



**MINUTES
REYNOLDSBURG CITY COUNCIL
September 11, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

MOMENT OF SILENCE - Recognition of 9/11

INVOCATION - Pastor Matt Stephens of the Vineyard Christian Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Cotner, Baker, Jenkins, Strickland, Salvati, Pyakurel, Lawson Rowe
ABSENT:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Liquor Report was added under Item 11 Reports. The agenda stands approved as amended.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting Minutes of July 10, 2023

The regular meeting minutes of July 10, 2023 were approved as submitted.

Regular Meeting Minutes of July 24, 2023

The regular meeting minutes of July 24, 2023 were approved as submitted.

Special Meeting Minutes of August 17, 2023

The special meeting minutes of August 17, 2023 were approved as submitted.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Mayor Begeny

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Office of the Mayor Proclamation

WHEREAS, it is one of the privileges of the Mayor of the City of Reynoldsburg, to honor people of importance; and

Whereas, Daniel F. Nawrocki began his musical career playing the trumpet, inspired by hearing Harry James perform. In high school he formed the dance band, "The Starlighters," which coincidentally is how he met his wife Dorothy, playing at a high school dance; and

Whereas, Daniel first graduated from OSU with a Bachelor of Music Education degree in 1956; then a Master of Music degree in 1976; and was a lifelong member of the OSU Marching Band Alumni; and

Whereas, Daniel taught first for Amity Schools just outside of Mt. Vernon, then moving to Reynoldsburg, Ohio was the Reynoldsburg High School Band Director from 1959 to 1986, a total of 27 years in the Reynoldsburg City School system for the remainder of his career, then, after retirement he directed the alumni band halftime shows and was recognized in 2008 for the 50th consecutive homecoming halftime show conducting the Reynoldsburg High School marching band; and

Whereas, Daniel Nawrocki presented the Alma Mater to Reynoldsburg High school specifically composed and written for RHS by William E. Palmer. Daniel arranged the Rocky-Horse-Sloopy (RHS) medley, and introduced the Pep and Fight songs to Reynoldsburg High School; and

Whereas, Daniel was a respected member of the Ohio Music Educators Association, Music Educators National Conference and the American School Band Directors Association; and

Whereas, Daniel Nawrocki brought a strict standard to the Reynoldsburg High School Band. All uniforms must be clean, buttoned, with hat bills straight, spats white, shoes shined, and all marching band music must be memorized. While demanding that each student do their best, his kindness and caring for every band member never wavered. He was loved by them all; and



Whereas, Daniel was, and always will be, the premier Band Director remembered by thousands of past band members from the Reynoldsburg City School system, where he was awarded great respect and affection from the students, faculty, alumni, and community;

Now, therefore, I, Joe Begeny, Mayor of the City of Reynoldsburg, Ohio, do hereby proclaim Friday, September 22, 2023 as:

DANIEL F. NAWROCKI DAY

in the City of Reynoldsburg, Ohio and we encourage everyone to celebrate Daniel Nawrocki.

Mark Nawrocki

Mr. Nawrocki stated that although this sounds like a beginning and an end for Daniel Nawrocki, it is more like an origin story for Reynoldsburg music and part of the shared history of those who were involved with Reynoldsburg throughout the decades. He explained that in the mid-80s two high schools in the country were awarded with the Sudler Flag of Honor award and Reynoldsburg was one of them for their continued high standard of excellence in concert activities. He stated that he would like to see the legacy of excellence continued through future generations. Mr. Nawrocki thanked his friends for being there to support him and thanked Council for the proclamation.

Mayor Begeny

Mayor Begeny stated that the City recently received an award from the Government Finance Officers Association. They established the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award program in 1984 to encourage and assist state and local governments to prepare budget documents at the highest quality and to recognize the state and local governments that succeed in achieving that goal. Approximately 1800 governments including states, cities, counties, special districts, school districts, and more have been recognized for transparency in budgeting. To earn this recognition, budget documents must meet the program criteria and excel as a policy document, a financial plan, operations guide, and a communication tool. Reynoldsburg achieved this award for the first time for our 2023 budget. He thanked the Auditor's office as well as the City staff for compiling some of the data that goes into this but is truly a testament to keeping things open and honest.

Mayor Begeny also wanted to thank the staff for their work throughout the busy month of August with all of our City events. He stated that he and the City are lucky to have some of the best directors and staff in the entire State of Ohio, if not beyond that, to be able to accomplish such great things with seemingly little difficulty.

PROCLAMATIONS

A Proclamation to Recognize National Suicide Prevention Week and National Recovery Month

Councilmember Strickland read the Proclamation.

Councilmember Strickland stated that she wanted to provide some statistics regarding mental illness and suicide prevention. She explained that in 2021, suicide was the second leading cause of death in those aged 10 to 34 in Ohio. She stated that from 2021 to 2022, white, non-hispanic, males and females has the highest increase in suicide rates with an increase of 7%. In 2021, adults age 25 to 44 had the highest rate of suicide which increased by 13%. In 2021, males age 75 and older had the highest rate of suicide for men and women age 45 to 54 had the highest rate of suicide for women. She reiterated that this is impacting everyone across every age group. She explained that this month is very important to her as she lost her cousin to suicide at only 21. Councilmember Strickland wanted to encourage those in need to seek help and that anyone can call 988 and they will be connected with someone who can help. She stated that Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation is also finding resources available to help individuals make sure that they know where they can receive assistance in their time of need. She explained that she is also working on another campaign called Life is Better with You Here that focuses on the black and brown community as those numbers continue to increase.

A PROCLAMATION TO RECOGNIZE NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION WEEK AND NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH

Whereas, the week of September 10- 16, 2023 is National Suicide Prevention Week, and September 2023 is National Recovery Month, recognizes suicide as a national and statewide public health problem; and

Whereas, suicide is a national and state public health challenge that caused immeasurable pain among individuals, families, and communities across our great nation; and

Whereas, according to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, suicide is the 10th leading cause of death in the United State and the 2nd leading cause of death among individuals between the ages of 10 and 34, and everyday 134 people die by suicide; and

Whereas, in 2022, 49,449 people died by suicide, a 3% increase over 2021, and



an estimated 1.2 million suicide attempts were made; and

Whereas, over 90% of the people who die by suicide have a diagnosable and treatable mental health condition, although often that condition is not recognized or treated; and

Whereas, organizations such as the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, are dedicated to saving lives and bringing hope to those affected by suicide through research, education, advocacy and resources for those who have lost someone to suicide or who struggle themselves; and

Whereas, although no one specific prevention program can be appropriate for all communities, initiatives sponsored by local suicide prevention groups promote awareness and can assist in developing and implementing strategies to improve and increase access to quality mental health, substance abuse, and suicide prevention services and programs; and

Whereas, the City of Reynoldsburg residents should be able to access high quality prevention, support, rehabilitation, and treatment services that lead to recovery and a healthy lifestyle; and

Whereas, it is essential that we educate residents about suicide, mental health and substance abuse problems and the ways they affect all people in the community.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG that Council does hereby recognize last week, September 10 - 16, 2023, as National Suicide Prevention Week and September as Suicide Prevention & Recovery Month and hope to raise awareness of suicide preventions measures within our community.

PASSED this 11th day of September, 2023.

Councilmember Pyakurel made a motion to approve this proclamation. Second by Councilmember Strickland. Motion carried.

A Proclamation to Recognize Stormwater Awareness Week

Council approves this proclamation annually as part of our OEPA requirements.

Councilmember Strickland made a motion to approve this proclamation. Second, by Councilmember Lawson-Rowe. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS



Treasury Board Meeting Minutes August 2023

2022 State Audit Report

Financial Health Indicators (FHI) 2022

REPORTS

Liquor Permit

Chief Baker stated that they completed an investigation for a transfer of a liquor permit held by EG Mart LLC at 6989 E Main street. They requested to transfer the permit to 6985 E Main street. The liquor permit is for a C1, C2 class, which is for the sale of beer, wine, and prepackaged low-proof mixed beverages in sealed containers for carry out until 1am. This is not for an owner change, only a location change; the new location is next door to the existing location. They have had no service calls related to this location in the last two years. The Ohio Department of Liquor Control advised that there is nothing that would prevent the license from being transferred. Chief Baker stated that they are not recommending that they request a hearing.

Auditor's Reports

The Auditor's Office submitted the budget by department and classification for the month of April, May, June, and July, 2023.

Auditor's Reports, April, 2023

Auditor's Reports May, 2023

Auditor's Reports June, 2023



Auditor's Reports, July, 2023

Development, Parks & Recreation Committee

This is the Development, Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting for September 11, 2023.

Members in attendance are: Councilmember Cotner, Councilmember Baker, Councilmember Lawson-Rowe, Chair Pyakurel, and President Jenkins.

A Resolution Stating What Services the City of Reynoldsburg Will Provide to the Proposed Annexation of Property at 1769 Lancaster Road

Attorney Shook explained that this annexation is for a single parcel with a type 2 expedited annexation request through the Franklin County Board of Commissioners. This Resolution would allow us to send the list of services provided by the City to the Board of Commissioners for them to approve the annexation.

Councilmember Pyakurel moved to forward this Resolution to Council for approval. Second by Councilmember Lawson-Rowe. Motion carried.

A Resolution to Authorize the Approval and Adoption of the City of Reynoldsburg Complete Streets Policy

Director Meyer stated that in April 2023 the City passed a Resolution to allow us to sign an MOU to create a complete streets policy which would be brought back to Council for review and adoption. They now have the completed policy for Council's review, which lays out features designed to improve accessibility and safety for residents using different modes of transportation. It does not mandate that in every project these measures have to be taken but it does state that they have to look into these options with exceptions for cost or feasibility.

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

An Ordinance to Amend Section 971.15 Personal Conduct of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Reynoldsburg

Attorney Shook stated that in partnership with the parks and rec department, they have decided it would be best to amend section 971.15 which states that there will



be no smoking of tobacco products in City parks and amend that to include no smoking of marijuana in City parks as well.

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

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

Public Service & Transportation Committee

This is the Public Service & Transportation Committee for September 11, 2023.

Members in attendance are: Councilmember Cotner, Councilmember Baker, Councilmember Lawson-Rowe, Chair Strickland, and President Jenkins.

A Resolution to Certify Special Assessments for Sidewalk Repairs and Replacement Costs Incurred by the City of Reynoldsburg in 2022 for Franklin, Licking, and Fairfield Counties

Director Dorman stated that this is an Ordinance the City passes every year for the sidewalk program which allows them to do the special assessments. They allow residents the option to either pay the City directly for this work or to defer it to their property taxes over the next 2 years. He explained that they send out ample notices and invoices for this special assessment.

Councilmember Strickland moved to forward this Resolution to Council for approval. Second by Councilmember Lawson-Rowe. Motion carried.

A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Accept and Enter into an Agreement with the Ohio Department of Development Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Program

Mayor Begeny explained that this is the formal acceptance of grant money from the Ohio Department of Development Water and Wastewater Infrastructure program. These funds will be used to improve existing development and future infrastructure. He explained that the City has to pay for these project upfront and then will be reimbursed by the grant, the total amount the City will accept is \$1,323,050.

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

An Ordinance Appropriating Funds between Various Accounts within the Street Department, and Declaring an Emergency



Director Dorman explained that they are not requesting any new money but need to have funds shifted between different streets department accounts to pay for some expenses.

Councilmember Strickland moved to forward this Ordinance to Council for a first reading. Second by Councilmember Lawson-Rowe. Motion carried.

An Ordinance to Authorize the Mayor to Enter into a contract with EMH&T for Engineering Design and Bidding Services Pertaining to the Taylor/Summit Road Sanitary Sewer Extension Project, and Declaring an Emergency

Mayor Begeny explained that this Ordinance is in reference to the grant that was previously discussed from the Ohio Department of Development Water and Wastewater Infrastructure program. This Ordinance is to pay for the actual engineering and design for this project.

Councilmember Strickland moved to forward this Ordinance to Council for a first reading. Second by Councilmember Lawson-Rowe. Motion carried.

An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Sign the Project Grant/Loan Agreement with the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) for the Construction of Waggoner Road Phase I Improvement Project, and Declaring an Emergency

Director Dorman stated that this Ordinance and the next Ordinance are similar in that they are grant and loan agreements with OPWC. This Ordinance is to accept the grant for the Waggoner Road project.

Councilmember Strickland moved to forward this Ordinance to Council for a first reading. Second by Councilmember Lawson-Rowe. Motion carried.

An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Sign the Project Grant/Loan Agreement with the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) for the Construction of Waggoner Road Phase II Improvement Project, and Declaring an Emergency

Director Dorman explained that this Ordinance is the same as the one previously discussed but for Phase II.

Councilmember Strickland moved to forward this Ordinance to Council for a first reading. Second by Councilmember Lawson-Rowe. Motion carried.

An Ordinance to Approve Payment of Services Performed to the Auditors Certificate of Availability of Funds, and Declaring an Emergency

Director Dorman stated that this Ordinance is for the project on Lancaster and E Main street. He stated that there are several parcels there that had sewer and water services coming to the plot but once they had the plans created for the new Trivium development, they allowed the contractor to go ahead and replace those lines to better service the new building. This Ordinance is to pay the contractor for that work.

Councilmember Strickland moved to forward this Ordinance to Council for a first reading and emergency approval. Second by Councilmember Baker. Motion carried.

An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Accept and Enter into an Agreement with MS Consultants, Inc. for the Development of a Blacklick Creek Watershed Study and Flood Mitigation Analysis, and Declaring an Emergency

Director Dorman explained that they have been studying Blacklick Creek over the past several years and it was recommended to complete a new study of the watershed after two seasons with an unprecedented amount of rain. They hope to alleviate some of the flooding issues in this area based on their findings. The money for this study will come from FEMA as a reimbursement.

Councilmember Strickland moved to forward this Ordinance to Council for a first reading. Second by Councilmember Lawson-Rowe. Motion carried.

An Ordinance to Accept a Right-of-Way Deed (0.004 Acres) from William L. Willis, Sr. and Marilyn McConnell Willis, Trustees of the William L. Willis, Sr. and Marilyn McConnell Willis Trust dated August 10, 2012, Authorizing the Mayor to Enter Into a Sale and Purchase Agreement, and Declaring an Emergency

Attorney Shook stated that this is a right-of-way acquisition that is part of Phase II of the E Main street project. He stated that this Ordinance is separate from one that will be discussed later on because they did have to pay the landowner. They are requesting Council's approval for the Mayor to enter into a contract for \$5,000 for this right-of-way. This item was budgeted for.

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

An Ordinance to Accept a Right-of-Way Grant (0.011 Acres) From Audrey Iles, Authorizing the Mayor to Enter Into a Sale and Purchase Agreement, and Declaring an Emergency

Attorney Shook explained that this is similar to the Ordinance previously discussed as it is an acquisition of a right-of-way for Phase II. The cost of acquisition, which



has been budgeted, is \$8,000.

Councilmember Strickland moved to forward this Ordinance to Council for a first reading.
Second by Councilmember Lawson-Rowe. Motion carried.

An Ordinance Accepting a Right of Way Deed From TBD (0.079 Acres) and From John A. Shepard (0.035 Acres), and Declaring an Emergency

Attorney Shook stated that this right-of-way acquisition will be of no cost to the City and is for the Sheetz development that will occur at the corner of Taylor and Main street. The developer and the previous property owner are combined to dedicate acreage to a right turning lane. He explained that they are requesting this item return to committee to include a better description.

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

An Ordinance to Accept an Unrecorded Sanitary Sewer Easement From TBD (0.195 Acres) and John A. Shepard (0.016 Acres), and Declaring an Emergency

Attorney Shook explained that this is the same as the Ordinance previously discussed but for a sanitary sewer easement at the rear of the Sheetz development at no cost to the City.

Councilmember Strickland moved to forward this Ordinance to Council for a first reading.
Second by Councilmember Lawson-Rowe. Motion carried.

An Ordinance to Accept Multiple Unrecorded Deeds for Right-of-Way Along East Main Street, and Declaring an Emergency

Attorney Shook explained that this Ordinance includes 7 different right-of-way acquisitions along Main street associated with Phase II and each of these acquisitions was at no cost to the City.

Councilmember Strickland moved to forward this Ordinance to Council for a first reading.
Second by Councilmember Lawson-Rowe. Motion carried.

Finance & Administration Committee

This is the Finance & Administration Committee meeting for September 11, 2023.

Members in attendance are: Councilmember Pyakurel, Councilmember Strickland, Councilmember Lawson-Rowe, Chair Salvati, and President Jenkins.



An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 141, Section 141.01 Compensation for the Mayor, Chapter 143, Section 143.01 Compensation for the City Auditor and Chapter 147, Section 147.03 Compensation for the City Attorney of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Reynoldsburg, Ohio

Councilmember Salvati stated that this item was back in committee for further discussion before voting tonight.

Councilmember Baker stated that as he reviewed this Ordinance over the break he would like to request an amendment be made. He explained that instead of going back to 2013 to begin increasing the salary, he would like to amend that it be 2016 instead. He requested that those 3 years, 2013, 2014, and 2015, be removed and then 2% raises be added on to the end of this Ordinance extending the 2% raise increase to 2028, 2029, and 2030.

Councilmember Pyakurel made a motion to amend this Ordinance Section 1 (1) to change the Mayor's salary to \$116,594.39 and Section 1 (2) to extend through 2030; amend Section 3 (3) to change the City Attorney's salary to \$116,594.39 and Section 3 (4) to extend through 2030. No second was made. Motion failed.

Councilmember Cotner stated that he is opposed to an almost 30% pay increase. He explained that he supports adjusting the pay rate in a responsible manner and including an opportunity for pay increases throughout the term. He reiterated that the almost 30% increase to retroactively correct the issue is inappropriate.

Councilmember Salvati moved to forward this Ordinance to Council for a third read and approval. Second by Councilmember Strickland. Motion carried.

A Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying Them to the Franklin County Auditor

Auditor Cicak stated that this is the final piece of the 2024 tax budget. He explained that these two Resolutions are for the 2024 official certificate of estimated resources. This is to accept those amounts and those rates and authorizing the collection of those taxes for Franklin and Licking County.

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

A Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying Them to the Licking County Auditor

Auditor Cicak stated that this is the same as the Resolution previously discussed but for Licking County.

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

An Ordinance Appropriating Funds from the Tomato Festival, and Declaring an Emergency

Mayor Begeny stated that during the Tomato Festival they held a fundraiser for Joseph's Coat where they earned \$336 and they would like to get that money to them as soon as possible.

Councilmember Salvati moved to forward this Ordinance to Council for a single read and emergency approval. Second by Councilmember Strickland. Motion carried.

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

Ms. Clemens stated that this Ordinance is to take money they received from sponsorships from the 2023 Tomato Festival and appropriate it into community events miscellaneous contracts.

Councilmember Salvati moved to forward this Ordinance to Council for a first reading. Second by Councilmember Lawson-Rowe. Motion carried.

An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with Media Promotion Enterprises (MPE) for the 2024 Tomato Festival

Ms. Clemens stated that this Ordinance would allow us to enter into a contract with MPE for the 2024 Tomato Festival, which we have used for the last few years to book our entertainment. They also provide the stage and sound for the Festival.

Councilmember Cotner stated that on the contract it states that MPE is obligated to provide lodging but also states that we are obligated to provide lodging to he would like clarification on that issue. Ms. Clemens stated that we provide lodging for the artists unless they request a 4 star hotel or higher then that falls on MPE.

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

An Ordinance Authorizing an Increase in Appropriations for Various JEDD Agreements, and Declaring an Emergency



Auditor Cicak stated that this Ordinance is being requested as an emergency but will still have three reads. He explained that these are custodial account increases for our JEDD obligations for JEDDs 3, 4, and 7.

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

RESOLUTIONS - CONSENT AGENDA

RESULT:	PASSED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Salvati
SECONDER:	Pyakurel
AYES:	Cotner, Baker, Jenkins, Strickland, Salvati, Pyakurel, Lawson Rowe

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CONSENT AGENDA FOR EMERGENCY ADOPTION

RESULT:	PASSED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Salvati
SECONDER:	Pyakurel
AYES:	Cotner, Baker, Jenkins, Strickland, Salvati, Pyakurel, Lawson Rowe

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CONSENT AGENDA FOR FIRST READING

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CONSENT AGENDA FOR SECOND READING

An Ordinance Adopting Provisions of Sections 3735.65 through 3735.70 of the Ohio Revised Code to Establish and Describe the Boundaries of the Eastern Community Reinvestment Area in the City of Reynoldsburg and Designating a Housing Officer to Administer the Program

An Ordinance Adopting Provisions of Sections 3735.65 through 3735.70 of the Ohio Revised Code to Establish and Describe the Boundaries of the Gateway Community Reinvestment Area in the City of Reynoldsburg and Designating a Housing Officer to Administer the Program

An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance No. 59-2022 to Update the Tax Exemptions Available within the East Main Community Reinvestment Area

CONSENT AGENDA FOR THIRD READING

RESULT:	PASSED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Pyakurel

SECONDER: Salvati

AYES: Cotner, Baker, Jenkins, Strickland, Salvati, Pyakurel, Lawson Rowe

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

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 975 Refuse Collection for the Codified Ordinances of the City of Reynoldsburg

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 1305 Permits and Fees, Sections 1305.01 Fee Schedule, 1305.02 Plumbing Permits, 1305.03 Permit Addresses, 1305.04 Certificate of Occupancy, 1305.05 Demolition Permits, 1305.06 Re-Inspection, 1305.07 Contractor Registration, and 1305.08 Granting and Revoking of Permits of the Codified Ordinances for the City of Reynoldsburg

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 175 Purchasing and Contracting Procedures of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Reynoldsburg

LEGISLATION FOR THIRD READING AND APPROVAL

RESULT: PASSED (6-1)

MOVER: Salvati

SECONDER: Lawson-Rowe

AYES: Strickland, Salvati, Pyakurel, Lawson-Rowe, Baker, Jenkins

NAYS: Cotner

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OTHER COUNCIL MATTERS



Applications for Reynoldsburg At-Large Council Position

Council received seven applications from residents residing within the City to fulfill the At Large Council position expiring December 31, 2025. Council will invite each applicant forward, in no particular order, to make a brief one-minute presentation to Council. Councilmembers may then ask questions of each candidate. Following this interview process, Council can further discuss the merits of each applicant, make a motion to approve a specific candidate, or table the selection process until the next meeting. 1:37

Kirby Reed Samuel II

Mr. Samuel stated that he believes he possesses the necessary skills and commitment to really benefit the community. He is a small business owner, a home owner in Reynoldsburg since 2015, and involved with the board of elections. In 2019 he married his partner and in 2020 they became foster parents and in 2022 became adoptive parents. He explained that that process taught him a lot about the issues in our community and our schools. He stated that through all of these experiences, it has really driven his concern to uphold the rights of those in need. He stated his appreciation in being considered for the role.

Councilmember Lawson-Rowe asked what are the top 3 needs in our community and of those 3, which need should be addressed first. Mr. Samuel stated that issue #1 is the cleanliness of the City as it really affects the overall feel of the community. Issue #2 is our schools and the safety of our students. He explained that all 4 of his boys went through Reynoldsburg City Schools with 2 currently there. He explained that this is honestly one of the main reasons he applied to this position. He stated that he wasn't a parent until a few years ago so he had no idea the fear and concern that came with finding out the school was on lockdown. He explained that to address the issue he would do everything in his power to encourage parents involvement. He stated that most parents are not involved and allow the upbringing of their children to fall onto teachers shoulders which is unfair. He reiterated that parent and community involvement is how he would address these issues.

Councilmember Salvati asked how being a councilmember would affect day to day life if they were awarded the seat. Mr. Samuel explained that he believes it would have a severe impact on his day to day life. He stated that his grandmother always told him that if you're not part of the solution then you're part of the problem. So he explained that getting involved in the community, hearing what the concerns are straight from residents, fixing problems, making good things better, all of this could have a large impact on his day to day life.

Councilmember Cotner asked what he would like for the legacy of Reynoldsburg to be for his children and for the next generation. Mr. Samuel stated that he and his partner adopted 4 teenage boys during the pandemic and each came with their own struggles with school, family, and even the law. He stated that he is extremely proud of his two boys in college since that is a huge achievement for children coming out of the foster care system. He explained that he and his partner are very academically driven and encouraged their children to be engaged in the community. He reiterated that things like these are part of the legacy he would like to leave in Reynoldsburg.

President Jenkins asked if prior to this position had he ever considered running for Council. Mr. Samuel explained that he has considered running for multiple different positions several times but the timing was never right but finally felt like now was the time. President Jenkins then asked if he was familiar with the Public Safety, Law & Courts Committee. He stated that he is not extremely familiar with it but is a quick learner.

Mildred Johnson

Mrs. Johnson stated that she has lived in Reynoldsburg since 2003 with her husband and one child. She stated she applied to this position because she has participated in many events, she volunteers, and she supports her City because love isn't what it says, it's what it does. She explained that when you love your City, you get involved; you volunteer, you show up, you go to meetings, and you participate. She stated that she got more involved in the political world in 2017 with Kristin Bryant. She explained that she also volunteers with the football team as the president of the parent association, volunteers as a team mom, and is excited to find new ways to serve Reynoldsburg.

Councilmember Salvati asked how being a Councilmember would affect her day to day life. Mrs. Johnson stated that she would do the same things she does now. She would continue to engage with the community, talk with people, search for questions that need to be answered, and has even walked neighborhoods with Councilmember Lawson-Rowe. She reiterated that when you become a Councilmember, you are starting a new chapter in your life and if you say you love the work and love your City then you have to serve them.

Councilmember Lawson-Rowe asked what she thinks the top 3 needs are in Reynoldsburg and to expand on the 1 she believes is the most important. Mrs. Johnson stated that she believes the biggest need is to get people more involved and engaged in the community. She reiterated that she was not involved before 2017 and believes that that was because of her lack of knowledge. She stated that



as representatives they should engage in the community to share different opportunities within the City to learn and speak. She also stated that it is their job to know what's going on with the streets and what streets are being fixed to make sure that each neighborhood is being treated fairly. She also believes that they should be transparent so that people know what is going on around them.

Councilmember Cotner asked what brought her to Reynoldsburg and where would she like to see it go in the future. Mrs. Johnson stated that she and her husband moved here in 2003 to raise their son based on the community and the schools. She explained that they have been involved in many events over the years and have seen Reynoldsburg grow and change and would love to see that continue.

President Jenkins asked if she had ever considered being a Councilmember before. Mrs. Johnson stated that she has considered it before and considered other positions as well. President Jenkins then asked if she was familiar with the Public Safety, Law & Courts Committee. Mrs. Johnson stated that she is not very familiar with it but has been exposed to it through different committees and attending Council.

Councilmember Pyakurel asked how she would address the needs of the different growing populations in the community. Mrs. Johnson stated that she is willing to learn more about these different communities and cultures to better understand their individualized needs.

Timothy Perry

Mr. Perry stated that he is a lifelong resident of Reynoldsburg and graduated from Reynoldsburg High School in 1988. In 2000, he was hired on with the Truro Township Fire Department and has been there ever since and has begun to look for new opportunities to serve outside of his firefighter career. He explained that he is committed to Reynoldsburg and always has been and would love a new opportunity to serve his community in new ways. He joked that he is happily divorced and an empty nester, so he has time to spare.

Councilmember Salvati asked how becoming a Councilmember would change his day to day life. Mr. Perry stated that he is a believer in servant leadership and being a compassionate listener. He explained that as a Councilmember, he assumes a huge part of the job is listening to residents to better understand the issues they may be having. He explained that he would be available and empathetic to their concerns.

Councilmember Lawson-Rowe asked what the top 3 needs are in our community and to expand on 1 that he believes is the most important. Mr. Perry stated that

safety will always be a concern for him as a firefighter and everyone wants to live in a safe community. He explained that he also believes in responsible growth as he would like to see Reynoldsburg change and grow the way it has over the last 50 years. Lastly, he is concerned about code enforcement; making sure streets are maintained, potholes are filled in, sidewalks are passable, and street lights so people feel safe. He stated that one thing Truro Township does is provide community paramedicine which helps those in medical need get safety checks and inspections, get prescription medicine, and help the senior community stay independent in their homes. He reiterated that safety is always his #1 concern.

Councilmember Cotner asked what has kept him in Reynoldsburg and what he hopes to see in the future. Mr. Perry stated that when he was growing up they didn't have things to do, so seeing Main Street change and seeing how the real estate market has changed will attract people to our community. He explained that they didn't have things like Juneteenth or the Pride Celebration and loves to see how the community has changed and embraced those changes. He stated that he hopes to work with the community and collaborate to see growth continue.

Councilmember Strickland asked how he will work with other City officials to achieve City goals and address challenges we may face. Mr. Perry stated that being an active listener and hearing out everyone's views and ideas is the best place to start when it comes to issues like that. He explained that he has a lot of experience working with different people with different backgrounds and believes that those skills will transfer into this position as well.

President Jenkins asked if he had ever considered being on City Council prior to this position. Mr. Perry stated that he has considered it before and even considered petitioning last election but stated that it was an intimidating process and did not continue but has definitely considered it before. President Jenkins then asked if he was familiar with the Public Safety, Law & Courts Committee. He stated that he was not familiar but will learn very quickly.

Councilmember Pyakurel asked how he will handle the new growing populations in the community. Mr. Perry stated that having a positive attitude and approaching the situation by listening to residents about their concerns and ideas. He stated that throughout his time with the fire department he has worked with many different communities and cultures and feels like his experience is a good fit for City Council.

Franklin Davis

Mr. Davis stated that he has been a resident of Reynoldsburg for 13 years with his wife and 4 children. He stated that he has devoted his life, outside of his family,

personally and professionally to policy. He explained that he first contributed language to a municipal policy at 10 years old and has since contributed and created policy at the local, state, and federal level. He has continued to gain knowledge and experience of policy, leadership, and governance in a variety of ways. He explained that it was his focus on college and has worked in the Ohio Senate for a variety of nonprofit organizations, has served as a voting location manager for Licking County, and served on the Board of Zoning and Building Appeals. He also oversaw the census field operations for this region of the country. He stated that he has had the opportunity to grow in many ways that would allow him to excel in a position like being a Councilmember. He explained that in 2021 he actually ran for City Council with over 3000 residents supporting him though he did not let that deter him.

Councilmember Salvati asked how becoming a Councilmember would change his day to day life. Mr. Davis stated that in some ways it would significantly change his life but in others it wouldn't change anything. He explained that he is very passionate about giving a voice to the residents of Reynoldsburg and amplifying their voices, so he is constantly seeking conversations about our City's well-being. He explained that this allows him to better understand where residents want to see the City go and what he can do to aid in that so that would not be a change for him if he were to be awarded the position. Because it is a job, he explained it will change some of the logistics of his life but he is looking forward to making those changes.

Councilmember Lawson-Rowe asked what he believes are the top 3 needs in the community and to expand on 1 need. He stated that when he ran for Council in 2021, his platform addressed two issues: safe streets and responsible development. Another issue he believes should be addressed is affordable housing. He stated that the prices in the real estate market have skyrocketed over the last 6-7 years and is concerned about the increase in property taxes for those with fixed incomes. He explained that they should be proactive in helping those in need connect with resources that may assist them with their housing issues.

Councilmember Strickland asked how he will work with other Councilmembers and City officials to achieve the City's goals and address our challenges. He stated that he has worked with many people on City Council over the years and wants to have a larger role in the City and believes that at the end of the day they are all working toward the same goal. He explained that he is not the teammate that gets caught up in doing things the way he wants to do them but cares more about achieving the ultimate goal.

Councilmember Cotner asked what brought him to Reynoldsburg and in what ways does he want to strengthen the community. Mr. Davis stated that they moved to

Reynoldsburg because they wanted to move to the suburbs so they chose to rent a house in Reynoldsburg but believed that this community just felt right so they purchased a home here. He said that moving forward, he wants to see Reynoldsburg continue to grow responsibly, a place that continues to provide new and better services. He stated that he is very driven by empathy and that it is the greatest way to love someone and this is how he approaches the City that he loves as well.

Ruvane Kurland

Mr. Kurland stated that he has lived in Reynoldsburg with his wife and children since 2007. He explained that he is involved in volunteering at different City events and volunteered on the Reynoldsburg Commission since 2020. Although his interests are diverse, he has a strong desire to attract and retain new businesses to the area and to create a cohesive identity for the current businesses. He stated that he also has invested back into the community by opening up his own business. He reiterated that Reynoldsburg is the City of Respect and they must continue to embrace the uniqueness of our neighbors and continue building up our community. He stated that Reynoldsburg is a great city and he believes that he is the hardworking person our Council needs to continue to move us in the right direction.

Councilmember Salvati asked how this position would change his day to day life. Mr. Kurland stated that he believes the time spent in Council Chambers is actually the least important. He stated if they are not talking to residents and looking for opportunities then they are failing so that is a more important part of this role.

Councilmember Lawson-Rowe asked what he believes are the top 3 needs and to expand on 1 need. Mr. Kurland stated that strengthening the business community, increasing quality of life, and being better neighbors are 3 issues he is concerned about.

Councilmember Strickland asked how he will work with other Councilmembers and City officials to achieve City goals and address any issues. Mr. Kurland explained that he believes collaboration is very important and understanding that the final result is the important part. He stated that having an open mind and being involved in committees is how he would approach this issue.

Councilmember Cotner asked what brought him to Reynoldsburg and where does he see our community going in the future. Mr. Kurland stated that they chose this community because of the housing, the schools, and the safety of the City. He explained that the neighborhoods actually felt like a neighborhood instead of just a collection of houses and that is what they were looking for and somewhere for their kids to grow up around other children. He stated that they have seen the

community grow and embrace other cultures and encourage growth through businesses and community gathering and would like to see that continue.

President Jenkins asked if he had ever considered being on Council before. Mr. Kurland stated that he has considered it before but this seemed like the most appropriate moment with the stability of his life.

Tatjana Bozhinovski

Mrs. Bozhinovski stated she and her husband have 4 children. She explained that she is passionate about helping people grow in any way and see communities thrive. She stated that in her 18 years in Reynoldsburg she has seen lots of change and loves the direction we are going in. She explained that as a Macedonian, she feels welcomed and accepted in our community and was proud to see their flag flying at City Hall. She stated that if she became a Councilmember she would love to assist the community in moving forward. Inclusion, transparency, and communication will be key in this process.

Councilmember Salvati asked what she believes the responsibilities are of a Councilmember outside of Council Chambers. Mrs. Bozhinovski stated that she is a social butterfly and enjoys being out talking to people and enjoys the new businesses as well. She stated that she likes to stay engaged on social media to see what is going on in the community and what residents have to say about it.

Councilmember Lawson-Rowe asked what she believes are the top 3 needs in the City and to expand on 1. Mrs. Bozhinovski stated that safety, development, and youth involvement are the three main concerns for her. She explained that safety is the most important to her; her husband is a school bus driver and she stated that some of the issues he has seen do worry her.

Councilmember Cotner asked why she chose to move to Reynoldsburg and what she hopes to see in the future. Mrs. Bozhinovski stated that 18 years ago one of her sons came home from school with his state testing results and she noted that their school was second from the bottom in average scores so they began to look into other schools. She explained that as she read about Reynoldsburg schools and the community she really liked what she saw and noticed that many other Macedonian families were moving here. She reiterated that she loves the growth and diversity within the City and would love to see that continue. She also stated that she works for a nonprofit that works with refugees and they just became a resettlement agency of which she is the program manager. She explained that she has encouraged refugee families to move to Reynoldsburg because they will have new opportunities and feel accepted.

President Jenkins asked if she had ever considered running for Council before this. Mrs. Bozhinovski stated that she has considered running before but did not feel that it was the right time before.

Shana French

Mrs. French stated that she has lived here for 13 years and has been a stay at home mom for the last 7 years with her 2 children. She is also the administrative coordinator for the Aetherial Jest Arts Council and the treasurer of the Rosehill Elementary PTO. She believes its our shared experiences and diverse backgrounds that enrich our community. It is crucial to celebrate our differences as that is what makes us unique. She explained that she supports ranked choice voting and believes it holds the potential to solve numerous issues and allow everyone's voice to truly be heard. She would like to contribute, learn, and grow with all of the Councilmembers to make our City better.

Councilmember Salvati asked how this position would affect her day to day life. Mrs. French stated that there would absolutely be a shift in priorities if she were to become a Councilmember. She explained that she will continue to remain active in the community but understands that there will be a change and will have to learn how to rebalance everything.

Councilmember Lawson-Rowe asked for the top 3 needs in the community and to expand on 1. Mrs. French stated that she believes that the diversity in businesses we attract to the City is very important and has seen that change and wants to see it continue. She also believes that the breakdown of community is threatening to create a lot of problems in our daily lives. She explained that there are less volunteers, there are less people running for office, and she believes that a way to combat this issue is for representatives to go into the community and to events and actually share what it is like to be in their position and allow them to ask questions. The last issue she would address is the condition of our roads.

Councilmember Cotner asked what made her choose to live in Reynoldsburg and what is her vision for the future. Mrs. French stated that she lived in Reynoldsburg for about a year after college in 2003 but moved away. She explained that after she moved away she began to miss Reynoldsburg and decided she wanted to move back once she got married. She appreciates that kids can play in the streets here and not worry about them. They have stayed here because they want to see Reynoldsburg continue to get better as we move forward.

Councilmember Pyakurel asked how she envisions addressing the needs of the new diverse population that is moving in. Mrs. French stated that she doesn't know much about some of the newest communities that have moved here but would love

to meet more people and experience different cultures. She explained that she would actively go out and seek these communities and meet with leaders and business owners because she admires their hard work and dedication.

President Jenkins asked if she had ever considered running for Council before applying to this position. Mrs. French stated that she actually had not considered it before but was looking for a big change in her life so she reached out to some people to learn more about what City Council is and does. She had joined another committee years ago but had to resign because her kids were so young at that time.

President Jenkins

President Jenkins thanked all the applicants for being at Council. She stated that although they can only select one person, she hopes the applicants continue to stay involved and run for positions in the future.

Councilmember Salvati

Councilmember Salvati stated that he was invigorated by the quality of the 7 candidates that applied to this position and is very excited for the future of Reynoldsburg.

Tatjana Bozhinovski was nominated by Councilmember Salvati.

RESULT:	FAILED (2-5)
MOVER:	Salvati
SECONDER:	None
AYES:	Salvati, Baker
NAYS:	Strickland, Pyakurel, Lawson-Rowe, Cotner, Jenkins

Timothy Perry was nominated by Councilmember Cotner.

RESULT:	FAILED (2-5)
MOVER:	Cotner
SECONDER:	None
AYES:	Strickland, Cotner
NAYS:	Salvati, Pyakurel, Lawson-Rowe, Baker, Jenkins

Mildred Johnson was nominated by Councilmember Pyakurel.

RESULT:	PASSED (6-1)
MOVER:	Pyakurel
SECONDER:	None

AYES:	Strickland, Salvati, Pyakurel, Lawson-Rowe, Baker, Jenkins
NAYS:	Cotner

UPCOMING MEETINGS

September 21, 2023 Planning & Zoning Board
September 25, 2023 Council
October 5, 2023 Planning & Zoning Board
October 9, 2023 Council
October 19, 2023 Planning & Zoning Board
October 23, 2023 Council

ADJOURNMENT