



**MINUTES REGULAR MEETING
REYNOLDSBURG CITY COUNCIL
March 9, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION - Bishop Hezekiah Martin of Southside Community Missionary Baptist Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as submitted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting Minutes from February 23, 2026

The regular meeting minutes of February 23, 2026 were approved as submitted.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Councilmember Johnson

Councilmember Johnson thanked the women of the City of Respect that came out to support the International Women's Day event this past Saturday at City Hall. She stated that it was a great event and was very thankful to everyone who showed up and made it so wonderful.

Councilmember Chambers also thanked everyone for showing up to the event and reiterated how great it was.

Mayoral Comments

Mayor Begeny

Mayor Begeny thanked everyone who showed up to the fundraiser to support Officer Mark Nichols. The total amount of money raised has not yet been released. Mayor Begeny also thanked everyone who showed up to the State of the City event. He indicated there was a great turnout and would hopefully have news about the Tomato Festival musical acts soon.

President Pyakurel

President Pyakurel stated that, at this time, there was a Hindu festival called Holi, which was the festival of color. He wanted to give a shout-out about that event and that many more events may be happening around the City to support it.

PROCLAMATIONS

A Proclamation Recognizing International Women's Day, Harriet Tubman Day, and Day of the Girl

Councilmember Abram thanked everyone who attended the International Women's Day and Harriet Tubman Day celebration.

Councilmember Abram read the Proclamation.

Councilmember Baker thanked the Council for bringing this Proclamation forward and thanked everyone for attending the City's great events.

President Pyakurel stated that it was a great event and was thankful for all the notable figures that attended.

Councilmember Towns made a motion to approve this Proclamation. Second by Councilmember Johnson. Motion carried.

MOTIONS

A Motion to Affirm the Mayor's Selection of Joey Eringman to the Civil Service Commission

President Pyakurel explained that the Mayor appoints community members to the Civil Service Commission, and he selected Joey Eringman to serve and fill an open position. Council must affirm the Mayor's selection.

Councilmember Salvati made a motion to approve this appointment. Second by Councilmember Johnson. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Development, Parks & Recreation Committee

This is the Development, Parks & Recreation Committee meeting for March 9, 2026.

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

A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with Baker Tilly for TIF Consulting Services

Director Meyer stated that this Resolution was an agreement for a not-to-exceed number of \$40,000 with Baker Tilly. As Council is aware, there are several TIFs in our area, which are complicated financially. He explained staff needed additional help with reporting and forecasting the monies generated from these TIFs. He stated that staff preferred to have professionals who were experienced in this field make the projections to ensure accuracy. This project was approved as part of the budget for 2026.

Councilmember Chambers asked if Baker Tilly was the only firm that was interviewed. Director Meyer replied in the affirmative. As the contract was for professional service, and the City had worked with Baker Tilly on numerous projects in the past, the City was exempted from seeking bids.

Councilmember Baker asked if Baker Tilly's rate had increased recently. Director Meyer stated that this Resolution was for a not-to-exceed amount, so the City would only pay for the services used. It was an hourly rate rather than a flat fee. Director Meyer added that the hourly fee had gone up, but the City was additional work from Baker Tilly.

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

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

There is no Public Service & Transportation Committee meeting.

There is no Finance & Administration Committee meeting.

RESOLUTIONS - CONSENT AGENDA

RESULT: PASSED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER: Salvati
SECONDER: Towns
AYES: Abram, Baker, Johnson, Pyakurel Towns, Salvati, Chambers

A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with Baker Tilly for TIF Consulting Services

CONSENT AGENDA FOR EMERGENCY ADOPTION

RESULT: PASSED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER: Baker
SECONDER: Towns
AYES: Abram, Baker, Johnson, Pyakurel Towns, Salvati, Chambers

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 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

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

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA FOR SECOND READING

President Pyakurel stated that this Ordinance stood for a second reading.

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

OTHER COUNCIL MATTERS

Councilmember Baker stated that he wanted to comment on Items b and c in the Consent Agenda for Emergency Adoption. He had a conversation with Councilmember Nancy Day-Achauer from the city of Columbus regarding water and sewer rates charged to Reynoldsburg. He advised her that Reynoldsburg was a master-meter community, which meant we service our own water and sewer lines. We do not request Columbus come make repairs to our lines. He explained that he had an issue with Reynoldsburg being charged the same fees as other communities that use Columbus to service utility lines. He wanted to advise Council about this conversation. He hoped more conversations would occur to better address this issue. Councilmember Baker also congratulated the Reynoldsburg boys basketball team for winning their regional game. He thanked RPD, nurses, doctors, teachers, and those who work in retail and logistics.

UPCOMING MEETINGS



March 19, 2026 Planning & Zoning Board
March 23, 2026 Council
April 2, 2026 Planning & Zoning Board
April 13, 2026 Council
April 16, 2026 Planning & Zoning Board
April 27, 2026 Council

ADJOURNMENT

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

Bhuwan Pyakurel, Council President

Mollie Prasher, Clerk of Council