no further nominations, nominations were closed. Motion carries.

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

Director Boller explained that this Ordinance is for the services they had done for the SWAT analysis at the police department. She stated that they followed every step except opening the purchase order prior to.

Councilmember Salvati moved to forward this Ordinance to Council for a single read and emergency adoption. Second by Councilmember Strickland. Motion carried.

Resolutions - Consent Agenda

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Louis Salvati, Councilman
SECONDER:	Kristin Bryant, At-Large Councilmember
AYES:	Cotner, Baker, Bryant, Jenkins, Strickland, Salvati, Pyakurel, Lawson Rowe

2023-1

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PURCHASE A UTILITY TASK VEHICLE (UTV) AND RELATED EQUIPMENT FOR THE REYNOLDSBURG PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT AND WAIVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING --- Baker. Development, Parks and Recreation Committee.



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2023-2

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH EMH&T FOR THE ENGINEERING AND MANAGEMENT OF THE 2023 SEWERLINE CCTV, MANHOLE INSPECTIONS, AND CLEANING PROJECT --- Strickland. Public Service and Transportation Committee.

2023-3

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF 2000 MXU UNITS AND METERS FROM SENSUS FOR THE UPGRADE PROGRAM AND WAIVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING --- Strickland. Public Service and Transportation Committee.

2023-4

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO PURCHASE TWO INTERNATIONAL TRUCKS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT FOR THE STREET DEPARTMENT AND WAIVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING --- Strickland. Public Service and Transportation Committee.

2023-5

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO PURCHASE TWO FORD TRUCKS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT FOR THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT AND WAIVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING --- Strickland. Public Service and Transportation Committee.

Consent Agenda for Emergency Adoption

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kristin Bryant, At-Large Councilmember
SECONDER:	Stacie Baker, At-Large Councilmember
AYES:	Cotner, Baker, Bryant, Jenkins, Strickland, Salvati, Pyakurel, Lawson Rowe



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1-2023

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING PROVISIONS OF SECTIONS 3735.65 THROUGH 3735.70 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE TO ESTABLISH AND DESCRIBE THE BOUNDARIES OF THE TAYLOR-SUMMIT COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA IN THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, DESIGNATING A HOUSING OFFICER TO ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY --- Baker. Development, Parks and Recreation Committee.

2-2023

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF SERVICES PERFORMED TO THE AUDITORS CERTIFICATE OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY --- Salvati. Finance and Administration Committee.

Consent Agenda for Second Reading

RESULT:	REFERRED TO COUNCIL
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AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING CHAPTER 723 TOBACCO RETAILER LICENSE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG TO ESTABLISH THE TOBACCO PRODUCTS SALES LICENSING PROGRAM --- Bryant. Public Safety, Law and Courts Committee.

Other Council Matters

Councilmember Lawson-Rowe stated that on behalf of Ward 4, she would like to wish her council colleague/sorority sister, school board president and the over 300,000 initiated members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. a Happy Founders Day in advance. Their sorority was founded by 22 collegiate women on January 13, 1913 on the campus of Howard University. They will celebrate 110 years of Sisterhood, Service, Scholarship and Social Action.

The sorority's first public act was its participation in the Women's Suffrage March in Washington DC on March 3, 1913. She stated that these college educated women were in support of women obtaining the right to vote even though Black American men did not have the right to vote at that time.



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Fast forward to today, in realizing its mission, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. provides an extensive array of public service initiatives through its Five-Point Programmatic Thrust of: Economic Development, Educational Development, International Awareness & Involvement, Political Awareness & Involvement and Physical and Mental Health.

Councilmember Baker wanted to thank police officers, nurses, doctors, teachers, retail workers, and all those who have worked throughout the pandemic for their sacrifices and hard work.

Upcoming Meetings

January 5, 2023 Planning & Zoning Board

January 9, 2023 Council & Organizational

January 16, 2023 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day City Offices Closed

January 19, 2023 Planning & Zoning Board

January 23, 2023 Council

Adjournment

Leanora Jenkins

Leanora Jenkins, President of Council

Mollie Prasher

Mollie Prasher, Clerk of Council