



*ROBINS CITY COUNCIL  
Minutes of the October 3, 2016 Meeting*

*Mayor Chuck Hinz called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Robins City Hall on Monday, October 3, 2016. Roll call was taken with Councilor's Marilyn Cook, Dick Pilcher, Roger Overbeck and Don Norton present, along with City Engineer Kelli Scott, Attorney Don Hoskins, Officer Mike Haeder, Fire Chief Brian Boots, Building Official Vince Bading, City Clerk/Treasurer Lori Pickart, and four guests present. Absent was Councilor Brad Sevcik.*

*Norton moved to approve the Agenda, Cook seconded and all voted aye.*

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- ✚ Mayor Hinz noted the library subcommittee has met three times and is working on a report to provide to the council and residents.*
- ✚ Finance Coordinator Cook noted she and Pickart reviewed the budget and feel the city can wait until receipt of the bond sales to amend the budget.*
- ✚ Public Safety Coordinator Dick Pilcher deferred to Officer Haeder who reported one home break in and a fatality due to a car accident in the past month. Fire Chief Brian Boots provided a written report to the City Council.*
- ✚ Parks Coordinator Don Norton reported the South Troy Park Trail is open and very busy! He noted signs need to be placed to keep motorized vehicles off. He noted the Robins Civic Club will be holding their first "Trunk or Treat" event on October 30<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 – 5:30 in the Community Savings Bank parking lot. Bading noted several loads of sand have been added to the volleyball court. He added the older parking lot at the S. Troy Park has been sealed and striped.*
- ✚ Engineer Kelli Scott had no additions to the Engineer's Report. Overbeck asked about the cracks in the cement on the new bridge as referred to in the report. She noted they will be inspecting the bridge and trail next week and will keep the Council apprised. She added IDOT projects do not have warranties.*

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

*There were no Citizen Comments for agenda items. For non-agenda items, resident Wanda Whitford thanked the Council for asking for participation from Robins' residents relating to use of the Metro Libraries. She added she was very impressed with how the study was handled and thanked Mayor Hinz and Liz Schura for their hard work in acquiring and compiling the information.*

**CONSENT AGENDA**

*Norton moved to approve the consent agenda. Items included were the Minutes of the September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016 meeting; the Financial Report; the List of Bills Submitted; and Resolution No. 1016-4, approving pay request #8 to Peterson Contractors for work done on the S. Troy Park Bridge and Trail project. Pilcher seconded the motion, on the vote, all voted aye.*

## OLD BUSINESS

- a. **P/H – Loan Agreement.** Mayor Hinz opened the public hearing to hear comments and concerns relating to taking action to enter into a loan agreement. Pickart noted the principle amount is not to exceed \$3,925,000 with \$790,000 being the refunding of the 2009 bond. The public hearing closed at 7:33 p.m. There were no written or verbal comments received.
- b. **Resolution taking action.** Pilcher moved to approve Resolution No. 1016-5 taking additional action on proposal to enter into a General Obligation and Refunding Loan Agreement, Cook seconded and all voted aye.
- c. **P/H Urban Renewal Plan.** Mayor Hinz opened the public hearing at 7:36 to hear comments and concerns relating to the proposed amendment to the Robins Urban Renewal Plan. Pickart noted the amendment to the Robins Urban Renewal Plan adds the 2016 East Main Street Reconstruction Project to the plan. There were no written or verbal comments received, the public hearing closed at 7:39 p.m.
- d. **Resolution approving amendment.** Cook moved to approve Resolution No. 1016-6, approving the Urban Renewal Plan Amendment for the Robins Urban Renewal Area, Norton seconded and all voted aye.
- e. **Policies and Procedures.** Pickart noted this is a new document needed to be adopted relating to the bond sale. The council reviewed the policies and procedures, Cook moved to approve Resolution No. 1016-8, authorizing adoption of Policies and Procedures Regarding Municipal Securities Disclosure, Overbeck seconded. On the vote, all voted aye.
- f. **Purchase of Police Vehicle.** Officer Haeder noted the new vehicle is an SUV but primarily will be a patrol vehicle. The newest vehicle in department is a 2013 Ford Taurus which has 45,000 miles on it. The 2007 Explorer has higher clearance and better for deep snow. Pilcher moved to approve Resolution No. 1016-3 authorizing the purchase of the 2017 Ford Explorer in the amount of \$33,089 and the necessary equipment from Keltec in the amount of \$11,594.66, Overbeck seconded and all voted aye.
- g. **Minimum Wage.** Mayor Hinz noted the September 26<sup>th</sup> Mayor's meeting was cancelled due to the flooding issues in Palo, Center Point, and Cedar Rapids, adding he cannot report back to the council as to what the Linn County cities think of the new minimum wage ordinance passed by the Linn County Supervisors. He noted the next Mayor's meeting is scheduled for October 24<sup>th</sup>, noting he could report back at the November 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. He added Attorney Hoskins noted that if the cities in Linn County decide to waiver from the Linn County ordinance, it should be done before January 1<sup>st</sup>. He noted Robins could 1) do nothing and go along with the Linn County rules; 2) set our own minimum wage rate; or 3) stay with the State Code. Norton noted he would like to have a full council before the council votes, noting the city could wait until the November 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. Cook moved to have the attorney provide an Ordinance for the October 17<sup>th</sup> meeting stating Robins is going to stick with the State of Iowa approved minimum wage. Norton seconded the motion. Mayor Hinz asked for their reasoning behind the motion. Cook noted she feels the Linn County Ordinance plans too far in advance, adding it should be decided on the economic factors at the time. Overbeck and Norton both said minimum wage is state issued and should be run by the state. They noted they feel the county should not be meddling on what employers should pay their employees. Overbeck also noted the exceptions in the Linn County Ordinance are very confusing, Cook and Norton agreed. Pilcher noted the state created the minimum wage to protect the labor force and set a reasonable minimum wage. All voted aye on the motion.

*NEW BUSINESS*

- a. **Street Light Removal.** *Pickart noted this resolution removes the poles from the Alliant Energy inventory and are the poles being taken down along Main Street. The new poles will be owned by the City of Robins. Norton moved to approve Resolution No. 1016-1 approving the street light removal, Pilcher seconded and all voted aye.*
- b. **No Parking Zone.** *Mayor Hinz noted since the South Troy Park Trail to the Cedar Valley Nature Trail is now complete and there is adequate parking at South Troy Park, it is time to remove parking on Main Street in the trail area. The Mayor noted signs indicating parking is available at South Troy Park would be installed directly below the no parking sign. Pilcher moved to approve Resolution No. 1016-2 designating "No Parking" on both the north and south sides of Main Street at the Cedar Valley Nature Trail crossing, Cook seconded. On the vote, all voted aye except Overbeck who said he feels there is not a safety issue by allowing vehicles to park there.*
- c. **Demolition of Properties.** *Bading explained the bids received, noting he received two bids to abate the asbestos which is in three of the four homes along with the bids to demolish all four of the houses the city purchased for the East Main Street Reconstruction project. Norton moved to approve Resolution No. 1016-7 awarding the asbestos abatement to Abatement Specialties in the amount of \$29,660.00 and the demolition to Kelly Demolition in the amount of \$41,600. Cook seconded the motion, on the vote, all voted aye.*

*Norton moved to adjourn at 8:23 p.m. Pilcher seconded and all voted aye.*

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*Chuck Hinz, Mayor*

*ATTEST:*

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*Lori Pickart, City Clerk/Treasurer*