



**MINUTES REGULAR MEETING
REYNOLDSBURG CITY COUNCIL
November 25, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION - Pastor Renee Russell of City Church of Reynoldsburg

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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 for November 12, 2024

The regular meeting minutes of November 12, 2024 were approved as submitted.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

**Greg Trapp
870 Lancaster Avenue**

Mr. Trapp explained that he understands tonight is the third reading for the noise Ordinance and wanted to express his support in passing this Ordinance as it could be a nuisance. He stated that he has had to pause conversations in his house because people driving by had music playing so loud he could not hear the person next to him. He also wanted to request a porta-potty be placed in Huber Park for winter as the bathrooms are now closed. He stated that he still uses the park frequently along with many others and would like to still have access to a restroom. He also noted that despite what we may see online about issues in the City or personal issues, there are

many open seats during Council meetings that people could choose to fill if they actually want to address the issues they may have. Mr. Trapp stated that when he sees Reynoldsburg public officials like Councilmember or the Mayor, they are always positive and welcoming and work 24/7 to better the City. He wanted to express gratitude for the work they do and hopes to continue to see this in the future.

Email Comments

Tanya Dexter
7255 Sorrelwood Court

Hello. I would like for the regulations regarding chicken ownership to be reversed. Currently, the regulations prohibit chicken ownership in residential areas of our city. In our city, cats, dogs, and various breeds of birds, aquatic animals, and reptiles are allowed, however chickens are not allowed. Chickens do not pose any threat that is more threatening or harmful than the type of animals previously listed.

I know there are concerns that accompany chicken ownership. One of the concerns is manpower for enforcement regarding new regulations that allow ownership. Other locations that allow chicken ownership use various forms of enforcement. Installation of a small animal control unit, or have dual-purpose police officers or park rangers. Another concern is that chickens bring disease. Other animals also bring disease, but just like other animals that are allowed in residential areas, there are medicines and vaccines to treat disease in chickens too. Noise levels are a concern when considering chicken ownership. Roosters are noisy. That is part of their purpose. Roosters are the protectors of other chickens. However, for residential flocks, I suggest prohibiting them.

There are a few things you may not know about chickens. Chickens can be trained just like other pets. Chickens can be useful for gardeners, their excrement can be used as fertilizer, and they provide great pest control. Hens, female chickens, depending on the breed, can lay between 20-300 eggs per year without the presence of a rooster.

I am aware that addressing this task is more involved than it may appear at first glance. I ask that you and the board take the time to carefully negotiate this matter. Myself, along with others, would appreciate having the capability to provide a small portion of our food without relying on the national food supply. I enthusiastically await hearing about the new regulations regarding this matter.

Penny Thurmond
1314 Coronado Boulevard

I am writing to express my deep concern and disappointment with how my ongoing legal situation has been handled by the courts in Reynoldsburg, and to appeal for your



support and guidance. As a dedicated resident and taxpayer of Reynoldsburg, I have been battling an immensely distressing situation with my neighbor, Mr. Jeffery Seabrooks, and I feel that my pleas for justice and relief have not been met with the seriousness they deserve.

The persistent disturbances caused by my neighbor, including relentless banging on my walls throughout the night, have led to many sleepless nights, and a significant decline in my quality of life. This harassment not only caused emotional distress but has also resulted in damage to my property. Despite my repeated efforts to resolve this matter through appropriate channels, I feel that I have been dismissed and unfairly treated by the court system, which has left me feeling both hurt and unsupported.

Most troubling was the court's approach, specifically during a recent exchange with Prosecutor Chris Shook, who implied that he couldn't send an innocent man to jail. Also, he questioned my intentions as well as falsely accused my son of being involved. I find this to be disturbing and a disservice. Such statements suggesting that I'm unjustly seeking to imprison an innocent person are disheartening and unjustified. My intention has never been to cause harm but to seek relief from ongoing harassment and to ensure my right to peace and security in my own home.

Chris Shook, quotes a phrase, "the boy who cried wolf", referencing my situation. I was completely mortified, I have documentation and statements from Reynoldsburg Police that support my claims regarding the ongoing disturbances. This evidence clearly demonstrates that the issue is not a fabrication of my imagination, as I have been made to feel by certain parties involved. Chris Shook declined the Reynoldsburg Police statement and based it on the principle of "Hear Say". Therefore, to further support my case as well as my safety, I had a company to come out to my residence to install a home security alarm to monitor and record events.

As a tax-paying resident and a registered voter of this community, I am appealing to you to ensure that my concerns are given the fair and impartial consideration they warrant. I ask your assistance in reviewing this matter and, if possible, directing me to resources or individuals who can help bring about a fair resolution. I truly appreciate your time and attention to my plight. I hope you will consider my request for justice with the seriousness and empathy it deserves. I remain committed to working within the law and hope that my voice as a citizen of Reynoldsburg, will be heard and respected.

Council comments

Councilmember Cotner

Councilmember Cotner stated that he had a resident reach out to him recently about the marijuana dispensary and how the lot splitting is going to work by the Livingston

house. He stated that he had spoken to the zoning board about this issue but wanted some clarification from the City Attorney. He explained that he understands that this is a completely legal business and that they have gone through all the correct paths for zoning and the City code but wanted to bring the issue to the public if anyone else had any questions. Attorney Shook stated that Councilmember Cotner covered everything.

Mayor Begeny

Mayor Begeny stated that on Friday, December 6, the tree lighting ceremony will take place at the senior center and Saturday, December 7, will be the Reynoldsburg Community Association Christmas on the Town event from 10am to 3pm.

COMMUNICATIONS

President Lawson-Rowe asked if Council had any questions regarding the communications included in the packet.

Reynoldsburg (Ohio) Municipal Water Utility – Water Utility Rate Study
Reynoldsburg (Ohio) Municipal Sewage Works – Sewage Works Rate Analysis

MOTIONS

A Motion to Reconsider Ordinance No. 63-2024 Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with OHM Advisors for Design Services and Appropriate Remaining ARPA Funds to Upgrade City Hall and Council Chambers, Appropriating Funds, and Declaring an Emergency

President Lawson-Rowe advised that Ordinance No. 63-2024 was being brought back to Council to be reconsidered. She requested a motion to reconsider the ordinance.

Councilmember Strickland made a motion to reconsider Ordinance No. 63-2024.
Second by Councilmember Salvati.

Roll Call: Cotner - yes, Baker - yes, Johnson - yes, Strickland - yes, Salvati - yes, Pyakurel - yes, Hill - yes, Lawson-Rowe - yes

Motion carried.

Councilmember Baker made a motion to amend the Ordinance to include the corrected funding source. Second by Councilmember Strickland.

Roll Call: Cotner - yes, Baker - yes, Johnson - yes, Strickland - yes, Salvati - yes, Pyakurel - yes, Hill - yes, Lawson-Rowe - yes

Motion carried. The Ordinance is now amended.

Councilmember Salvati made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 63-2024 as amended. Second by Councilmember Johnson.

Roll Call: Cotner - yes, Baker - yes, Johnson - yes, Strickland - yes, Salvati - yes, Pyakurel - yes, Hill - yes, Lawson-Rowe - yes

Motion carried. This Ordinance has been reconsidered and amended.

REPORTS

West Licking Fire District October 2024

Councilmember Baker stated that the statistics for the month of October 2024 were included in the agenda packet. West Licking Fire continues to be very active and provide excellent service.

Development, Parks & Recreation Committee

This is the Development, Parks & Recreation Committee meeting for November 25, 2024.

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

An Ordinance to Approve the Final Plat Plan for the M/I Homes Development at Spring Hill Farm Phases 4A, 4B, and 5

Director Meyer stated that this was the final plat of the M/I Homes at Spring Hill Farm. There have been several other phases previously, but these were the last phases. The entire project, as a whole, had 354 plots. He stated there were no major changes to the plat from the beginning until the final plat plan.



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

An Ordinance Directing the Auditor's Office to Appropriate Funding for Streetscape Tree Removal and Replanting, and Declaring an Emergency

This Ordinance has been requested as a single read emergency.

Mayor Begeny stated that this project will use the America Recovers Act funding and that is the reason for the single read emergency to get it in the budget and approved. He stated that this project is to replace trees that are either dead or dying on Taylor Road SW with 36 new ginkgo autumn gold trees and on E Main Street with a combination of new green trees. There is a map included in the Council packet. This project includes the removal of the trees and stumps as well as the installation of new trees.

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

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

Mayor Begeny stated that this Resolution is requesting to remove an international trailer, a water trailer, and a HR fertilizer spreader that are no longer able to be used. These items will be sold as a whole or for scrap parts.

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

There is no Public Safety, Law & Courts Committee meeting.

Public Service & Transportation Committee

This is the Public Service & Transportation Committee meeting for November 25, 2024.

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

An Ordinance to Repeal and Replace Chapter 953 Water Charges of the Code for Ordinances for the City of Reynoldsburg, Ohio, and Declaring an Emergency

Director Dorman stated that this Ordinance includes a 6-7% rate increase from Columbus that was being passed on to the residents. Reynoldsburg would not be adding anything extra to that cost. They also added a payment plan process in this update that was standardized. They also added a snowbird policy allowing people to terminate their water when they were out of the state for long periods.

Councilmember Cotner asked if they were able to cut down on costs from water loss and if they plan to continue repairing waterlines to address this issue. Director Dorman stated that they added a line item to the budget for leak detection technology to hopefully try to prevent unnecessary water loss. He explained that when there are losses that don't hit a meter, this is something the City ends up paying for, so they are trying to address this issue. They are also trying to address the EPA's concerns about lead pipes in the home, since the City has already removed all of their lead pipes. Councilmember Cotner thanked him for his comments and stated that, in reference to Mr. Trapp's earlier statement, this topic is frequently brought up online. He asked if these issues address issues for the City or more for the residents. Director Dorman stated that this is mostly for the City's main waterlines, but there are ways for residents to test their water or test for small issues and bring their concerns to the City. They are still considered one of the lowest Master Meter communities in terms of water rates for the surrounding area.

Councilmember Salvati asked about delinquent bills and the percentage they are charged if they go over 20 days late on their water bill. Director Dorman stated that they decided to switch it to \$10 instead of a percentage. He clarified that the \$10 can be significantly cheaper than the percentage they were charging previously so they believe this is fair for the work they do.

Councilmember Pyakurel asked why they decided to go from a normal increase of about 1-2% to 6% this year. Director Dorman stated that they having to meet new EPA regulations and there is no extra funding given for cities to meet these new standards. Because of this, cities are having to up their water rates to meet the funding demand of new regulations that are being put in place. They also have to replace old water lines as communities increase in population and there is a higher demand for water in certain areas.

Councilmember Baker asked if they are working towards getting a month-to-month payment system established instead of the current 3-month bill. Director Dorman stated that as they continue to convert the meters they will be able to look more into this. He explained that if they moved to monthly billing, there would actually be an increased cost to send out monthly letters, since many people still pay their bills in person or through the drop box. The new meters also offer online services where residents can set up an account and see their own water usage and pay online. Director Dorman also explained that people can come in on a monthly basis and

pay for their water bill without an actual monthly bill going out.

Councilmember Strickland asked if the water loss percentage has gone down or if that is something they are still figuring out how to address. Director Dorman stated that it has gone up and down over the years, so there has been no definitive trend. This is another reason they are trying to get more monitoring systems on the City's main waterlines. Councilmember Strickland stated that she appreciates the work they do when it comes to fixing waterlines in a timely manner.

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

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 958 Stormwater Charges, Section 958.06 Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) of the Codified Ordinances for the City of Reynoldsburg, and Declaring an Emergency

Director Dorman stated that this Ordinance is the same as the water rates, they pass along the storm water fee from Columbus to the residents. They have decided to add on a 0.5% increase to cover additional charges at the City.

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

An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Accept Public Infrastructure Associated with the Eastwood Reserve Phase I Subdivision

Director Dorman stated that this Ordinance is for homes being built on Little Jordan Way and a main boulevard that connects to Summit Road. Phase 1 is only for the houses being built along those two streets. The developer will complete and pay for the infrastructure, it will be inspected by the City and once it is accepted by Council, we will be responsible for the streets and streetlights. They do provide a one-year maintenance bond to cover any issues they may have caused.

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

An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Accept the Columbus Metropolitan Library (Reynoldsburg Branch) Project

Director Dorman stated that this is similar to the Ordinance discussed right before this. There is not as much public infrastructure associated with this project besides what was constructed in the right of way.

Councilmember Strickland moved to forward this Ordinance to Council for a first



reading. Second by Councilmember Johnson. Motion carried.

An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Accept Public Infrastructure Associated with Eastwood Drive and Little Jordan Way

Director Dorman stated that this is also the same as what was previously discussed with Eastwood Reserve. Once they accept this infrastructure, they will be responsible for all roadways and infrastructure from this point on.

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

An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with Signcom for Design Services to Install Two Informational/Welcome to Reynoldsburg Signs, Appropriating Funds Therefor, and Declaring an Emergency

Mayor Begeny stated that this legislation would also be funded by the America Recovers Act. They have been working on a number of items to identify better signage for entering and exiting the City of Reynoldsburg. They were able to identify two spots in Reynoldsburg to place signs, one on Lancaster Avenue and the other would be on Livingston. They are not necessarily an entry or exit point for the City, but they believe it is a beneficial spot to advertise City events.

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

Finance & Administration Committee

This is the Finance & Administration Committee meeting for November 25, 2024.

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

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 160 Employee Compensation, Section 160.02 Authorized Positions, Personnel, Classifications and Pay Grades, Section 160.03 Salary Schedule, Section 160.04 Other Compensation, Section 160.05 Overtime Eligibility, Section 160.07 Longevity, and Section 160.10 Educational Assistance for the City of Reynoldsburg, Ohio, and Declaring an Emergency

This item has returned to Committee to amend the attachments.

Director Cornell stated that they are adjusting a few Pay Grades, two positions in the Police Department as well as one in the Auditor's Department, the Auditor's

Secretary Payroll Specialist, which is moving from a Pay Grade 10 to a Pay Grade 14A.

Councilmember Strickland requested clarification on if the Payroll specialist position was part-time. Director Cornell stated that it is a 3/4 full-time position. Councilmember Strickland asked what had changed about the position. Director Cornell stated that it is 30 hours a week and there have been no changes to the job description. Attorney Cicak stated that they have reviewed this position many times and has discussed with the Mayor, that this position was equal to other administrative positions in the City. He clarified that other jobs have requested a change in pay grade without a change in job description as well. Councilmember Strickland asked why this particular position is only 30 hours when other administrative positions are typically full-time, 40 hour employees, yet they are requesting an increase from pay grade 10 to 14A. She clarified that if other administrative positions are working 40-hour weeks, then there is no reason why this position could not also be 40 hours. Auditor Cicak stated that he believes the City is getting tremendous value for this position at only 30 hours per week. Councilmember Strickland asked if the HR Director, Director Cornell agreed with this change. Director Cornell stated that she is just the facilitator for the requested change and does not necessarily agree with it. Councilmember Strickland stated that she believes the increase from pay grade 10 to 14A is a huge jump and noted that they have also requested a new position be added to the department without any new responsibilities.

Councilmember Strickland asked Mayor Begeny about increasing the events specialist position from a manager to a director and how the job had changed. Mayor Begeny stated that as a director, they will prepare and present their own budget, they will have their own staff, and it will increase their decision-making abilities. The new director position would include: developing and overseeing year-round special events, coordinating, organizing, overseeing, scheduling, and implementing special events, communicating with volunteers and participating and monitoring participation and attendance, planning staff meetings, creating meetings and event site layouts, etc. While some of this was done prior to the creation of this position in conjunction with parks and recreation or the Mayor's office, this will now all fall under the Events Director position. There will also be new staff added to this department that they will have to manage. They will also no longer use Kidslink and will bring that vendor service in-house.

Councilmember Baker moved to amend the Ordinance to include new attachments. Second by Councilmember Salvati. Motion carried.

Councilmember Baker made a motion to forward this amended Ordinance to Council for a second reading. Second by Councilmember Pyakurel. Motion carried.



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

This item has returned to Committee to amend the funding source.

Mayor Begeny explained that they will be able to use funding from the America Recovers Act.

Councilmember Cotner asked what they plan to do to that property short-term. Mayor Begeny stated that they plan to demolish the building some time in February if this Ordinance is approved. They will be able to get final engineering once everything is approved and plan to bring it back to Council in the spring. Councilmember Cotner asked if there are any businesses currently in the building. Mayor Begeny stated that there are two businesses currently operating from that building. Councilmember Cotner asked if there was any negotiating done on the sale price. Mayor Begeny stated that they used the value listed by the Franklin County Auditor as the sale price.

Councilmember Baker moved to amend the Ordinance to include the new funding source. Second by Councilmember Pyakurel. Motion carried.

Councilmember Baker made a motion to forward this amended Ordinance to Council for emergency approval. Second by Councilmember Salvati. Motion carried.

An Ordinance to Make Final Appropriations for Expenses and Other Expenditures for the City of Reynoldsburg, State of Ohio, During the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2025, and Declaring an Emergency

Mayor Begeny stated that he would present the 2025 budget for the City Of Reynoldsburg. Over the next three meetings, Council will review the budget, ask questions and provide any feedback. Residents are encouraged to attend these meetings at City Hall or watch online. He explained that our Directors have been working on how to best utilize our resources to maximize impact and will provide highlights on new or expanded services for 2025. We are dedicated to using every tool in the toolbox to stretch our resources in all phases of City government.

We are encouraged by the reaffirmation of our City Credit rating based on our current financial status and the potential for continued growth, but we cannot rest upon the accomplishments of the past, we must look forward to the challenges and opportunities that await us. From the Alliance Project on Main Street and Brice Road, the Housing Development on the corner of Main Street and Davidson, and



the new Youth and Adult Athletic fields next to Central Ohio Primary Care and everything else on tap for 2025 and beyond, it is an exciting time for our community.

This will be a busy year in Reynoldsburg as major projects, including Waggoner Road and the new Parks and Service Building, will join our existing slate of projects all in an effort to improve the quality of life and level of service to our community. While not always as exciting as some of our development projects, infrastructure is key to our future. Over the coming months, we will share our 2025 Street Program with a major emphasis on residential road paving, sewer and waterline improvements, replacement of trees on Main Street and Taylor Road, and the completion of Brice Park.

Mayor Begeny stated that we will also celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Tomato Festival, prepare for the “America 250 Celebration” and all other community events, big and small. We will be working to expand and improve park spaces, and offer great activities for all community members and their many interests. Reynoldsburg truly has something for everyone.

Mayor Begeny wanted to call attention to the allocation of City funds to the Reynoldsburg Police Department. The safety of our residents is our focus, and our Police Department, the best in the State of Ohio, is dedicated to this priority. By providing the resources needed for training and equipment, the retention and recruitment of officers, and the community focus needed in today’s world, are shown in the budget presented to you tonight.

Mayor Begeny stated that we are dedicated to spending the tax dollars provided in the best manner consistent with the priorities established by our community’s needs and the director of Council. This year’s balanced budget provides investment in our employees, our infrastructure, and our future.

Mayor Begeny stated that for the parks and recreation budget, most budget increases are related to the building improvements at the senior center, including replacing three air conditioning units, repainting the exterior of the building, and resealing and painting the parking lot. There is approximately an \$80,000 increase to the entire parks and recreation budget. Some of those increases include the addition of supplies and maintaining the streetscape on Main Street, an increase in new program offerings, additional conferences and training for the staff, personnel service contracts, the parks Master Plan, replacing the doors on the Livingston House, fence repairs, a truck to be mainly used on the streetscape, a new mower, a new cargo trailer, and other updates. They typically would contract out the streetscape project, but since it was decided to bring vendor services in-house this year, the extra funding requested by the department is more like a transfer of funds

from the miscellaneous account for contracts into the parks and recreation account to cover the supplies needed for the project. They are possibly requesting 3 new employees in the future on top of the requested items and updates.

Director Dorman stated that he has included updates to all of their accounts and explained that they do have the second-largest budget behind the police department. This department also includes custodial and maintenance staff as well. They have included requested updates to the parks and recreation senior center building as well as the police department building. The water and sewer departments were also looking to purchase a hydrant truck and a mini excavator. They are also planning to bring a leaf pickup service to the street department and would need the necessary equipment to complete that work. They would also like to update some of the push button signals for crosswalks to be more accessible to residents. The building department is also requesting a new vehicle as their current one is having some issues. They would be requesting a Ford Maverick and placing the old Ford Focus on GovDeals. They also plan to do another household waste event next year and hope to receive grant funding. Councilmember Baker asked if there would be a fee for the leaf pickup service. Director Dorman stated that this would be a free service offered by the City. Councilmember Hill asked if this leaf pickup would replace the current yard waste pickup. Director Dorman stated that no, this would be an additional service.

Director Cornell stated that she was new to her role and has hired another person in her office, who was also new to the City. Some of the changes in their budget are related to staffing and additional training opportunities. She stated that the cost of OSHA supplies, first aid supplies, and work boots have increased, so they have requested an increase of \$2,000. They have also added the Mayor's request for an employee survey, so additional funds are needed for that.

Director Meyer stated that they are maintaining their current level of staffing in the development department and have not requested any increases in that area. They have only requested a small increase over the previous budget and requested access to a vehicle. Most of their contracts are staying the same, but a few have increased to cover additional costs. He explained that they also plan to add a property search feature on the website so that residents can choose to look up properties on their own.

Councilmember Strickland asked, with all the changes and growth going on in the City, how they were able to keep up with the work without additional staff. Director Meyer stated that they were granted additional staff in last year's budget, so they are now working at full staff and are ready to handle the upcoming projects and plans. He explained that this past year some employees were out on leave or being trained but this year they should be back at full capacity. He stated he also

increased his training budget to allow his staff to increase their knowledge and skills.

Ms. Clemens stated that she has two notable budget line increases for the events department. They have an increase in miscellaneous contract services for print and advertising and an additional special events coordinator to meet the growing demands of the department. This new staff will allow them to better plan for and execute events without additional strain on other City staff. They do host about 14 events annually that require some special services, so they have added some funding for services like security, sanitation, and items to make events more accessible. They also hope to add an online vendor registration to allow vendors to apply and pay through the website.

Councilmember Pyakurel asked if they would add fees to the online applications or if we would pay for that. Ms. Clemens stated that they do have a contract, but it would most likely be passed to the vendor or sponsor and would be a 1.5% fee most likely.

Councilmember Strickland asked if they had considered outsourcing the Tomato Festival staff instead of asking City employees to work those hours. Ms. Clemens stated they have considered partnering with the booster club for areas like the beer garden and hiring a company to run security at the entrance of the festival. They are looking into it but have not been able to decide what is the best option.

Attorney Shook stated that his budget for the Attorney's office is relatively stagnant. Last year they had a significant increase in their budget because they took in all the outside legal council expenses. Their budget increases for 2025 are mainly associated with staffing increases, which are moderate.

Councilmember Baker asked how the recovery court was going. Attorney Shook stated that it is going well but has its ups and downs. Their numbers are down right now, which is a good thing because that means the services are not needed, but that does mean there are fewer people there for support during the recovery meetings.

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

An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract between the City of Reynoldsburg and the Fraternal Order of Police, Ohio Labor Council, Inc. (Dispatchers) for a Period from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027, and Declaring an Emergency

Mayor Begeny explained that this legislation was the final contract with City

Dispatchers. The contract has no major changes and has been agreed upon by the dispatchers.

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

An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract Between the City of Reynoldsburg and the Fraternal Order of Police, Capital City Lodge No. 9, for the Period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027, and Declaring an Emergency

Mayor Begeny indicated that the police rank and file contract was negotiated without a lot of debate. The contract has been approved and now needs Council approval.

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

An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with Compton Construction for Design and Installation Service Using America Rescue Plant Act Funds for a City Hall Entry Vestibule, Appropriating Funds, and Declaring an Emergency

Director Dorman explained that Compton Construction will handle the construction of a reception area in the front lobby using ARPA funds. A design plan has already been completed. As soon as this legislation was approved, the construction process is anticipated to start.

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

RESOLUTIONS - CONSENT AGENDA

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

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



CONSENT AGENDA FOR EMERGENCY ADOPTION

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

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CONSENT AGENDA FOR SECOND READING



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

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

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 945 Sewer Charges, Section 945.02(c) Rate Schedule of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Reynoldsburg, an Declaring and Emergency

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 160 Employee Compensation, Section 160.02 Authorized Positions, Personnel, Classifications and Pay Grades, Section 160.03 Salary Schedule, Section 160.04 Other Compensation, Section 160.05 Overtime Eligibility, Section 160.07 Longevity, and Section 160.10 Educational Assistance for the City of Reynoldsburg, Ohio, and Declaring an Emergency

An Ordinance to Amend the Personnel Procedure Manual Regarding Educational Assistance Incentive Program, Vacation Leave, Holidays, and Sections Relative to the CBA Collective Bargaining Agreement, and Declaring an Emergency

An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with Kirch Group Technologies, LLC, for Information Technology Services for the Period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, Waive Competitive



Bidding, and Declaring an Emergency

An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract for City Cyber Insurance for 2025, Waive Competitive Bidding, and Declaring an Emergency

CONSENT AGENDA FOR THIRD READING

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

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

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

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

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

OTHER COUNCIL MATTERS

Councilmember Pyakurel stated that December 3rd was International Day of Persons with Disabilities. He wanted to recognize the work and care that goes into having a family member with special needs and wanted to recognize how strong these families were.



Councilmember Baker thanked the retail workers for all of their hard work in the upcoming holidays. He also thanked the Reynoldsburg PD, doctors, nurses, and teachers for all of their continued efforts. And Go Bucks!

UPCOMING MEETINGS

November 28 & 29, 2024 Thanksgiving Holiday City Offices Closed
December 5, 2024 Planning & Zoning Board
December 9, 2024 Council
December 16, 2024 Council 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
January 9, 2025 Council

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meredith Lawson-Rowe, Council President

Mollie Prasher, Clerk of Council