



ROBINS CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE MAY 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2020 MEETING

Mayor Hinz called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Robins City Hall on Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and announced the meeting was being held electronically due to the Covid 19 pandemic and recommendations of Linn County Emergency Management and Governor Kim Reynolds. After the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, roll call was taken with Councilors Don Norton, Dick Pilcher, Marilyn Cook, and Roger Overbeck present along with Engineer Dax Suntken, Attorney Ryan Tang, Police Captain Gary Manhart, and City Clerk/Treasurer Lori Pickart. Residents attending were JD & Teresa Smith, Al Frey, and Mike Peebler. Absent was Councilor Brad Sevcik. Norton moved to approve the Agenda, Cook seconded and all voted aye.

BUSINESS ITEMS

- a. **Minutes.** Pilcher moved to approve the Minutes of the May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting, Overbeck seconded and all voted aye.
- b. **Plat of Survey No. 2410.** Pickart noted the plat was received from Tom and Marilyn Cook who are splitting Cook Fence Company from T&M Storage for estate planning. She added the word “private” was removed from the existing ingress/egress easement. Norton moved to approve Resolution No. 0520-9 approving Plat of Survey No. 2410, Pilcher seconded. On the vote, all voted aye except Cook who abstained from voting.
- c. **28E Agreement – Sealcoating.** Pickart noted this document relates to the joint project between Linn County Secondary Roads and the City of Robins to seal coat a part of Midway Road located within the Robins City Limits. She added this was tabled a couple of meetings ago due questions relating to the materials listed in the estimate of cost. She said she checked with the county who advised no stone was needed at this time. Overbeck moved to approve said 28E Agreement, Cook seconded. On the vote, all voted aye.
- d. **28E Agreement – Shoulder Repair.** Overbeck moved to approve the 28E Agreement between Linn County Secondary Roads and the City of Robins to repair approximately 800’ of shoulder along West Main Street, Norton seconded and all voted aye.
- e. **Traffic Cameras.** Pilcher noted after a very thorough investigation he recommends the StreetScout Trailer from MPH Industries as it provides everything the department wants. He added they would like to purchase this in the FY 20 budget. Mayor Hinz noted this unit provides data collection, shows the speed limit, and the speed the vehicle is traveling along with the number of vehicles passing the sign. Captain Manhart noted when someone is speeding lights will flash indicating the vehicle needs to slow down. Mike Peebler, 360 East Main Street noted he has lived in Robins for 28 years adding the increase in traffic is incredible along with walkers and bikers. He added he feels this is a good purchase and added he feels the police officers need to pull over speeders and perhaps write tickets. JD Smith, 780 Kervin Court noted he was the one who petitioned the city for a speed sign which flashed when speeding. He noted Mentzer Road is really bad. He added the portable sign will end up in a garage somewhere and not be used. His intent was for a permanent sign on Mentzer Road. Mayor Hinz noted the city will be looking at Mentzer Road along with several other streets in town. He added the unit can capture data to form a basis for future enforcement. Captain Manhart likes MPH as they also provide radars for the city and are the top of the line in the market. Pilcher moved to

proceed with the purchase of the StreetScout Trailer from MPH Industries as quoted in quote #24787 in the amount of \$6,528.00, Overbeck seconded and all voted aye.

- f. **Burd Lane Watermain Extension.** Engineer Suntken noted they sent out plans to two contractors; Pirc-Tobin who is currently working in the D&M Addition and Bowker Mechanical Contractors who installed the waterlines for Tradesman Square. He noted Bowker was the low bidder at \$44,595.44 with Pirc-Tobin bidding \$56,518.00. He stated the Engineer's Estimate was \$41,524.00 adding the estimate is under the state bid threshold of \$57,000. He noted the plans have a completion date of July 3, 2020. He received a note from developer Al Frey and from staff to try to accelerate the project and complete the installation by the end of May. He noted a permit from the DNR is required as this is a public water system and the contractor needs to install the system which then needs to be inspected and approved by the Cedar Rapids Water Department. He noted he hopes this can all be completed by June 15<sup>th</sup>. Overbeck moved to approve Resolution No. 0520-10 awarding the quotation to Bowker Mechanical Contractors in the amount of \$44,595.44, Norton seconded and all voted aye.

Norton moved to adjourn at 6:27 p.m., Overbeck seconded and all voted aye.

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Chuck Hinz, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lori Pickart, City Clerk/Treasurer