



**MINUTES REGULAR MEETING
REYNOLDSBURG CITY COUNCIL
April 28, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Pro Temp Bhuwan Pyakurel 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, Towns, Salvati, Pyakurel, Hill

ABSENT: Strickland

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as submitted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting Minutes of April 14, 2025

The regular meeting minutes from the April 14, 2025 meeting were approved as submitted.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Kurt Keljo

1306 North Jackson Avenue

I provided Council with a list of questions that I wanted some answers to several weeks ago, which I am again providing you this evening as my questions have gone unanswered. I have since learned that the project is still within the warranty period. I learned that during a March 27th meeting, EMH&T disrespected me and tried to silence me, which was kind of an answer. When a firm tries to silence someone, it's because it has something to hide. There's one thing I know the firm wants to hide. The firm made \$120,000 more than it should have. The most cost-effective way of stopping the erosion in Huber Park would have cost less than \$80,000 rather than \$500,000. EMH&T would have made approximately \$30,000, rather than \$150,000.

Reynoldsburg would have paid \$80,000 for the project, rather than \$180,000. Clean Ohio would not have had to pay a penny. The most cost effective approach to the project would have been to stabilize the 200 feet of stream bank in the park that was actively eroding towards the recreational path. I suspect the firm told the City that the \$500,000 project would not just address the existing erosion, but would prevent future erosion. Unfortunately, the trees that were along the bank could have done a better job of protecting the stream bank than the slope bank that replaced them. The firm claimed that it was doing preventative restoration, which was a contradiction in terms.

They argued that the project would prevent future erosion with no evidence to support it. All you need to do is look at the completed project to see that it did not work. There haven't even been any major rain events since the project was implemented and the project stream bank is already eroding. Even during the major floods of 2020 and 2021, there was no significant erosion along the bank in the park; most of which was protected by trees. In my opinion, the primary reason the Huber Park project was implemented as proposed and designed was pretty much for EMH&T to make money.

The firm used the most expensive approach, of which I am aware of, to address the erosion in the park. An approach that wasn't even remotely cost-effective. For over two years, it's been a miserable two years. I have worked to protect the interests of our creeks and the City of Reynoldsburg. I have tried to hold EMH&T accountable for implementing an unnecessary creek restoration project that did more harm than good and for misappropriating taxpayers dollars. I have done this to make it harder for firms to implement similar projects dressed up to look like conservation projects, but have little or no conservation value. I have hope that holding EMH&T accountable for one such project would make firms think twice about implementing such projects in the future. In the end, the City might be the only entity held accountable for a failure to do due diligence. This administration has steadfastly refused even to consider what I have said. Rather than honestly investigating my claims, it has defended the interest of a private consulting firm, who tried to silence my opinion and took advantage of the City.

Email comments

Paul Meyer
633 Culpepper Drive

I urge you to vote against the amendment to allow chickens in a city-owned yard. First, city lots are not barnyards. If you allow chickens, why not allow cows and pigs? How can you allow one and not the other?

I have a neighbor on Rodebaugh (Truro township) that has chickens. They escape on a regular basis and end up in my yard. They do not last long in my yard since they are invading my property. The next item is that they are loud and very annoying while I am sitting outside. I could not imagine hearing this noise next door. Who is going to enforce the noise ordinance?

It is not a good idea to allow chickens within the city. I am sure many council members do not know the downside of having chickens in the city. The city is not a barnyard. Go live on a farm in the country in order not to annoy other people that move to the quiet city.

Dan Bender
6441 Rugosa Avenue

Hello, my wife and I would like to express our opposition to the idea of allowing residents to own chickens in Reynoldsburg. At first glance, it may not seem like a big issue, but there are a lot of factors to think about.

I don't know how many people would actually get chickens if it's allowed, but I don't want to end up with neighbors who have chickens but don't properly take care of them or their waste. How will the city make sure people are following the rules that would have to be set up if this proposal is approved? Seems like it could be an enforcement nightmare. Neighbors of those with chickens would be stuck having to put up with the noise, odors, flies and who knows what else? We live in a residential community, not on a farm, and as such should not have to put up with these types of issues.

I'm sure this is being driven in part by the high cost of eggs at the store. People think it would be so nice to step out their back door and get fresh eggs every morning, without considering the amount of work involved in owning chickens. However, the cost of eggs is already dropping and will eventually be a distant memory,

For these and other reasons, we urge members of council NOT to allow the ownership of chickens in Reynoldsburg.

Doyline Williams
7266 Doverwood Ct

The comments below come from my posting on social media. I shared a part of these thoughts during the 4/14/25 council meeting. Thank you

1. Owners must register, plus pay an annual registration fee, and take a course on proper chicken care and management.
2. Priority for code enforcement
3. The annual registration fee is to be used by the City solely to offset added costs created by permitting and managing chickens in an urban setting. Fees should be at a level that pays 100% of all costs incurred by the City to administer and manage any new chicken ordinance.
4. Penalty assessed to owner on the third instance of chickens discovered off the property of their owner.
5. Only the chicken OWNER has the burden to prove chickens are not noisy or stinky.
6. Perhaps a minimum lot size requirement. Having acres between property lines instead of feet is a totally different scenario.

7. Limit number of chickens to prevent a chicken mill
8. All chickens tagged?

The most frequent complaints about chickens are about noise, being on other people's property, and smell, so if it is decided to allow chickens, there should be sufficient guardrails in the city code to make sure chickens DO NOT become a source of breaking the peace between neighbors, NOR the burden of non-owners to manage.

Cresha Louks

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the proposal to allow the raising of chickens in Reynoldsburg neighborhoods. While I recognize the enthusiasm and benefits associated with urban agriculture, I believe this initiative poses significant public health risks that warrant careful consideration.

One primary concern is the potential for zoonotic diseases—illnesses that can be transmitted from animals to humans. Backyard poultry can carry pathogens such as Salmonella and Campylobacter, which are responsible for food-borne illnesses. In suburban settings, where homes are densely packed and residents might lack the expertise to maintain strict biosecurity measures, the risk of pathogen transmission increases. Children, the elderly, and individuals with compromised immune systems are particularly vulnerable.

Additionally, improper management of chicken waste presents environmental and health hazards. Chicken manure, if not disposed of correctly, can attract flies and rodents, create unpleasant odors, and contaminate groundwater supplies. This could compromise the community's quality of life and put unnecessary strain on local public health resources.

Finally, a critical aspect to consider is the potential strain on local animal control and public health departments. Monitoring and regulating backyard poultry initiatives require resources that many municipalities may not currently have. This could divert funding and attention from other pressing community needs.

Currently, I have two neighbors with poultry. While I have reached out to several city staff people, the neighbors continue to have chickens, and now full-sized ducks. I am attaching pictures of the "coops" next door. There is currently improper care taken of the chickens and ducks and the manure is also not being addressed either. If Reynoldsburg were to permit chickens, who would monitor this issue?

While the intent behind allowing suburban chickens is admirable, the unintended public health consequences make it a cause for concern. I respectfully urge you to prioritize the well-being and safety of the entire community by reconsidering this proposal. Instead, I encourage exploring alternative ways to promote sustainable living and food



security that do not compromise public health.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I am happy to discuss my concerns further or provide additional information if needed.

Mayoral Comments

Mayor Begeny thanked the residents and volunteers who came out to the Community Clean-Up Day this past Saturday. Even though the weather was inclement and there was a fire in the shredding truck, the turn-out was great. A special thanks to the volunteers who worked the Brice Road and Livingston Avenue area, including Tomato Fest royalty, the Cub Scouts, and Urban Air.

He also thanked everyone who attended the Reynoldsburg Town Hall meeting last week.

Mayor Begeny congratulated the Reynoldsburg ESports team for placing second in the state. They have placed first and second twice in the past three years.

APPEAL HEARING

Appeal Hearing of the Planning & Zoning Board March 20, 2025 Decision for Application #2024-0770 for 6008-6014 East Livingston Avenue

President Pro Temp Pyakurel stated that Council would be hearing an appeal regarding a Planning & Zoning Board decision for Application #2024-0770 made by the applicant.

Attorney Shook explained that this hearing was an appeal from a Planning & Zoning Board decision made on March 20, 2025. The variance requested by the applicant was to seek a six-point two-inch reduction from the required twenty-two-foot-wide, two-way drive aisle that was set forth in our zoning code. The matter went before the Planning & Zoning Board, which received a three-to-two vote in favor of the variance; however, as the City had a seven-member board, the variance required a majority vote. It failed as it did not receive the four votes. He indicated that the applicant's Attorney, Mr. John Gleason, was present to speak on the appeal. Attorney Shook asked that City Council, when rendering a decision on this appeal, present a motion to affirm the decision of the Planning & Zoning Board, which would be a denial of the variance or a motion to reserve the decision of the Planning & Zoning Board, which would approve the variance.

Attorney John Gleason spoke on behalf of the property owner, Mr. Salaheddine

Nourai, who was in attendance. Mr. Nourai's family-owned this property since 2010. Mr. Gleason stated that he was there to appeal the Planning & Zoning Board's denial of a variance application. Even though the vote was three to two to grant the variance, a four to zero vote was needed. Staff offered to table the application that evening, but there had been a lot of back and forth on various issues previously. Mr. Gleason apologized to Council for missing the hearing scheduled for the April 14, 2025 meeting. He stated that he and the property owner believed that the approval of the variance was appropriate. The minutes included in the packet did a good job of describing what happened at the March 20th hearing. Mr. Gleason had provided Council with pictures and emails that show the request for the drive aisle. The property had previously been a bar that had several nuisance complaints prior to being evicted. There had been several people who wanted to put a bar back in that space, but given the previous problems, Mr. Nourai did not want to do that, and because six months had passed without any tenant, a conditional use application was filed with staff advising that a variance was needed for the inability to meet current parking requirements.

Attorney Gleason indicated that the application was for a restaurant, which was an approved conditional use for this site. However, with the current zoning code regulations, this use did not comply with the parking requirements. The variance would allow this tenant to occupy the space and make the space usable as the other tenants are. There are two different spaces in this building with one tenant having to comply with current requirements, while the other tenant does not. Mr. Nourai wanted to add a grocery store as opposed to a bar, which would have been grandfathered in if a new bar was added within six months of the old bar leaving. He understood that if the existing tenant moved out and the space went un-rented for six months, that space could remain vacant forever without a variance. The applicant originally filed for a variance for a reduction in parking spaces from the twenty-four currently required by code to the seventeen spaces that were available. As the minutes reflect, staff suggested that the applicant would have a better chance of approval if he requested a reduction in the drive aisle. It was always better to have more parking. The application was amended to request the reduction in the drive aisle. Attorney Gleason pointed out the two emails he provided showed that the fire department and the public service department had no issues with the reduction of the drive aisle. The other pages in Council's packet showed the drive aisle. This building was here for a long time. There was a fire hydrant in the back, so there was sufficient room for vehicles to pass. The only thing this property does not have is a two-way drive, which is what the code now requires. They believe that the currency property is more than sufficient and has shown to have no issues. The staff report showed that the board had recommended a denial of this appeal for two reasons. Staff recognized that they had met all but two of the requirements, but the board did not feel that they had clearly answered two of the factors. Attorney Gleason stated that he respectfully

disagrees with that and believes that the minutes indicate the same sentiment. He explained that within the minutes, board members discussed that drive aisle variances have been granted in the City before. He also understands that they discussed how this could possibly set a precedent for other similar situations, but a small format grocery store is specifically indicated as a conditional use for the innovation district. They are already trying to fulfill what the innovation district was created for. Attorney Gleason stated that he believes this request to widen the drive aisle is unduly burdensome as the applicant has already satisfied all other requirements. They are requested that Council follow the three members of the board who voted to allow the variance and reverse the board's denial.

Mr. Nourai stated that after the bar moved out of this location, many other people were interested in opening another bar at the same location, but he turned them down. He explained that he also spent a large amount of money converting the bar into a grocery store because he believes in keeping Reynoldsburg beautiful and another bar would not be what is best for the City. He requests that he is not penalized for trying to do the right thing.

Councilmember Salvati stated that he saw a few different variance requests similar to this application with some being approved and some being denied. He explained that he would agree with a variance for fewer parking spaces but has seen those requests be denied more than approved, so they are instead considering this variance that they have requested. In this case, the property owner has met the parking requirement with the back parking spaces included, so they are only discussing the drive aisle. Councilmember Salvati's one concern with granting this variance with granting a one-way drive aisle would be cars entering and exiting the back lot. His question is, if they were to approve this variance, would they be able to include a condition where the back parking spaces are for employees only to reduce traffic on the one-way. Councilmember Salvati also asked if the parking spaces being reserved for employees only would remove them from the total number of spots needed to meet the requirements. Attorney Shook stated that his initial response to this question is that that is probably okay. He would need to do some additional research to ensure that there are no regulations on what the parking spaces are specifically for, only that they are included in the total amount. Attorney Gleason stated that the property owner has no issue making these back parking spots for employees only.

Councilmember Cotner stated that while it sounds like a great idea for the property owner to label those spaces as employees only, he does not believe that the City should tell property owners where their employees should and should not park. Attorney Gleason stated that he agrees with what Councilmember Cotner has suggested but understands the suggestion.



Councilmember Baker asked how many handicap parking spaces would be available on site. Attorney Gleason stated that there will be two spots reserved for accessible parking. Councilmember Baker stated that he also agrees with the property owner that this location should not be turned back into a bar and appreciates the new property use.

Councilmember Salvati stated that he has considered 1109.11(d) and believes that all factors have been met and made a motion that the Council reverse the ruling by the Planning Commission. The reversal of this ruling would now allow the variance at this property. Second by Councilmember Towns.

ROLL CALL: Cotner - yes; Baker - yes; Johnson - yes; Towns - yes; Salvati - yes; Pyakurel - yes; Hill - yes

This application has been reversed with seven affirmative votes and 0 negative votes.

PROCLAMATIONS

A Proclamation Recognizing April as Autism Awareness Month

Councilmember Hill read the proclamation. She shared that she was diagnosed in 2023 with autism. She explained that all of her life, she had difficulty with social interactions with family, co-workers, and friends. She indicated that she is high functioning, but after being diagnosed, she discovered tools that helped her become a better employee, partner, friend, and mother. She wanted to confirm that Autistic people pay taxes and go on dates. To imply that one in thirty-one people, which is the current statistic of people diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder in the United States, cannot function in society is objectively false.

Councilmember Baker added that his son was also diagnosed with Autism. He stated that his son was just a regular boy. Councilmember Baker commented that Robert Kennedy Jr.'s comments about people with Autism were inappropriate, inaccurate, and rude. He did not appreciate his categorization of people with Autism. He thanked Councilmember Hill for bringing this proclamation forward.

A Proclamation Honoring the Reynoldsburg High School Mock Trial Team

Attorney Shook read the proclamation for the Reynoldsburg High School Mock Trial Team.

COMMUNICATIONS



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REPORTS

West Licking Fire District

West Licking Fire District March 2025 Report

Councilmember Baker stated that the monthly report for March 2025 was included in the agenda packet. He explained that Ward 3 will have a fire levy on the ballot this year as the fire district will not be receiving any more money from the state and they would like to be able to keep up the same level of service they are able to provide at this time.

Development, Parks & Recreation Committee

This is the Development, Parks & Recreation Committee meeting for April 28, 2025.

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

An Ordinance Creating a Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) and Establishing Safety and Sanitation Plans

Attorney Shook stated that this legislation is identical to what was previously provided to Council, they are now just filling in some of the blanks in the Ordinance language. He explained that this is the second step in this process as they have already sent in the application and are now requesting that the committee forward this issue to Council for a first reading.

Mayor Begeny stated that the Chamber of Commerce has agreed to make compostable cups in the DORA as it is within their budget.

Councilmember Baker thanked Mayor Begeny and Attorney Shook for their work on this Ordinance.

Councilmember Cotner asked if there is a plan to expand police presence in the area during the DORA hours of operation. Attorney Shook stated that they have had discussions with Chief Baker about this and the intention is to base the police presence off of what was going on in the City at that time. So for larger events, there will be an increased police presence, but on a normal night they would not plan to have an increased presence.

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

Public Safety, Law & Courts Committee

This is the Public Safety, Law & Courts Committee meeting for April 28, 2025.

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

An Ordinance to Amend Section 505.03 Animals Running At Large of the Codified Ordinances for the City of Reynoldsburg

Assistant City Attorney Andrade stated that first she wanted to recognize Avery Russell. She was just awarded the Reynoldsburg Hero Award for her bravery in continuing to fight and heal after being attacked by a dog in the City. Attorney Andrade stated that they are requesting to amend section 505.03 because they do not believe that the current language places enough emphasis on the responsibility of the dog owner, and specifically dog owners who have dogs that are known to be aggressive. This new language will increase the responsibilities of owners when they are out in public with their dogs but also in their own homes. That was a unique part of the situation involving Miss Avery because she was at the person's home and was attacked there rather than in the park or on the street. Attorney Andrade stated that there is a copy of section 505.03 in the packet that shows the changes they are proposing in a mark-up. She explained that parts A and B mostly cover the animals at large part of the statute, which includes things like leash and fence regulations. Section C is focused on the failure to control a dangerous dog and how that will be defined. They are also choosing to increase the penalties because the previous charge was similar to a parking ticket. The charge would not have been increased to a misdemeanor in the fourth degree until the dog was already considered to be a dangerous dog and then continued to attack or harm people. This charge could possibly include up to 30 days in jail. They are asking to increase this charge to a first degree misdemeanor, which would allow for charges including up to 6 months in jail rather than 30 days. They were not able to make the penalty a felony charge as that would have to come from the county or state. Attorney Andrade clarified that this new language states that if a dog is considered dangerous, it must be kept in an enclosure or supervised and reasonably controlled

by a person, explaining that a 5-year-old would not be considered reasonable control because they would not be able to stop a dog from attacking someone. She explained that section D of the legislation just includes some updated language. Sections F, G, and H discuss the penalties that are being increased. She explained that the proposed language includes a section stating that if any dog, regardless of prior recognition as a dangerous dog, causes physical harm to a person, it is a violation and a misdemeanor of the first degree. Section J includes language defining a dangerous dog.

Councilmember Johnson asked for clarification on the amount of time in jail in the proposed language. Attorney Andrade stated that in section G it explains it is at minimum thirty days and up to six months in jail. She explained that they included a minimum amount of time to ensure that the person does receive a penalty.

Councilmember Johnson asked if any dog could be considered dangerous based on this legislation. Attorney Andrade explained that dangerous dog is considered a legal term and that is why they included language in the legislation stating that a person can be charged regardless of if their dog has been deemed dangerous by law. The owner will receive a notice after an incident stating that their dog is now legally considered dangerous, and they will have 30 days after that notice to attend a hearing. If a dog was not labeled dangerous before an incident but had a history of dangerous behavior, it can then be litigated at the same time.

Councilmember Towns stated that when her youngest daughter was eight years old, she was actually attacked by a dog at another person's residence as well. She stated that she is almost thirteen now, but she still suffers from mental anguish from this situation, so she thanked the Attorney's Office for bringing this to Council.

Councilmember Hill asked if the dog that attacked Miss Avery was already deemed dangerous before and how we can prevent situations like this from happening. Attorney Andrade stated that this is the reason they added language stating that regardless of whether the dog has been legally deemed dangerous, there will still be penalties. State v. Jones allows the court to deem a dog dangerous in these cases rather than needing that designation before an incident.

Councilmember Pyakurel stated that this is a very important issue and states that he was also bitten by a dog when he was young, and he still feels that pain now. He asked how they would enforce this legislation regarding the enclosure and fences on personal property. Attorney Andrade stated that it was a personal responsibility to follow the law just like many other laws. She explained that once the law is broken, the City now has the opportunity to enforce the law.

Councilmember Johnson asked what would qualify as a suitable age for someone to be considered a reasonable person to control a dog. Attorney Andrade stated

that this law gives a lot more flexibility in the way that they are changing it and allows for more options in charges. Suitable age would depend on the dog and what the court decides is suitable for that specific scenario and this only applies to when the dog is being walked. Councilmember Johnson stated that they would just like more clarification so that people can have a better idea of what would be a suitable age for their situation. Councilmember Baker also asked for some more clarification on this issue.

Councilmember Baker thanked the Attorney's Office for bringing this forward and thanked Avery for being there. He also asked if there was a fine included in this legislation as well. Attorney Andrade explained that there are fines included, but it was up to the courts to decide how much they will be. It also includes things like probation and what to do with the dog after situations like this, including the option to humanely destroy the dog. Victims also have the option to ask for restitution through the court as well.

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

Public Service & Transportation Committee

This is the Public Service & Transportation Committee meeting for April 28, 2025.

Members in attendance are: Councilmember Cotner, Councilmember Towns, Councilmember Hill, and Chair Pyakurel.

An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with EMH&T Pertaining to a Feasibility Study for an East Main Street Sidewalk Connection and Appropriating Funds

Mayor Begeny stated that after a lot of reviewing, it has been determined that we need to look to EMH&T for professional services for the alignment of Taylor road to Waggoner road for sidewalk improvements. There are some areas that are outside the scope of what the City can do internally.

Councilmember Pyakurel thanked Mayor Begeny for bringing this to Council because he believes this is an issue that should definitely be addressed.

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

A Resolution Suspending Enforcement of Chapter 1711 General Provisions, Section 302.4 Weeds of the Property Maintenance Code of the Codified Ordinances for the City of Reynoldsburg During the Month of May, Under

Certain Conditions

Mayor Begeny stated that this is similar to what they passed last year as a way to allow for pollinator gardens to continue to grow in the month of May, which is being referred to as "no mow May". This would also allow grass to grow taller than the City would normally allow if that area has been designated as a pollinator garden. HOAs would be able to enforce their own rules in this instance.

Councilmember Pyakurel made a motion to forward this Resolution to Council for approval. Second by Councilmember Hill. Motion carried.

A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Purchase a Chassis-Mounted Leaf Collector for the Street Department and Waive Competitive Bidding

Director Dorman stated that Council has already authorized money to purchase equipment for the leaf pickup program which will begin this year. Both items 3 and 4 are equipment necessary for beginning this program.

Councilmember Pyakurel made a motion to forward this Resolution to Council for approval. Second by Councilmember Towns. Motion carried.

A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Purchase a Dinkmar Leaf Master for the Street Department and Waive Competitive Bidding

Director Dorman stated that this equipment is also needed for the leaf pickup program.

Councilmember Pyakurel made a motion 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 April 28, 2025.

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

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 160 Employee Compensation, Section 160.02 Authorized Positions, Personnel, Classification and Pay Grade, and Declaring an Emergency

This item has returned to Committee to be amended to include an additional change to a position in the police department.

Mayor Begeny stated that the police department has requested an amendment to

the job description for the property room coordinator from 40 hours to 32 hours to help with recruiting someone for the position.

Councilmember Baker made a motion to amend this Ordinance to include a change to a PD position to $\frac{3}{4}$ time. Second by Councilmember Salvati. Motion carried.

Councilmember Baker made a motion to forward this amended Ordinance to Council for a second reading and emergency approval. Second by Councilmember Johnson. Motion carried.

This Ordinance will be forwarded as amended to Council for a second reading and emergency approval.

A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Establish Membership with the Meta Solutions Purchasing Cooperative

Attorney Shook stated that this Resolution allows the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Meta Solutions, which is a cooperative purchasing program. This cooperative purchasing allows us to waive competitive bidding because of the program. It grants the City more flexibility in buying products that have already gone through a vetting process.

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

A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with Iron Mountain for the Retrieval of the City's Permanent Records Currently Stored at Their Facility

Clerk Prasher stated that this is an ongoing issue the City has been trying to deal with for the past 5 years. Records have been stored in Iron Mountain for 5 years and they have been very difficult to work with. They have finally made arrangements to move our permanent records from this facility and it will cost around \$29,000. These records are being transferred to Fireproof for management in the future and permanent storage.

Councilmember Baker made a motion to forward this Resolution to Council for approval. Second by Councilmember Johnson. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS - CONSENT AGENDA

RESULT:	PASSED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Salvati

SECONDER: Baker

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

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CONSENT AGENDA FOR EMERGENCY ADOPTION

RESULT: PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Salvati

SECONDER: Towns

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

An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with Law General Contracting Pertaining to the City's 2025 Street Improvement Project (Alley), Appropriating Funds, and Declaring an Emergency

An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with Pavement



Technology, Inc. Pertaining to the City's 2025 Street Maintenance Program, Appropriating Funds, and Declaring an Emergency

An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with EMH&T for Summit Road Engineering Design Services (Limits of Prior Improvements South of Summit High School to East Main Street), Appropriating Funds, and Declaring an Emergency

An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with the Steelworkers Union for the Period Beginning January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027, and Declaring an Emergency

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 160 Employee Compensation, Section 160.02 Authorized Positions, Personnel, Classification and Pay Grade, and Declaring an Emergency

CONSENT AGENDA FOR FIRST READING

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CONSENT AGENDA FOR SECOND READING



An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Agreement with CORE5 Industrial Partners, LLC, or an Affiliate, Providing for a Project and Property Tax Exemption Pursuant to the City's Community Reinvestment Area Program, and Declaring an Emergency

An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Accept the Central Ohio Primary Care (COPC) Project and Associated Public Infrastructure Improvements

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 751 Home Sales of the Codified Ordinances for the City of Reynoldsburg

OTHER COUNCIL MATTERS

Councilmember Baker stated that he had seen the news that four-year-old, Ja'Kai Smith, was killed by his mother and his mother's boyfriend. He asked that the community say a prayer for this boy and his family. He also thanked RPD and teachers for the work they do in the community as well as retail and logistics workers.

President Pro Temp Pyakurel stated that last Saturday was healthy kids day at the YMCA and thanked everyone for coming out to the event.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

May 1, 2025 Planning & Zoning

May 12, 2025 Council

May 15, 2025 Planning & Zoning

May 26, 2025 Memorial Day City Offices Closed

May 27, 2025 Council

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, Council President Pro Temp Pyakurel adjourned the meeting.



Shanette Strickland, Council President

Mollie Prasher, Clerk of Council