



**MINUTES REGULAR MEETING
REYNOLDSBURG CITY COUNCIL
May 12, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Shanette Strickland called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Cotner, Baker, Johnson, Strickland, Towns, Salvati, Pyakurel, Hill
ABSENT:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as submitted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There are no meeting minutes.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Community Comments

**Michele and Duncan Caddell
1030 Mueller Drive**

Ms. Caddell explained that Mueller Drive used to be a dead-end street but ever since it was opened up, there has been an increased number of drivers who are speeding and driving recklessly through the neighborhood. She explained that there are many children that play throughout the neighborhood, so they try to flag drivers down to encourage them to stop speeding but it does not seem to deter them. They are requesting that Council look into this matter and hopefully address the issue.

**Madhav Pokhrel
1029 Mueller Drive**



Mr. Pokhrel explained that he is here to address the same issue that Ms. Caddell brought up about speeding on Mueller Drive. He stated that there is no stop signs or speed bumps throughout the neighborhood to deter speeding, so hopefully they can add something in the future to address this issue.

Council Comments

Councilmember Pyakurel

Councilmember Pyakurel stated that there was a tragic accident at Main Street and Ashland Place this past Friday, May 9. He stated that this is a very sad incident as someone lost their life. He explained that he wasn't sure if the man was walking in the road or on the sidewalk but believes we need to address this issue and ensure that there are safe walking paths throughout the City.

President Strickland thanked Councilmember Pyakurel for bringing that to Council and stated that our prayers are with the family at this time.

Mayoral Comments

Mayor Begeny

Mayor Begeny stated that they are aware of the issues happening at Mueller Drive and they are currently working to find the best way to address these issues. He explained that a stop sign could be a good option for this neighborhood, but many people do not stop even when they are supposed to, so they are continuing to find the best option for this area. They are also continuing to work with the Ohio Department of Transportation on the City sidewalk program from Taylor to Waggoner Road, and they have informed us that any actions the City takes in these areas can be reviewed by them, but they will not be contributing financially.

Mayor Begeny reminded everyone that Plant Reynoldsburg is this Saturday, May 17, at 9am.

Proclamation Recognizing the Reynoldsburg Esports Team

Office of the Mayor

Certificate of Recognition

WHEREAS, it is one of the privileges of the Mayor of the City of Reynoldsburg, to recognize the accomplishments of its citizens; and



WHEREAS, the participation in organized athletics helps to build character and teaches a wholesome sense of fair play and good sportsmanship among our youth; and

WHEREAS, to really excel in any one sport, a young person must demonstrate, in addition to a great deal of natural ability, an outstanding spirit of dedication, enthusiasm, and hard work; and

WHEREAS, a striking example of this has been brought to my attention in the achievement of the Reynoldsburg Raiders E-Sports team;

WHEREAS, the E-Sports team had many accomplishments this year; including the Overwatch Team placing second at the State Tournament at the University of Akron; the Valorant Team placing third at the Regionals Tournament at Ohio University; and the Apex Legends Team placing 13th in the state during the online finals; and

WHEREAS, team members for the Overwatch Team were Miles Madden, Connor Lieber, Abba Abduljelil, Valerie Sisler, Morgan Clements, Jakob Fields, Saurav Mainali, Ryan Collins, and Marcy Valdez; team members for the Valorant Team were Mausham Sapkota, Valerie Sisler, Memphis Mustard, Jackson Elliott, Owen Jones, Nuux Ali; team members for the Apex Legends team were Preston Kuhn, Valerie Sisler, and Chance West. The E-Sports teams were coached by Chase Harman, Trey Adams, and Ed Stoll.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joe Begeny, Mayor of the City of Reynoldsburg, Ohio, do hereby deem it an honor and pleasure to extend this Certificate of Recognition to The Reynoldsburg Raiders E-Sports Team with my sincere congratulations.

Proclamation Recognizing the Reynoldsburg Bowling Team

Office of the Mayor

Certificate of Recognition

WHEREAS, it is one of the privileges of the Mayor of the City of Reynoldsburg, to recognize the accomplishments of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the participation in organized athletics helps to build character and teaches a wholesome sense of fair play and good sportsmanship among our youth; and

WHEREAS, to really excel in any one sport, a young person must demonstrate, in addition to a great deal of natural ability, an outstanding spirit of dedication, enthusiasm, and hard work; and



WHEREAS, a striking example of this has been brought to my attention in the achievement of the Reynoldsburg Raiders Boys Bowling Team;

WHEREAS, the team was coached by James Gapen and Keith Snell; team members included: Quinn Dean, Jacob Snyder, Brandon Conrad, Cayden Griffin, Zach McKay, and Jarrod Broughton; and

WHEREAS, the Bowling Team had many team achievements this year including; 14th place at the State Tournament, this is the 1st team in school history to qualify for the state tournament; Runner-Up at the District Tournament; OCC Buckeye Division Champions; COHSBC Champions; Almost Bakers Dozen Champions; 2nd place in 3 tournaments; All Ohio Academic Team with a team GPA of 4.0; an individual match record of 12 – 1; and

WHEREAS, many of the bowlers also had individual achievements throughout the year and these included: Quinn Dean – Individually placed 4th at the State tournament, Division 1 High School Bowler of the Year, 1st Team all OCC, COHSBC Season High Average, All Tournament Team Placement at the Jim Shaw Baker Bash, Almost Baker's Dozen Tournament, and Muskingum Invitational, Overall high game Tiger Tune Up Tournament; Jacob Snyder – 1st Team all OCC, All Tournament Team Placement at the Jim Shaw Baker Bash and Muskingum Invitational; Brandon Conrad – 2nd Team all OCC, All Tournament Team at the Jim Shaw Baker Bash; Cayden Griffin – All Ohio Academic Team with a 3.9 GPA; Zach McKay – All Tournament Team at the BHS Classic; Coach James Gapen was named Central Ohio Coach of the Year;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joe Begeny, Mayor of the City of Reynoldsburg, Ohio, do hereby deem it an honor and pleasure to extend this Certificate of Recognition to The Reynoldsburg Raiders Boys Bowling Team with my sincere congratulations.

Proclamation Recognizing the Reynoldsburg Mens Basketball Team

WHEREAS, it is one of the privileges of the Mayor of the City of Reynoldsburg, to recognize the accomplishments of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the participation in organized athletics helps to build character and teaches a wholesome sense of fair play and good sportsmanship among our youth; and

WHEREAS, to really excel in any one sport, a young person must demonstrate, in addition to a great deal of natural ability, an outstanding spirit of dedication, enthusiasm, and hard work; and



WHEREAS, a striking example of this has been brought to my attention in the achievement of the Reynoldsburg Raiders Boys Basketball Team;

WHEREAS, the team was coached by Head Coach Andy Moore, Assistant Coaches Devin Howard, Brian Stroh, and Jim Ramsey; JV Coach Will O'Hara, JV Assistant Coach Brandon Postell, and Freshman Coach Rich Smith. Players on the team were: Damon Griffin, Toby Nwokolo, Jorden Bowens, Darius Graves, Braylon McKinney, Mekhi Roddy, Xavier McKinney, Cornelius Oliver, Denzel Lyles, Jr., Amare Mitchell, Jordan Fisher, Rashad Perry, Chavis Wilson Jr., and Peyton Hooper; and

WHEREAS, the Basketball Team had many team achievements this year including; Playing in the State Championship Game for the first time in school history, Playing in the State Final 4 for the first time in school history, Regional Champions for the first time in school history, District Champions, the first district championship since 2018; and the OCC Buckeye Division Champions for the 2nd year in a row with a record of 14-0; and

WHEREAS, many of the players also had individual achievements throughout the year and these included: Jordan Fisher – OCC Player of the Year; 1st Team All-Ohio, 1st Team All-Central District, District 10 Player of the Year, District 10 Super Team, 1st Team All-Metro, Played in the Ohio/Kentucky All-Star game, Scored 1,301 points in his Reynoldsburg career; Toby Nwokolo – All- OCC 2nd Team, District 10 All-Star, District 10 Super Team, Played in the Ohio/Kentucky All-Star game; Xavier McKinney – All-OCC 1st Team, 2nd Team All-Central District, District 10 Super Team, Honorable Mention All-Ohio; Jorden Bowens – All-OCC 1st Team, 2nd Team All-Central District, Special Mention All-Ohio; Damon Griffin – Honorable Mention All-OCC; Darius Graves; OCC Scholar Athlete of the Year; Coach Andy Moore was named OCC Coach of the Year.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joe Begeny, Mayor of the City of Reynoldsburg, Ohio, do hereby deem it an honor and pleasure to extend this Certificate of Recognition to The Reynoldsburg Raiders Boys Basketball Team with my sincere congratulations.

Coach Moore thanked City Council and Mayor Begeny for allowing them to be here today and congratulated the Esports team and the Bowling team on their great seasons as well. He explained that this years basketball team was a special team and, with a lot of hard work and dedication, they were able to accomplish many things that have not been done in Reynoldsburg for a long time. They set a number of records this year but sadly came up one step short. Coach Moore explained that he was just proud to be a part of such a great team.



PUBLIC HEARING

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

This is a Public Hearing for the establishment of a Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area in the Olde Town area of Reynoldsburg

President Strickland asked if anyone would like to speak on this Ordinance, if so, please step to the microphone and give your name and address.

President Strickland stated that as there were no comments, the Public Hearing was closed.

MOTIONS

A Motion to Reconsider Ordinance 17-2025 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

Following the passage of this Ordinance at the April 28th Council meeting, it was determined that a correction needed to be made to the project number and the contingency amount was not included in the total appropriation.

Director Dorman stated that when the Ordinance was originally passed it did not include the correct project number and contingency amount, so they are requesting that the information be added at this time.

Councilmember Salvati made a motion to reconsider Ordinance No. 17-2025. Second by Councilmember Baker. Motion carried.

Ordinance 17-2025 may be reconsidered.

President Strickland stated we now need a motion to amend Ordinance No. 17-2025, 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 to update the total appropriation and correct the project number.



Councilmember Towns made a motion to amend to Ordinance No. 17-2025.
Second by Councilmember Salvati.

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

Ordinance No. 17-2025 is amended - 8 affirmative votes, no negative votes.

Councilmember Pyakurel made a motion to approve Ordinance 17-2025 as amended. Second by Councilmember Baker.

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

Ordinance No. 17-2025 is approved as amended - 8 affirmative votes, no negative votes.

COMMUNICATIONS

Year-to-Date Budget Performance Report ending April 30, 2025

REPORTS

There is no Development, Parks & Recreation Committee meeting.

Public Safety, Law & Courts Committee

This is the Public Safety, Law & Courts Committee meeting for May 12, 2025.

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

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

This Ordinance has been returned to the Committee for any proposed changes or further discussion.

Attorney Shook stated that this Ordinance is the same as it was at the previous meeting, but they do anticipate a few changes at the next meeting. They are working to provide an appropriate exception for a dog that had been provoked or threatened or was defending someone. The current definition does state that a dog is considered dangerous when a dog has attacked or bitten someone unprovoked, but they want to make sure that is clear in this legislation. They will also be bringing minor changes to the penalties to update the time frame at the next meeting as well.

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

An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Services Agreement with Matrix Pointe Software, Inc. for a Prosecutor Case Management System and Appropriating Funds Therefor

Attorney Shook stated that this proposal was brought up by Assistant City Attorney Andrade. This software would essentially allow their office to go paperless. It would also provide ease of ability for prosecutors, victim advocates, and administrative assistants to update case files based upon new information. This new software will also allow for electronic discovery. Right now, they are one of the few jurisdictions that still do paper discovery and, because of that, there is a lag in getting information to defense attorneys in time. This new system would allow them to transfer police reports, body camera footage, lab test results, or any other type of information, much faster than they are currently able to do.

President Strickland asked what the migration period may look like for the transfer to this new system. Attorney Shook stated that it will take some time, but they are fortunate enough that the police department already uses a version of Matrix for the County Prosecutors' office, so they will be able to coordinate the two systems to allow the transfer to happen much faster. He explained that a lot of documents are already electronically maintained so they won't have to go through the whole scanning process, they will just need to transfer them into the new system. Attorney Shook also stated that it is important to note that with misdemeanor cases, there is a lot of turn over in files because these cases do not take long to close. Overall, he believes the transfer will happen fairly quickly.

Councilmember Johnson moved to forward this Ordinance to Council for a first reading. Second by Councilmember Towns. 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 Binder stated that this Resolution requests that certain items be removed from the fixed asset list based on a recommendation from the City's IT contractor.

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

Public Service & Transportation Committee

This is the Public Service & Transportation Committee meeting for May 12, 2025.

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

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

Director Dorman stated that Samsara Inc. is the company we use to monitor City vehicles, including snow plows and leaf pickup once that program begins. He explained that they did have a purchasing order for this contract open at one point, but by the time the contract was completed, the purchasing order had already been closed. This is being requested as a then and now and would require emergency approval.

President Strickland asked how they are able to view the tracking information for these vehicles and how that is going. Director Dorman stated that using this information, they are able to ensure that they have routes throughout the whole City and provide proper coverage for residents. This information can be seen on the City's website.

Councilmember Pyakurel made a motion to forward this Ordinance to Council for a first reading and emergency approval. Second by Councilmember Towns. Motion carried.

A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Accept a Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC) Energized Community Grant

Mayor Begeny stated that last year he came to Council with a similar request to apply for a grant through our aggregate company, NOPEC. That grant was awarded in the amount of around \$73,000 to retrofit City Hall with LED lighting. They are now eligible to apply for a grant for an additional \$74,000 to add LED lighting to the police department. This Resolution is for the application and if it is approved, they will then go through the bid process for these services.



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

There is no Finance & Administration Committee meeting.

RESOLUTIONS - CONSENT AGENDA

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

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CONSENT AGENDA FOR EMERGENCY ADOPTION

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

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 to Approve Payment of Services Performed by Samsara Inc. to the Auditor's Certificate of Availability of Funds, and Declaring an Emergency

CONSENT AGENDA FOR FIRST READING



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CONSENT AGENDA FOR SECOND READING

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CONSENT AGENDA FOR THIRD READING

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

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 congratulated the bowling team, the esports team, and the mens basketball team for their great seasons. He also agreed with everything Councilmember Pyakurel stated at the beginning of the meeting about the tragic death on Main Street and the importance of safe walking paths. Councilmember Baker thanked RPD,



teachers, retail, and logistic workers. He also wished a happy late Mother's day to all mother figures.

Councilmember Johnson stated that Reynoldsburg will be celebrating Juneteenth on June 14, from 4-8pm at Huber Park.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

As there was no further business, Council President Strickland adjourned the meeting.

May 15, 2025 Planning & Zoning Board
May 27, 2025 Council (Note Tuesday Meeting Date)
June 5, 2025 Planning & Zoning Board
June 9, 2025 Council
June 19, 2025 Juneteenth City Offices Closed
June 23, 2025 Council

Shanette Strickland, Council President

Mollie Prasher, Clerk of Council