



**MINUTES REGULAR MEETING
REYNOLDSBURG CITY COUNCIL
October 28, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Meredith Lawson-Rowe called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

INVOCATION - Pastor Renee Russell of City Church of Reynoldsburg

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Lawson-Rowe stated that she wanted to take this time to recognize the passing and legacy of former Reynoldsburg resident, Councilmember, and the first female Speaker of the House in Ohio, JoAnn Davidson. She explained that this Council actually presented Madam Speaker with a Resolution on March 22, 2021, listing all of her accomplishments and contributions made for the City of Reynoldsburg and the state of Ohio. President Lawson-Rowe requested a moment of silence in her honor.

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 October 10, 2024

The regular meeting minutes of October 10, 2024 were approved as submitted.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

**Dipal Patel
5419 E. Broad Street**

Ms. Patel stated that on behalf of BAPS Columbus Temple, she is honored to provide



Council with more information about Diwali and invite them to the grand festivities. She explained that Diwali is not just the festival of lights, it is a five-day celebration where they celebrate with each day having its own significance and value. There are two main days when everyone gets together as one big family and celebrates within the community, which is Diwali night, the last night of the year, and New Year's Day. According to the Hindu calendar, this year Diwali falls on October 31st and the New Year is November 1st. On New Year's Day, we begin the day with prayer and then make hundreds of vegetarian delicacies. They also wish everyone a happy New Year and pray that everyone have a prosperous New Year. This year will showcase two live performances, with musicals performed by the youth girls. They would like to extend an invitation to everyone on Council. We will be located at 5419 East Broad Street.

**Scott Brewer
2065 Tewksbury Road**

Mr. Brewer stated that he was speaking to Council as President of the Reynoldsburg Education Association. The Reynoldsburg Education Association would like to issue a statement of their endorsement of the upcoming Reynoldsburg School District Levy, Issue 41, on the ballot for November 5th. This levy, which would be the first levy requested in fourteen years. If passed, the levy would maintain and support our current staff and programs. It would not just be additional funds for the school, it would help protect the teacher to student ratios in our classrooms and allow them to continue to provide adequate education. We hope that the community will support our schools, teachers, our students, and protect our future by supporting this issue in the upcoming election.

Mayor Begeny

Mayor Begeny wished everyone a happy Halloween week and wanted to remind residents about the upcoming events including Trick or Treat on Halloween night from 6 to 8pm, rain or shine. He also gave a shout-out to the Reynoldsburg Community Association and all the people involved in the Halloweekend, saying that it was an amazing event and had record high attendance. He also congratulated all Reynoldsburg fall sports athletes on a great season and good luck to all the teams continuing on to the playoffs.

PUBLIC HEARING

An Ordinance Creating the Summit Crossing Tax Increment Financing Incentive Districts by Declaring Improvements to the Parcels within Each Incentive District to be a Public Purpose and Exempt from Real Property Taxation; Requiring the Owners of Those Parcels to Make Service Payments



in Lieu of Taxes; Establishing a Municipal Public Improvement Tax Increment Equivalent Fund for the Deposit of Those Service Payments; and Specifying the Public Infrastructure Improvements that Benefit or Serve Parcels in the Incentive District, and Declaring an Emergency

President Lawson-Rowe opened the Public Hearing on the Ordinance. As there were no comments, the hearing was closed.

An Ordinance Declaring the Improvements to Certain Parcels Along Summit Road in the City of Reynoldsburg to be a Public Purpose and Exempt from Taxation Pursuant to ORC 5709.40(B) Providing for the Collection and Deposit of Service Payments and Specifying the Purposes for Which Those Service Payments May be Expended; and Authorizing School Compensation Payments, and Declaring an Emergency

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COMMUNICATIONS

President Lawson-Rowe asked Council if there were any questions regarding the Communications provided in the packet.

October Treasury Board Minutes

Certification of Bond Results

REPORTS

West Licking Fire District September Stats

Councilmember Baker stated that the statistics for the West Licking Fire District are available in the packet to view.

Development, Parks & Recreation Committee

This is the Development, Parks & Recreation Committee meeting for October 28, 2024.

Members in attendance are: Councilmember Cotner, Councilmember Johnson,



Councilmember Hill, Chair Salvati, and President Lawson-Rowe.

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Director Meyer explained that this ordinance would allow for an additional Tax Increment Financing District in the newly annexed development along Summit Road. This TIF was for the residential development being proposed. This TIF is set up as previously approved TIFs initiated by the City.

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

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Director Meyer explained that the establishment of this TIF would cover the commercial and multi-family housing areas of this development. Both TIFs were being requested as three-read emergencies.

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

A Resolution to Authorize the Parks and Recreation Director to Apply to the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) for the Columbus Urbanized Area Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Enhanced Mobility for Older Adults and Individuals with Disabilities Grant

Director Bauman stated that the Senior Center had the opportunity to apply for a grant from MORPC that would allow the City to purchase a van to use to transport seniors to doctor's appointments, shopping, etc. This service would be new for the City and will help allow seniors to age at home, keeping with our efforts to improve senior living.

Councilmember Strickland asked if the service would be free and how the service would work. Director Bauman indicated that the service would be free. The particulars of how the program would work were not yet determined, but seniors would likely call to reserve the service.

Councilmember Baker asked if the van would wait for the seniors or would there be specific drop off and pick-up times set. Director Bauman said those particulars were not yet determined.

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, Law & Courts Committee meeting for October 28, 2024.

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

An Ordinance to Establish Section 337.31 Loud Noise From a Motor Vehicle as Part of Chapter 337 Safety and Equipment of the Codified Ordinances for the City of Reynoldsburg

Attorney Shook explained that the City was placing a loud noise section into the traffic section of the Reynoldsburg Code to address issues of loud noise coming from motor vehicles. He explained that there was a section in the general code section addressing loud noise issues from contractors and on private property. But this traffic code would allow officers to specifically address loud noise from vehicles.

Councilmember Baker questioned how this legislation would impact motorcyclists, who have to turn up their radios in order to hear them over traffic noise. He expressed concern about how the level of noise would be determined.

Councilmember Cotner asked about why this legislation was being proposed now and if this violation was a primary violation. He also expressed concern about the need for this legislation and if there was more of a reason than just allowing officers to make this citation.

Attorney Shook advised that this violation would be a primary violation, allowing officers to stop someone for just this violation.

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



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

Deputy Chief Grizzell stated that two cruisers were involved in an accident on Interstate 70 with one vehicle being totaled. This vehicle was bought out by insurance and they were requesting it be removed from the fixed asset list.

Councilmember 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 for October 28, 2024.

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

An Ordinance to Repeal and Replace Ordinance No. 50-2024 to Authorize the Mayor to Execute a Contract for City Hall LED Lighting Upgrades with Reimbursement from NOPEC Grant Funds, Appropriating Funds Therefor, Waive Competitive Bidding, and Declaring an Emergency

This Ordinance has been requested as a single read emergency.

Mayor Begeny explained that this legislation was approved previously for the contracted amount of the project; however, the Ordinance should have been approved for the total amount of the grant. This legislation would make that adjustment.

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

An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Accept Public Infrastructure Associated with the Maplewood Subdivision

Director Dorman explained that at the end of a development project, the City was responsible for accepting and taking over all the infrastructure for that project. This legislation would accept all the infrastructure for the new Maplewood subdivision.

The City Engineer reviewed all the specifications of the infrastructure and advised that everything was built and installed to code.

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



An Ordinance Appropriating Funds from the Future Bonds for the Construction of the City's Parks and Public Service Facility Project Fund (Owners Contingency)

Mayor Begeny stated that this Ordinance would appropriate funds and allow for an owner's contingency. This legislation would allow us to pay for any unexpected costs that may come up throughout the building of the Parks/Service complex. The City received a very good rate for the bonds.

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

A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with the District Advisory Council of the Franklin County General Health District and Franklin County Public Health for Health Services

Director Dorman explained that this legislation was a housekeeping item renewing the annual contract with the Health Department for health services for the City.

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

Finance & Administration Committee

This is the Finance & Administration Committee meeting for October 28, 2024.

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

An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter Into a Purchase and Sale Agreement for Real Property Located at 7148 East Main Street, Reynoldsburg, Ohio

Mayor Begeny explained that they put in an offer on the property across from Haft Drive for the amount that is listed on the Auditor's site - \$246,200. With this purchase, the City plans to align the intersection at Haft Drive all the way across Main Street to make it more safe and accessible.

Councilmember Cotner asked if there were incidents or problems with staff or the police department exiting that drive. Mayor Begeny indicated that he was unaware of any incidents, but said the improvement would allow greater safety for police vehicles exiting the drive for emergency calls.

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



An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with Media Promotion Enterprises (MPE) for the 2025 Tomato Festival

Ms. Jennifer Clemens stated that this contract with MPE was for the 2025 Tomato Festival entertainment. She was requesting an increase in the amount from last year, going from \$165k to \$200k to cover additional costs and hopefully request a headlining artist for Thursday night this year in celebration of the festival's 60th anniversary.

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

RESOLUTIONS - CONSENT AGENDA

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

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CONSENT AGENDA FOR EMERGENCY ADOPTION

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

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An Ordinance Authorizing a Change in Appropriations for Various City JEDD Agreements, and Declaring an Emergency

CONSENT AGENDA FOR FIRST READING

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CONSENT AGENDA FOR THIRD READING

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

An Ordinance Authorizing the Renewal of the City's Vision Insurance Coverage with VSP for the Period Beginning January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2028, and Waive Competitive Bidding

OTHER COUNCIL MATTERS

Councilmember Cotner expressed his condolences to the family of JoAnn Davidson. Her passing was a great loss. She was an important leader in the City of Reynoldsburg and the state of Ohio. Her willingness to help other elected officials was beneficial. She was a wonderful person and will be greatly missed.

Councilmember Baker also expressed his sympathy for her passing. Ms. Davidson commanded a lot of respect, and he was grateful for his interactions with her.



Councilmember Strickland also expressed her sympathy. Although she only met her a few times, she appreciated all of the work she did for the betterment of Ohio.

Councilmember Baker thanked RPD, doctors, nurses, teachers, and those who work in retail for their hard work that keeps the country moving.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

November 7, 2024 Planning & Zoning Board

November 12, 2024 Council

November 21, 2024 Planning & Zoning Board

November 25, 2024 Council

November 28 & 29, 2024 Thanksgiving Holiday City Offices Closed

December 5, 2024 Planning & Zoning Board

December 9, 2024 Council

December 16, 2024 Council (Please note date change)

December 19, 2024 Planning & Zoning Board

December 24 & 25, 2024 Christmas Holiday City Offices Closed

December 31, 2024 New Year's Eve City Offices Closed

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, President Lawson-Rowe adjourned the meeting at 7:40pm.

Meredith Lawson-Rowe, President of
Council

Mollie Prasher, Clerk of Council