



**MINUTES REGULAR MEETING
REYNOLDSBURG CITY COUNCIL
April 27, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT: Council President Pyakurel, Council Member Salvati, Council Member Baker, Johnson, Council Member Hill, Council Member Towns, Council Member Abram, Council Member Chambers

ABSENT:

INVOCATION - Pastor Matthew Stephens of Vineyard Christian Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as submitted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - There are no minutes for approval.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Norm Brusk

1861 Crosswick Court

I am a long-time resident and wish to speak about the short-term rental legislation. I have concerns about approving such legislation and what Council to look at carefully, as there is a tremendous risk benefit ratio for this type of legislation. I would support a total ban on short-term rentals as any partial type of legislation would just open a can of worms. There will also be people who defy any law and do what they want, but if there was a total ban, it would keep law-abiding citizens honest. There is no compelling reason to have Airbnb-type facilities in Reynoldsburg as there are plenty of hotels available. Most Airbnbs here are used at party houses. Some people may argue that the City would be restricting business. However, Airbnbs are in residential areas, not commercial. There are a lot of other restrictions that citizens are expected to follow, so a ban would not be any different than other restrictions, such as the height of fences,

fencing around pools, dogs on leashes, etc. Allowing Airbnbs will disrupt neighborhoods with noise, crime, litter, and/or property damage. Permitting short-term rentals will affect city services, especially law enforcement. With a complete ban, there would be far fewer residents attempting to operate rentals. Allowing short-term rentals would require the need for a registration and code enforcement system. As I am out-of-time, please feel free to contact me directly if you have any questions.

Georgia Byrd & David Hatcher

My name is Georgia Byrd. I have owned my house since 1983. I purchased it for myself and 2 sons. I remarried and moved into my husband's home, also in Huber. We have had long-term tenants over the years. I was tired of having to remodel my house after EVERY tenant upon vacancy. We traveled frequently and tried to stay at Airbnbs in the cities and countries we visited. I like the concept and decided to keep my house after remodeling to sell, and try the Airbnb platform, which I did on September 1, 2018. I asked my neighbors before I opened if they had an issue with it being short term, and they said no. The neighbors are great and monitor the guests for me over the years and I have a door camera I monitor. People asked who would want to stay in Reynoldsburg? I will tell you exactly: predominately, people with families visiting family still living here (including my own extensive family); visitors coming in for weddings, school graduations, the Horse Congress, The Arnold, concerts, Other World, Hocking Hills, and multiple reasons too many to mention. I have a guest book that has a list and map highlighting the local restaurants and shops as well as the major retail that is within 5 minutes of the house. When I started, I was the only available property of its kind in the area. Since then, the whole universe has joined the concept, with the majority being corporations or neglectful investors only interested in making money. I have been a super host since I opened my door. I have had only a couple of stays that violated my and Airbnb's policies. I made them leave the property. I am also trying to accommodate mid-term tenants and to help with the influx of workers coming in for the growth in New Albany and Licking County. I love my house. I am 77 years old, and my husband is 88. The income is important to our wellbeing and the requests coming in daily from speculators and investors wanting to buy my house for way less than the value is evidence of the greed that has grown in the current economic climate. Please consider very carefully any decisions you make in this very important discussion of regulating or inhibiting our income.

Councilmember Abram

Councilmember Abram advised the community of the upcoming Community Baby Shower on Saturday, May 2nd, from noon to 2:00pm at the American Postal Workers union hall. This event is an opportunity for the community to come out and support those who are in need of support for our littlest, most vulnerable neighbors. Please join us.

Councilmember Chambers

Councilmember Chambers advised that on Friday, May 8th, there will be a career and resource fair at the Reynoldsburg Library from 9:30am to noon. There will be break-out sessions on entrepreneurship, resume building, and interview dos and don'ts. Anyone looking for training or their next employment opportunity, please attend.

Mayor Begeny

Mayor Begeny thanked the entire Reynoldsburg Community, who came out this past weekend to the Community Clean-Up Day. There were three full shred trucks that left City Hall that day. A special thank you to the forty residents who volunteered to pick up litter in various areas of the City. When the final statistics for the day are in, I will share those with Council and the community. This Thursday night, April 30th, is the Mayor's Town Hall meeting beginning at 6:30pm here at City Hall. He invited everyone to attend.

MOTIONS

A Motion to Approve the Appointment of Members to the Reynoldsburg Board of Tax Review

Council is responsible for approving the recommended appointment by the Council President of two members of the Reynoldsburg Board of Tax Review every two years. Mark Hodge and Franklin Davis have agreed to continue their service on the Board.

Councilmember Salvati moved to approve the appointments. Second by Councilmember Abram. Motion carried.

A Motion to Appoint Members to the Ward Boundary Commission

Mayor Begeny explained that due to an increase in population in the City of Reynoldsburg since the last Ward Boundary Commission in 2022, staff has deemed it necessary to reassemble the Commission to determine if the Ward needs to be adjusted.

Councilmember Salvati moved to appoint Keith Benner, Les Davis, Doug Joseph, and Heather Graham to the Ward Boundary Commission. Second by Councilmember Towns. Motion carried.

REPORTS

There is no Development, Parks & Recreation Committee meeting.



Public Safety, Law & Courts Committee

This is the Public Safety, Law & Courts Committee meeting for April 27, 2026.

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

A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Lease Agreement with Modern Office Methods for a Copier for the Police Department and Waive Competitive Bidding.

Deputy Chief Binder explained that the police department copiers were up for renewal. This new contract would actually result in a cost savings. The contract renews two copiers for the department. The sixty-month lease would cost \$30,613.80, a rate of \$510.23 per month for both copiers.

Chair Johnson moved to forward the Resolution to Council for approval. Second by Councilmember Towns. Motion carried.

A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with OSU for Police and Pension Occupational Medical Exams

Councilmember Hill recused herself as she indicated she was an employee of OSU.

Deputy Chief Binder explained that currently all pension fund required pre-employment medical exams are done by Ohio Health. However, it was getting harder and harder to schedule appointments. A contract has been negotiated with OSU to also do those exams, providing a secondary option.

Chair Johnson moved to forward this Resolution to Council for approval. Second by Councilmember Towns. Motion carried.

Councilmember Hill resumed her place on the dais with the other Councilmembers.

Public Service & Transportation Committee

This is the Public Service & Transportation Committee meeting for April 27, 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 to Purchase and

Construct a Greenhouse at the Parks and Public Service Facility, Waive Competitive Bidding, and Declaring an Emergency

Director Dorman explained that a new greenhouse at the new Parks/Service facility will be built. The greenhouse will be a climate-controlled custom irrigation building used for growing all the streetscape and City Hall flowers, hanging baskets, and a few tomatoes for the Tomato Festival. An allowance for the greenhouse was included in the original bid; however, prevailing wage was not included as part of the bid. If the City were to rebid the project at this point, the cost would increase.

The price from two years ago was secure, so Director Dorman indicated that this legislation was asking Council to use a portion of the contingency fund to cover the additional costs for the prevailing wage.

President Pyakurel asked if the greenhouse would remain in the same location.

Director Dorman explained that the greenhouse would be at the new facility site.

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 DLZ for the Waggoner Road Phase II Improvement Project (Construction Inspection Services), Appropriating Funds Therefor, and Declaring an Emergency

Director Dorman advised that as part of the OPWC grant for the Waggoner Road Phase 2 project, funds were received to provide inspection services. As part of any City project, an inspector was required to be on site to review all installations and assure that project requirements were completed correctly.

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

A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with Pyrotecnico Fireworks Inc. for the 2026 July 4th Fireworks and Waive Competitive Bidding

Director Dorman stated that this legislation was the annual contract to approve the fireworks for the July 4th celebration. The City has contracted with Pyrotecnico Fireworks for the past number of years and has been very satisfied with their work. This contract amount was increased to \$55,500.00 in part for the America 250 celebration and in part due to tariffs.

Councilmember Salvati asked if this firework display would be special due to America 250. Mayor Begeny explained that the display would be longer and bigger than previous years.

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

A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with Lumen Technologies for Fiber Service to the City's Parks/Public Service Facility

Director Dorman stated that the new Parks/Service facility was in need of a constant and consistent fiber connection. Currently, the City used a wireless point-to-point system, which provided inconsistent service. This connection would provide a reliable connection and save the City financially.

Councilmember Hill moved to forward this Resolution to Council for approval. Second by Councilmember Chambers. Motion carried.

Finance & Administration Committee

This is the Finance & Administration Committee meeting for April 27, 2026.

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

A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Lease Agreement with Modern Office Methods for the Administration, Building Department, and Clerk of Council Copiers and Waive Competitive Bidding

Mayor Begeny indicated that this legislation, like the police department legislation, was a renewal of the copier agreement for the Clerk of Council, Building Department, and general Administration copiers. The lease was a total of \$72,321.60 for all units, \$1205.36 per month.

Chair Baker moved to forward this Resolution to Council for approval. Second by Councilmember Salvati. Motion carried.

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

Mayor Begeny stated that in the past couple of years, he has come before Council with similar requests to apply for a grant through our aggregate company, NOPEC. That grant was awarded in the amount of \$70,000 to purchase two Ford Mavericks for Code Enforcement Officers and save the City money. Funds would also allow for the purchase of an additional vehicle that would be brought to Council later.

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

A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign the Proposed Opioid Litigation Settlement Plan of Claims Against Six Remnant Defendants (Associated Pharmacies, Inc., J M Smith Corporation, Louisiana Wholesale Drug Company, Inc. Morris and Dickson Co. North Carolina Mutual Wholesale Drug Company, Inc., United Foods, Inc.)

Attorney Shook/Mayor Begeny stated that this legislation was another major settlement agreement negotiated with pharmaceutical companies and pharmacies related to the opioid epidemic. This Resolution would allow the City to participate in that settlement and receive appropriate proceeds even though the settlement will probably be smaller than previous settlements.

Chair Baker moved to forward this Resolution to Council for approval. Second by Councilmember Salvati. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS - CONSENT AGENDA

RESULT:	8 - 0 (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Salvati
SECONDER:	Towns
AYES:	Abram, Baker, Johnson, Pyakurel Towns, Salvati, Chambers, Hill

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A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with OSU for Police and Pension Occupational Medical Exams

Councilmember Hill requested this Resolution be pulled from the Consent Agenda and be voted on separately as she would abstain from the vote.

RESULT:	7 - 0
MOVER:	Salvati
SECONDER:	Chambers
AYES:	Abram, Baker, Johnson, Pyakurel Towns, Salvati, Chambers

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CONSENT AGENDA FOR EMERGENCY ADOPTION

RESULT:	8 - 0 (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Salvati
SECONDER:	Towns
AYES:	Abram, Baker, Johnson, Pyakurel Towns, Salvati, Chambers, Hill

An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Purchase the Rights-of-Way Necessary for the Construction of Waggoner Road Phase II, Appropriate Funds Therefor, and Declaring an Emergency

An Ordinance Providing for the Issuance and Sale of Notes in the Maximum Principal Amount of \$1,550,000, in Anticipation of the Issuance of Bonds, for the Purpose of Paying the Costs of Improving the Municipal Waterworks System, and Declaring an Emergency



An Ordinance Providing for the Issuance and Sale of Notes in the Maximum Principal Amount of \$13,910,000, in Anticipation of the Issuance of Bonds, for the Purpose of Paying the Costs of Improving the Municipal Vehicular Transportation System, and Declaring an Emergency

CONSENT AGENDA FOR FIRST READING

These Ordinances stand for a first reading.

An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract to Purchase and Construct a Greenhouse at the Parks and Public Service Facility, Waive Competitive Bidding, and Declaring an Emergency

An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with DLZ for the Waggoner Road Phase II Improvement Project (Construction Inspection Services), Appropriating Funds Therefor, and Declaring an Emergency

CONSENT AGENDA FOR SECOND READING

These Ordinances stand for a second reading.

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 949 Water Regulations of the Codified Ordinances for the City of Reynoldsburg, Ohio

An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Purchase Two Ford Mavericks and Related Equipment for the Reynoldsburg Building and Code Enforcement Department and Waive Competitive Bidding

An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with EMH&T for Professional Engineering Services Pertaining to the Evaluation of the City's Water Distribution System

An Ordinance to Amend the Personnel Procedure Manual Regarding Inclement Weather, Short-Term and Long-Term Disability, and Fleet Safety



An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 160, Section 160.02 Authorized Positions, Personnel, Classification and Pay Grade and Section 160.03(b) Supervisory Pay Range

OTHER COUNCIL MATTERS

Councilmember Johnson reminded everyone to save Saturday, June 20th, for the City of Respect's celebration of Juneteenth at Huber Park from 4 to 8pm. There will be activities for all members of the family.

Councilmember Baker thanked Mr. Alexander and his class for the lovely thank-you notes. Also, a special thank you to RPD, all teachers, doctors, nurses and retail employees.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

May 7, 2026 Planning & Zoning Board
May 11, 2026 Council
May 21, 2026 Planning & Zoning Board
May 25, 2026 Memorial Day City Office Closed
May 26, 2026 Council TUESDAY Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

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

Bhuwan Pyakurel, Council President

Mollie Prasher, Clerk of Council