



**MINUTES REGULAR MEETING
REYNOLDSBURG CITY COUNCIL
July 14, 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

Regular Meeting Minutes of June 23, 2025

The regular meeting minutes of June 23, 2025, were approved as submitted.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Community Comments

**Angela Abram
7244 East Main Street**

Ms. Abram stated that she is the representative for the Reynoldsburg City Schools and the school board. She explained that on behalf of the Reynoldsburg City School District and the Board of Education, they are requesting immediate support in protecting the safety of our students as they face the ongoing difficulties and consequences of the recent levy failure in November 2024. Reynoldsburg has not had a successful levy in 15 years and the average levy cycle is every 4 years, so Reynoldsburg is about 4 times below the average rate of potential new income. Due to these budget cuts, they are no longer able to provide bus transportation to as many students as they had in the past. As a result, many young children will now be required to walk to and from school. This situation is especially concerning because some of these schools are located in areas

that have some incomplete pedestrian walkways, which would make it hazardous for children to navigate these routes safely. Ms. Abram stated that she will have the buildings and operations director, Tim Wagner, share the no-transportation zone information with Council so they are able to see and walk some of these routes to the local schools, so they can prioritize which areas need the most attention. She explained that they need to identify and prioritize sidewalk installation and repairs near elementary schools, improve crosswalk visibility and signage, assist with cross guard work and consider ideas like volunteer guest crossing guards, and increase patrols in the school zones to enforce school zone speed compliance. She understands and respects the fiscal challenges that the City is facing, but they believe that ensuring child safety while walking to school is a shared community responsibility, and they welcome the opportunity to work together to create a solution.

President Strickland asked if they had already begun gathering information regarding sidewalks or areas that have been identified as potential areas of improvement. Ms. Abram stated that they have not walked the area yet but have had many parents approach them with concerns about their children's route to school. This is why she suggested that they walk the area to see for themselves what could be done to remedy the situation. President Strickland thanked her for this information and stated that they will look into it.

Mayor Begeny stated that in the most recent Council meeting, the phase 1 street program was approved, and it will address a number of these issues.

John Seryak
8322 Bedlington Drive

Mr. Seryak stated that he was here to discuss some debris that was found in their neighborhood from fireworks that were set off on July 4th at the designated times. He had concerns about the fireworks in the area and about his newly replaced roof. When he confronted the neighbors about safely setting off the fireworks, he was met with the response "we'll try our best". Mr. Seryak did not settle well with him. He asks that Council reconsiders their decision to allow fireworks at all and believes that it is not worth the risk to public health and safety.

Email Comment

Guzal Nasirova

I understand that today's hearing will address the proposal to allow residents to keep chickens in their backyards. Unfortunately, due to a recent injury, I am unable to attend the meeting in person.



I would like to express my opposition to this proposal. As someone who works from home full-time, I am concerned about the potential impact on both my productivity and quality of life. The noise and other disruptions associated with keeping chickens are not conducive to a quiet residential environment. Our neighborhood is not suited for livestock or farm animals, and I strongly believe we should preserve the peaceful character of our community.

Thank you for considering my perspective.

Mayoral Comments

Mayor Begeny

Mayor Begeny stated that the Tomato Festival is a few weeks away, and they are always looking for volunteers at the event, especially Councilmembers. He stated there are many different volunteer opportunities, and he hopes to see everyone there.

Mayor Begeny gave a shout-out to everyone involved with the 4th of July fireworks and the parade. He stated that it was a great event and was grateful to have nice weather.

Councilmember Baker

Councilmember Baker asked if there were any plans to paint the lines at the 5-way intersection at SR 256 to ensure people can see what lane they are turning into. Mayor Begeny stated that that is one of the locations they are considering for the OPWC grant, and they hope to address this issue soon.

COMMUNICATIONS

June Treasury Board Meeting Minutes

MOTIONS

A Motion to Reconsider Ordinance No. 31-2025 an Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with DLZ for Construction Inspection Services for the City of Reynoldsburg Parks and Public Service Facility Project,



Appropriating Funds, and Declaring an Emergency

The following legislation was passed on June 23, 2025. It was determined that emergency language needed to be added. A motion was needed to reconsider this Ordinance to add emergency language in order to begin immediate inspection services for the Parks/Service facility.

Councilmember Salvati made a motion to reconsider Ordinance No. 31-2025. Second by Councilmember Johnson. Motion carried.

Ordinance 31-2025 may be reconsidered.

Director Dorman stated that they needed to speed this process up to ensure that there would be someone on site for inspection of the underground services.

President Strickland stated we now need a motion to amend Ordinance No. 31-2025, An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with DLZ for Construction Inspection Services for the City of Reynoldsburg Parks and Public Service Facility Project, Appropriating Funds, and Declaring an Emergency to add emergency language.

Councilmember Pyakurel made a motion to amend Ordinance No. 31-2025 to add emergency language. Second by Councilmember Salvati.

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

Ordinance No. 31-2025 was amended - 8 affirmative votes, no negative votes.

Councilmember Salvati made a motion to approve Ordinance 31-2025 as amended. Second by Councilmember Pyakurel.

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

Ordinance No. 31-2025 is approved as amended - 8 affirmative votes, no negative votes.

A Motion to Reconsider Ordinance No. 32-2025 an Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with EMH&T for Birchview Drive Engineering Design Service (Eastgreen Boulevard to Belltree Drive), and Declaring an Emergency

The following legislation was passed on June 23, 2025. It was determined that



emergency language needed to be added in order to complete the project this year. A motion was needed to reconsider this Ordinance to add emergency language in order to complete design services in order to complete this work in 2025.

Councilmember Salvati made a motion to reconsider Ordinance No. 32-2025. Second by Councilmember Johnson. Motion carried.

Ordinance 32-2025 may be reconsidered.

Director Dorman stated that this is similar to the previous motion as they want to ensure this project is completed in a timely manner.

President Strickland stated we now need a motion to amend Ordinance No. 32-2025, An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with EMH&T for Birchview Drive Engineering Design Service (Eastgreen Boulevard to Belltree Drive), and Declaring an Emergency to add emergency language.

Councilmember Salvati made a motion to amend Ordinance No. 32-2025 to add emergency language. Second by Councilmember Towns.

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

Ordinance No. 32-2025 is amended - 8 affirmative votes, no negative votes.

Councilmember Salvati made a motion to approve Ordinance 32-2025 as amended. Second by Councilmember Pyakurel.

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

Ordinance No. 32-2025 is approved as amended - 8 affirmative votes, no negative votes.

REPORTS

Clerk of Court Report for June 2025

The Clerk of Court submitted monies collected from the Court in the month of June in the amount of \$21,788.



Development, Parks & Recreation Committee

This is the Development, Parks & Recreation Committee meeting for July 14, 2025.

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

An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio (SWACO) to Accept Funding for a Food Waste Drop-Off Expansion Program Grant, Appropriate Funds Therefor, and Declaring an Emergency

Director Bauman stated that they were awarded funding from SWACO to begin a food waste drop off program. They have requested emergency language in this Ordinance so they can get this program started at the end of July or early August. They will have an enclosure installed, and they already have the hauler lined up, so they now just need to get everything finalized and decide how they plan to set up registration. They will be reimbursed up to \$4,900, but it will depend on the amount of money they end up paying for the hauler. Since it is only for around the last 3 months of the year, it most likely will not end up being that much. It will be approximately \$400 a month to have 8 picked up weekly. They will also report back if there is any kind of contamination in the bins. Residents will have to register for this program, and they will receive notification if there are any issues. These bins will be located at Spangler Field and be open when the park is open. Director Bauman also asked that once this money is received, they ask that it be appropriated into their account.

Councilmember Baker asked if these bins would be rodent-proof. Director Bauman stated that the bins will stay closed and within the enclosure.

Councilmember Pyakurel asked how residents would be informed of this new program. Director Bauman stated that SWACO will assist in the marketing for this program, and it will be posted on all social media and the website.

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

An Ordinance Appropriating Funds from the Unappropriated General Fund (110) to Funds in the Parks & Recreation Department

Director Bauman stated that they hosted the 2025 Tree City Awards at the Senior Center back in May. Attendees have to register and pay for the event. Franklin Soil and Water collected that money and they have sent that money to the City to cover their expense in the amount of \$4,394.10. They are requesting that \$1,200 go into



the recreational supplies account and the remaining to go into the miscellaneous funds account.

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

A Resolution Accepting, Approving, and Ratifying the Submitted Recommendations of Several City of Reynoldsburg Tax Incentive Review Councils

Director Meyer stated that since Reynoldsburg is located in three different counties (Franklin, Licking, and Fairfield), each county has a meeting every year to decide on whether to continue their current TIFF agreements. All three county boards unanimously decided to continue the TIFFs. This Resolution accepted the findings of the TIRCs.

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

Public Safety, Law & Courts Committee

This is the Public Safety, Law & Courts Committee meeting for July 14, 2025.

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

A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Purchase a Ford Interceptor to Replace a Totaled Cruiser

Chief Baker stated that this is a Resolution to buy a new Ford Interceptor Explorer in the amount of \$47,260 from a state vendor that holds the current contract for police vehicles. Most of this will be paid through the insurance settlement for the totaled cruiser. They are going to replace the cruiser with a hybrid cruiser so there will be an excess cost of \$2,000 not covered by insurance. They are not requesting any additional funds as they currently have funds in their budget.

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 July 14, 2025.

Members in attendance are: Councilmember Cotner, Councilmember Towns,



Councilmember Hill, Chair Pyakurel, and President Strickland.

An Ordinance to Repeal and Replace Ordinance No. 2025-25 Authorizing the Mayor to Purchase Vacuum Leaf Collection Equipment from Dinkmar, and Declaring an Emergency

Councilmember Pyakurel stated that this item has been returned to Committee to be amended.

Director Dorman explained that this legislation was passed without emergency language and the City determined that the manufacturer was able to provide the equipment directly at a lower cost. In order for the fall leaf pick-up program to begin this fall, it was necessary for Council to repeal and replace the previously passed Resolution and also add emergency language to expedite the process.

Councilmember Pyakurel made a motion to amend this Ordinance to repeal and replace Ordinance No. 2025-25 to add emergency language. Second by Councilmember Towns. Motion carried.

The Ordinance has been amended.

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

An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with EMH&T for Pipe Inspection Services via Closed Circuit Televising (CCTV) Within the Herbert C. Huber Neighborhood, and Declaring an Emergency

This item has been returned to the Committee to be amended to add emergency language.

Director Dorman stated that this legislation was back before Council to add emergency language in order for the project to proceed and be completed this year.

Councilmember Pyakurel made a motion to amend this Ordinance to include emergency language. Second by Councilmember Hill. Motion carried.

The Ordinance has been amended.

Councilmember Pyakurel made a motion to forward this Ordinance as amended to Council for a second reading and emergency approval. Second by Councilmember

Hill. Motion carried.

An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with EMH&T for Engineering Design Services Pertaining to a New Public Watermain for the City's Future Parks and Public Service Facility, and Declaring an Emergency

This item has been returned to Committee to be amended to add emergency language.

Director Dorman stated that this legislation was back before Council to add emergency language in order for the project to proceed and be completed this year.

Councilmember Pyakurel made a motion to amend this Ordinance to include emergency language. Second by Councilmember Hill. Motion carried.

The Ordinance has been amended.

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

An Ordinance Authorizing the Payment of Services Performed to the Auditor's Certification of the Available Funds, and Declaring an Emergency

This item has been requested as a single read and emergency approval.

Director Dorman stated that we have 3 EV charging stations in the City, 2 at the YMCA and 1 in the park at the corner of Lancaster and Main. They were fortunate enough to receive a grant from AEP, which paid for the charger installation itself. However, there is an interface within the charger that makes the payments. It controls the charging time and then bills the client. Years ago, this was done through the CIP, but moving forward they will be taking this out of a different funding source that we pay our utility bills from. He stated that they were alerted by ChargePoint, the company that controls the interface, and that we had a balance due. The City does actually have a shared revenue with ChargePoint, so we do receive money back every month. He explained that this is not really about revenue, it is more about economic development, hoping that people will park and charge their car there, then visit local restaurants. They would like to renew the contract with Charge Point and pay the balance that is due.

Councilmember Baker asked who took care of repairs on the charging stations. Director Dorman stated that most issues with the charging stations were because of software glitches, which ChargePoint took care of.

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

An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Move Spring Hill Farms, Section 6 Development (M/I Homes Private Development Project) from a Performance Bond Period to a Maintenance Bond Period

Director Dorman explained that at Spring Hill Farms, Section 6 infrastructure had been installed; however, they are still constructing homes. Because they are still constructing these homes, the City did not want to accept the infrastructure given the amount of activity that was occurring in the area and the risk of damage. The developer has requested that they move forward from their performance bond period and move to a maintenance bond period. This will ensure that they build the project to the standards that they have submitted to the City. They have built all the infrastructure, the underground work has been completed, they are just requesting a maintenance bond. He explained that they feel comfortable with this change in bond and believe these homes will be completed and occupied by around spring of next year within section 6.

Councilmember Pyakurel asked him to further explain the difference between these two bonds. Director Dorman stated that a performance bond typically covers the performance of the contract. When developers come into the City, they tell the City what they plan to do and the City could pull the bond if their business were to go bankrupt or something happened to one of their contractors. Once that is completed, they have a maintenance bond which guarantees that the system will function as it should for at least a year.

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

A Resolution Authorizing the Clerk of Council to Certify Nuisance Costs (2024) for Collection by the Franklin County Auditor

Director Dorman stated that this resolution and the next resolution were annual housekeeping items. The City removed garbage and trash left in front of properties. The City also cut grass on private property after code enforcement violations were served with no response or remediation. The cost for the City to complete these projects is billed to the property owner. If payment is not received, the City has the authority to file an assessment with the County Auditor for the cost of these services to be assessed on the property owner's property tax bill. These resolutions provide the City with the authority to file those assessments.



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

A Resolution Authorizing the Clerk of Council to Certify Nuisance Costs (2024) for Collection by the Licking County Auditor

Director Dorman explained that this legislation is the same as the last resolution, just for Licking County.

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 Enter into a Contract with 64 Seconds for Leak Detection Equipment

The City was interested in pursuing uncouncted water leaks and was recommending Council approve this legislation to purchase leak detection equipment. Staff have contacted other cities and townships, who also purchased this equipment, and found everyone to be pleased with how the equipment works. The equipment used a beacon to detect sounds of water. It also staff to better identify the location of any leaks. This item was included in the 2025 Budget.

Councilmember Hill asked if the purchase of this equipment would end the City's need for EMH&T to complete inspections. Director Dorman explained that EMH&T was working on inspecting City sewerlines.

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

Councilmember Baker asked about when the City would be painting the streetscape bells. Director Dorman indicated that the City had requested quotes for streetscape work; however, those quotes were very high. Staff would come to Council requesting funding to begin work on the brick walls and streetscaping later in the year.

Finance & Administration Committee

This is the Finance & Administration Committee meeting for July 14, 2025.

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

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

Auditor Cicak stated that this Ordinance would appropriate money from the unappropriated General Fund into two JEDD funds - JEDD 2 and 4. Adjustments must be made over the course of the year to meet the obligations for our payments due at the end of this month. He was requesting a two-read emergency.

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

RESOLUTIONS - CONSENT AGENDA

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

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A Resolution Authorizing the Clerk of Council to Certify Nuisance Costs (2024) for Collection by the Licking County Auditor

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CONSENT AGENDA FOR EMERGENCY ADOPTION

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

An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with EMH&T for Engineering Design Services (2025 Street Improvement Program - Part II) and Appropriating Funds, and Declaring an Emergency

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CONSENT AGENDA FOR FIRST READING

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CONSENT AGENDA FOR SECOND READING

An Ordinance Appropriating from Sponsorships from the Unappropriated General Fund to an Account in the Parks and Recreation Department

An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Accept Public Infrastructure Associated with The Residence at Eastwood (Wilcox Development) Private Development Project

CONSENT AGENDA FOR THIRD READING

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

An Ordinance to Approve the Final Plat Plan for the M/I Homes of Central Ohio Development at Summit Crossing, Section 1, Phases A and B

An Ordinance Appropriating Funds from the Unappropriated General Fund to Accounts in the Community Events Department from the 2024 Juneteenth Event



An Ordinance Appropriating Funds from the Unappropriated General Fund to Accounts in the Community Events Department from the 2024 Pride Event

An Ordinance Appropriating Funds from the Unappropriated General Fund to Accounts in the Community Events Department from the 2024 Diwali-Tihar Celebration Event

OTHER COUNCIL MATTERS

Councilmember Hill thanked everyone for their participation in the Helping Hands Food Drive. It was very successful.

Councilmember Baker thanked RPD, teachers, retail, and logistic workers.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

July 4, 2025 July 4th Celebration City Offices Closed
July 14, 2025 Council
July 17, 2025 Planning & Zoning
July 28, 2025 Council

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, Council President Strickland adjourned the meeting at 7:35pm.

Shanette Strickland, Council President

Mollie Prasher, Clerk of Council