



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

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION - Pastor Dion Fraser of Reynoldsburg Church of Christ

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 March 9, 2026

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

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Community Comments

**Ruth Gerke
90 Sarah Lane**

Ms. Gerke stated that she lived in the Reynoldsburg Estates mobile home park. When the City experienced windstorms a while back, they lost power along with many others. She explained that they were quickly told a tree had fallen on one of the power lines, so they knew this was not something that would be solved quickly. Ms. Gerke also explained that around 40% of the residents in this neighborhood were elderly and many had medical equipment that needed power to operate. She tried to call around to find a Red Cross shelter where people could go. She discovered that Reynoldsburg did not

have a rescue center. The power was not restored until twenty-seven hours later, with many of their homes dropping to 40 degrees. She asked that Reynoldsburg consider having a church or a school that could open when situations like this arise to help those who may not be able to go very long without power, like the elderly or children. Ms. Gerke stated that if you have a letter from your doctor explaining that electricity was needed for medical equipment, you could submit that information to AEP and would be placed on a priority list to have power restored quickly. They can also provide a generator, if needed.

Councilmember Johnson stated that she and the Mayor were looking into something like this for the community and wanted to make sure that senior citizens feel comfortable and safe in the City of Respect.

Councilmember Baker thanked Ms. Gerke for bringing this issue to Council.

Nantanha Martin
7796 Broadwyn Drive

Ms. Martin stated that she was an emergency department nurse at the Ohio Health Emergency Care Reynoldsburg on Main Street. She explained that a pedestrian was recently killed down the road from their building. Ms. Martin explained that she would like to bring the issue of pedestrian safety to Council's attention and asked if there was a way to make a safer crosswalk at Main and Briarcliff, similar to what was on Livingston. She also stated that after midnight the lights on Main Street changed to blinking yellow lights instead of the normal traffic lights. People continue to speed down Main Street without having to stop. She asked that the traffic light at Main and Briarcliff remain a normal signal throughout the night as people use that crosswalk to walk to the Emergency Room. Ms. Martin stated that many people use their building as a safe place from the weather and use the restroom, if needed, especially unhoused people in our community and those who may be waiting for the bus in poor weather.

Councilmember Baker thanked her for bringing this issue to their attention.

President Pyakurel thanked Ms. Martin and Ms. Gerke for bringing these issues to Council. He explained that April was Emergency Preparedness Awareness month and this was definitely something that should be addressed.

Mayoral Comments

Mayor Begeny

Mayor Begeny advised that the Community Clean-Up Day was the next major event in the City, and it would be on April 25th. Paper shredding, pill disposal, bike disposal,

appropriate disposal of flags, and bulk pick-up would be available. Mayor Begeny also explained that if there was an issue with potholes in a certain area, residents could call the City service line for the street department or submit a complaint through the Reynoldsburg Engage app.

Proclamation for Brittany Wagner

Mayor Begeny read a Proclamation for Brittany Wagner for her service with the Parks and Recreation department as a soccer coach.

PROCLAMATIONS

A Proclamation Recognizing Justin Gerald Sayre for His Work with Scouts BSA

President Pyakurel stated that both of his children were involved in Boy Scouts, even his daughter, once they allowed girls to join. Both of his children were now Eagle Scouts. He was very proud of their achievements. This proclamation was all thanks to BSA Troop 279 and its leader, Justin Sayre.

President Pyakurel read the Proclamation.

Mr. Justin Sayre thanked Council for this recognition. He stated that it had been his privilege and honor to work with over one hundred young men and women who were involved in the program for the last twenty-eight years, while he was involved. He explained that Troop 279 had been around for over fifty-six years, but this May it would come to an end. Mr. Sayre stated that two years ago he announced that he would be stepping down as leader. They were unable to find someone to fill the role.

Councilmember Salvati made a motion to approve this Proclamation. Second by Councilmember Chambers. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Clerk of Courts Report

Clerk of Court Report for February 2026

The Clerk of Court submitted moneys collected from the courts held in the month of February 2026 in the amount of \$28,627.

Development, Parks & Recreation Committee

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

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

A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Second Amendment to the Purchase Option Agreement with Metropolitan Housing Partners, Inc. for the Purpose of a Future Sale and Re-Development of Real Estate

Director Meyer stated that this Resolution was an amendment to the purchasing agreement with CMHA. CMHA was planning to close on this property in June, but they were requesting an extension to meet that timeline. The purchase and sale price was the same as discussed previously, and the project was currently going through the planning and building review process.

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

Public Safety, Law & Courts Committee

This is the Public Safety, Law & Courts Committee meeting for March 23, 2026.

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

A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with Axon Enterprise, Inc. to Purchase Skydio X10 Drone Bundles and Waive Competitive Bidding

Deputy Chief Binder explained that they were requesting the Mayor enter into a five-year contract with Axon Enterprises for a drone program. After researching drones over the last year, the department decided that Skydio was the best option for Reynoldsburg. Axon partners with Skydio, so the purchase would be made through that company as it was an approved vendor with a contract on file.

Clerk Prasher played a video with more information on this drone program. The drone would increase efficiency within the police department and create a safer

environment for officers as it could arrive to an active scene before officers arrived. This allowed them to better understand what environment they were entering before even arriving. The drones were controlled remotely and stationed on top of the building.

Councilmember Johnson stated that this purchase seemed like a great program, but asked about training and maintenance for the drone.

Deputy Chief Binder stated that training for four operators was included in the purchase price and those operators would train the remaining staff. They would develop an in-house training program through FAA authorization. Maintenance costs for the docks were also included in the five-year contract and the drones themselves were covered for three-years.

Councilmember Abram asked how many drones would be purchased. Deputy Chief Binder stated that they were planning to purchase three drones and docks. Councilmember Abram also asked how this would be insured. Deputy Chief Binder stated that he would have to gather more information on that and bring it back to Council.

Councilmember Baker asked how long it would be until the drones were in use. Deputy Chief Binder stated that the estimated go-live date was August 1st, but that did not specifically include training the drone pilots.

Councilmember Johnson made a motion to forward this Resolution to Council for approval. 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 legislation was a Resolution to remove two plain, unmarked cars from the fixed asset list. Both vehicles were 2010 models and reached their limit of serviceability. The department was requesting that these vehicles be removed.

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 March 23, 2026.

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

An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with Shelly & Sands, Inc. for the Waggoner Road Phase II Improvement Project, Appropriating Funds Therefor, and Declaring an Emergency

This item has been requested as a single-read emergency.

Director Dorman stated that this Ordinance was for Phase II of Waggoner Road, which included the area from Priestly to Broad Street. They opened bids a few weeks ago with an excellent selection of candidates. Shelly and Sands were the lowest bidder, and they were looking to start this project as soon as possible.

Councilmember Hill 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 Enter into an Agreement to Purchase a Hunter Alignment Machine and Related Equipment for the Mechanics Department

Director Dorman stated that the parks and service facility was coming along smoothly. Some of the items that were originally included in the contract, like an alignment machine, were actually cheaper to purchase separately than through the original contract. The original cost was accounted for as part of the contract, so the vendor will provide the City with a credit. The City would use that credit to purchase other desired equipment elsewhere.

Councilmember Hill made a motion to forward this Resolution to Council for approval. 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 Street Department

Director Dorman stated that the Street Department was in need of a new front-end loader. The old equipment would be traded in with funds used to purchase the new equipment. They were requesting that it be removed from the fixed asset list.

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

A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement to Purchase a Case Front End Loader for the Street Department and Waive Competitive Bidding

Director Dorman explained that this legislation was the second part of the previously discussed legislation. The department was requesting the bidding

process be waived as Southeastern was part of the ODOT pricing program. The price was already vetted by ODOT, so that allowed the City to purchase without going out to bid.

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

A Resolution Authorizing Participation in the 2026-2027 ODOT Road Salt Purchasing Contract

Director Dorman explained that this legislation was an annual program that the City participated in, using leverage with multiple cities and ODOT to host and create contract documents. The City provided ODOT with a requested amount of salt that was added to the total volume, providing a better price.

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

Finance & Administration Committee

This is the Finance & Administration Committee meeting for March 23, 2026.

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

An Ordinance Appropriating Funds from the Unappropriated General Fund to an Account in the Communications and Community Events Department

Director Clemens stated that the City was requesting a one-time contribution of \$9,900 from the 2025 Tomato Festival beer garden proceeds to be donated to the Reynoldsburg City School District athletic programs. The beer garden operated under a City's permit, which was supported by volunteers and booster organizations from the school district.

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:	Baker
SECONDER:	Johnson
AYES:	Abram, Baker, Johnson, Pyakurel Towns, Salvati, Chambers, Hill

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CONSENT AGENDA FOR EMERGENCY ADOPTION

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

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

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CONSENT AGENDA FOR FIRST READING

This Ordinance stood for a first reading.

An Ordinance Appropriating Funds from the Unappropriated General Fund to an Account in the Communications and Community Events Department

CONSENT AGENDA FOR THIRD READING

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

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 congratulated the boys' basketball team on a stellar season. He thanked the RPD, nurses, doctors, and teachers.

Councilmember Towns wished good luck to the winter guard team as they go to compete in the state competition.

Mayor Begeny gave an update on Waggoner Road stating that the contractor was installing sidewalks and finishing up driveways and new wiring for streetlights to be completed within the next seven to ten days. A traffic signal would be installed at



Priestly. Asphalt facilities were scheduled to open in mid-April, weather dependent. Paving would take four to six days, so hopefully it will be completed some time in May, weather dependent.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

April 2, 2026 Planning & Zoning Board
April 11, 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