



**MINUTES REGULAR MEETING  
REYNOLDSBURG CITY COUNCIL  
February 23, 2026**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Council President Bhuwan Pyakurel called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Abram, Baker, Johnson, Pyakurel, Towns, Salvati, Chambers, Hill  
ABSENT:

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved as submitted.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Regular Meeting Minutes of February 9, 2026**

The regular meeting minutes of February 9, 2026, were approved as submitted.

**COMMUNITY COMMENTS**

**Community Comments**

**Greg Trapp  
870 Lancaster Ave**

Mr. Trapp stated that with Reynoldsburg being such a diverse community with so many ethnic groups and different languages spoken, he is concerned about the potential for detention facilities that may try to lease or rent space in the City. He understands that his concern is originating from the federal government but still wants to bring his concerns to Council. He explained that the federal government is claiming that it is only removing the worst of the worst but statistically that is not what has been taking place. Mr. Trapp stated that these warehouses and buildings that are being converted into detention facilities cannot humanely hold the amount of people that are being boarded there and would like to bring this issue to Council in hopes that it receives some extra attention. He hopes that the City will take a stand and state that they will not take part in

such activities. He thanked Council for their service and the time they dedicate to the City.

### **Council Comments**

#### **Councilmember Johnson**

Councilmember Johnson wanted to extend the invite to the women in Reynoldsburg to celebrate International Women's Day. It will be hosted at Reynoldsburg City Hall on March 7 from 12-2pm.

#### **President Pyakurel**

President Pyakurel stated that tonight there are guests here he would like to recognize: Don Tolbert, Dr. Dixon, and Pastor Hall. He explained that these men were his mentors and his guidance since the beginning of his arrival to Columbus. He thanked them for everything they have done for him.

### **Mayoral Comments**

#### **Mayor Begeny**

Mayor Begeny wanted to give a shout-out to everyone who participated in Frost Fest. He stated that tomorrow night, February 24, Representative Meredith Lawson-Rowe will be hosting a Black History Month discussion at City Hall. He also stated that Thursday night, February 26, the State of the City event will be at City Hall as well, starting at 6:30pm.

#### **Presentation by PROS Consulting Regarding the Parks Master Plan**

Director Bauman stated that in 2025, Council authorized the Mayor to enter into a contract with PROS Consulting for the Parks Master Plan. They were there to provide a presentation explaining the status of the project.

PROS Consulting provided a PowerPoint presentation describing the demographics of the City, the results of a survey and focus group meetings. A copy of the presentation will be attached to the final draft of the minutes.

### **REPORTS**

#### **Clerk of Courts Report**

### **Clerk of Court Report for January 2026**

The Clerk of Court submitted moneys collected from the courts held in the month of December 2025 in the amount of \$35,276.

### **Development, Parks & Recreation Committee**

This is the Development, Parks & Recreation Committee meeting for February 23, 2026.

Members in attendance are: Councilmember Abram, Councilmember Chambers, Councilmember Towns, Chair Salvati, and President Pyakurel.

### **A Resolution Stating What Services the City of Reynoldsburg Will Provide to the Proposed Annexation of Property Along Taylor Road**

Director Meyer explained that tonight's vote was not a decision to annex property into the City. This legislation was only discussing the service resolution. The Resolution provided details about the fire district in that area, what parks were in the area, and what services would be provided by the City. This property was about 133 acres in Etna Township near Taylor Road and East Main Street. The vote tonight would not decide whether to annex the property. It only listed the services that would be provided to the area if it were to be annexed in the future. Once the County voted on the annexation, then it would return to Council to be voted on.

Councilmember Towns asked what zoning is being requested in this area and was residential ever considered as an option? Director Meyer stated that the services' resolution did not set of decide on zoning. The zoning would be set if and when the actual annexation was passed. The intent for this area was to zone it as Innovation District. Most of the zoning currently in that area was more commercial, but there were residential areas nearby. Mayor Begeny added that this area was earmarked for job-creating businesses with a goal of generating additional income for the City and the school district. Director Meyer stated that this land was currently vacant.

Councilmember Abram asked if they considered increased traffic in that area should it be annexed into the City and any plans to address that issue. Director Meyer stated that if a property were to be annexed into the City, it would be subject to our zoning and planning guidelines. To develop anything in the City, it would have to go through planning, engineering, and building review. Issues like that will be addressed throughout this process.

Councilmember Baker stated that some kind of buffer should be considered between the businesses that may build on this property and the residential areas. Director Meyer stated that there was a provision in the Innovation District that addressed this exact topic, requiring that a buffer be put in place.

Councilmember Abram asked for an estimated timeline for when businesses might begin to build in the area if the annexation were to pass. She also asked if it would overlap with some of the road construction happening throughout the City. Director Meyer stated that it would not be like road construction since it would be focused on business construction rather than road construction. The earliest this could come back to Council for approval was late spring and the earliest construction could start was the end of this year. He reiterated that this was all hypothetical.

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

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

### **Public Service & Transportation Committee**

This is the Public Service & Transportation Committee meeting for February 23, 2026.

Members in attendance are: Councilmember Abram, Councilmember Chambers, Councilmember Towns, Chair Hill, and President Pyakurel.

### **An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 957 Public Service Director's Regulations, Article I Water Systems Regulations, Add Sections 957.17 Determination of Water-Capacity Charges and 957.18 Deductions from Charges, and Declaring an Emergency**

Director Dorman stated that this Ordinance was to increase the City's water capacity fees. These fees were passed on from Columbus based on the size of the line running to each building, typically a 3/4 inch pipe for residential homes. This legislation requested to codify and amend the code language and be more consistent. This legislation would apply to new homes being built in the City or new lines being installed or increased in size.

Councilmember Baker asked if Columbus was the reason for the fees being increased. Director Dorman responded in the affirmative. It was to cover extra costs from Columbus.

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

**An Ordinance to Remove Chapter 941 Sewer Regulations, Section 941.26 Determination of Sewer System Capacity Charge and Add Sections 957.18 Determination of Sewer-Capacity Charges and 957.19 Deductions From Charges of Chapter 957 Public Service Director's Regulations, Article II, and Declaring an Emergency**

Director Dorman stated that this legislation was similar to what was previously discussed for water capacity fees and was being requested to clean up code language.

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

**An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with O. R. Colon for Support Services Relating to Summit Road Improvements, Appropriating Funds Therefor, and Declaring an Emergency**

Director Dorman stated that any time the City has projects that involved permanent rights-of-way like warranty deeds, easements, or any temporary easements, the City hired a company to do a value analysis on the properties and assist with recording and documentation. The City worked with O R Colon in the past and believe they did great work.

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

**An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with JLD Construction Services, LLC for the City of Reynoldsburg Parks and Public Service Access Road Project, Appropriating Funds, and Declaring an Emergency**

Director Dorman stated that bids were opened for the service road for the parks/service facility building a few weeks ago. EMH&T has determined that the lowest and best bidder for this project was JLD Construction. There were five bids submitted for this project. Staff was pleased to have so much interest in the project. Director Dorman stated that the parks/service building project was moving along smoothly.

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

**An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with EMH&T for Engineering Design Services Relating to the City's State Route 256 Intersection Improvement Project**

Director Dorman stated the City was fortunate enough to be awarded funds from OPWC for this project. This project was more focused on pedestrian safety, accessibility, and traffic signals rather than roadway improvements. The City was also working with Pickerington and Violet Township on the traffic signals for emergency response teams to ensure that it was consistent throughout the area. Director Dorman explained that the push buttons for the walkways will be moved closer to the ramps to allow for greater accessibility and increased time to cross the road.

Councilmember Baker thanked Director Dorman for addressing the safety issues in this area.

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

**There is no Finance & Administration Committee meeting.**

**RESOLUTIONS - CONSENT AGENDA**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>PASSED (UNANIMOUS)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Salvati
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Towns
<b>AYES:</b>	Abram, Baker, Johnson, Pyakurel Towns, Salvati, Chambers, Hill

**A Resolution Stating What Services the City of Reynoldsburg Will Provide to the Proposed Annexation of Property Along Taylor Road**

**CONSENT AGENDA FOR FIRST READING**

President Pyakurel stated that these Ordinances stand for a first reading.

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## **CONSENT AGENDA FOR SECOND READING**

President Pyakurel stated that these Ordinances stand for a second reading.

**An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with DLZ for Inspection Services for the JFK Pickleball Court Conversion, Appropriate Funds, and Declaring an Emergency**

**An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with EMH&T for Support Services Relating to the City's 2026 Street Maintenance and Repair Program Appropriating Funds Therefor, and Declaring an Emergency**

## **OTHER COUNCIL MATTERS**

Councilmember Towns gave a shout-out to the varsity winter guard team for qualifying



for the prelims and placing first in scholastic Regional A at their competition this past weekend in Flint, Michigan.

Councilmember Baker thanked the RPD, nurses, and gave a shout-out to the boys and girls basketball, e-sports, and bowling teams for making the play-offs and doing so well. He also congratulated the US men's and women's hockey teams on their gold medals during the Olympics.

President Pyakurel thanked all the snow warriors who worked to clear the snow in the City and keep us safe.

### **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

**March 5, 2026 Planning & Zoning Board**  
**March 9, 2026 Council**  
**March 19, 2026 Planning & Zoning Board**  
**March 23, 2026 Council**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Bhuwan Pyakurel, Council President

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Mollie Prasher, Clerk of Council