



ROBINS CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 6TH, 2017 MEETING

Mayor Hinz called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Robins City Hall on Monday, November 6th, 2017. Roll call was taken with Councilors Don Norton, Brad Sevcik, Roger Overbeck, Dick Pilcher and Marilyn Cook present along with Engineer Dax Suntken, Attorney Ryan Tang, Building Official Vince Bading, Police Chief Andy Humphrey, Officer Gary Manhart, Fire Chief Brian Boots, City Clerk/Treasurer Lori Pickart and around six guests.

Norton moved to approve the agenda, Sevcik seconded and all voted aye.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- ✚ Mayor Hinz noted the contractor continues to work on the Main Street reconstruction.
- ✚ Parks Coordinator Don Norton noted the Civic Club will be meeting on Monday November 13th at 7:00 p.m. here at City Hall. He added the club continues to look for members to help with all of the events the club performs. He noted the Tree Lighting will occur on Sunday, December 3rd 5:00 at Robins Square then to the Hoppe Safety Center for hot chocolate, cookies and to visit with Santa. He noted he and the Mayor have been working with Daniel O'Hara who is working to install a multi-generational playground at East Knoll Park.
- ✚ Streets Coordinator Brad Sevcik noted everyone is eager to get the Main Street project completed. He added the public works staff has the trucks ready for the upcoming snow season.
- ✚ Public Works Coordinator Roger Overbeck reported the first leaf pickup has been performed for the season, adding it went reasonably well.
- ✚ Public Safety Coordinator Dick Pilcher welcomed Officer Gary Manhart back to the force. Chief Andy Humphrey advised the council of the incident which occurred during the morning hours relating to the homicide in Independence. Chief Boots noted there were two structure fires in the last month, both in Hiawatha. He noted the UTV is almost ready to be put in service.
- ✚ Finance Coordinator Marilyn Cook noted the city is almost ½ through the fiscal year and is looking good. She noted a lot of tax monies were received in the month of October with more to come in November. She asked about the Linn County Sheriff's Dispatch Fee invoice. Mayor Hinz noted the city should hold the check until the 28E Agreement is executed. He noted the Board of Supervisors is working on the agreement.
- ✚ Engineer Dax Suntken noted the contractors have indicated they will be pouring the intersection Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday of this week. He added the railroad is scheduled to finish the railroad crossing early next week with the asphaltting to follow.

There were no Citizen Comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

Overbeck moved to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of the dispatch fee invoice to the Linn County Sheriff's Department, Pilcher seconded. Items approved were the Minutes of the October 2nd meeting; the Financial Report, the List of Bills submitted and Resolution No.

1117-1, approving Pay Request #6 to BWC Companies in the amount of \$370,268.28 for work done on the East Main Street Reconstruction.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Indian Creek Watershed update.** Jennifer Fencil provided the Council with an update to the plan noting they have outlined several issues such as water quality and impaired streams, floods, degraded habitat, interest in recreation opportunities and support for local solutions. She noted they have established goals and created a 20-year implementation plan. She noted their accomplishments include over 50 outreach and education activities; post-construction stormwater ordinance reviews; BMP mapping for both urban and rural areas; and water quality monitoring. She noted they will be working on local events for public outreach; new print materials, marketing display & website update, maps indicating repetitive flood impacts, the search for a watershed coordinator and the 2017 annual report.
- b. **Lower Cedar Watershed (LCW) Management Authority.** Jennifer noted the Lower Cedar Watershed is much larger than the Indian Creek Watershed. She noted the LCW consists of 1,070 square miles and approximately 70,000 acres. She noted the area has a strong flood impact and contains unique habitat and is home to 70% of Iowa's reptile and amphibian species. She added there are 39 eligible entities within the LCW and added the Indian Creek Watershed is within the LCW. She confirmed there are no financial obligations and added by joining the LCW the city is not committing the city to anything other than participation. Pilcher moved to approve Resolution No. 1117-3 agreeing to participate in the Lower Cedar Watershed Management Authority but not committing to financial costs. Cook seconded and all voted aye.
- c. **Exotic Animal Request.** Amber Barnes of 30 Northaven Drive asked the Council to allow her to keep her three pit bull dogs along with her partner's two lab puppies. She commented when she moved into town she didn't see that pit bulls were not allowed. She noted all are kenneled during the day, they are all vaccinated, socialized and provided a letter from Cedar Run indicating they have not had any issues with the dogs. She noted two of the dogs are puppies, the other one is her 8 ½ year old. She noted these are indoor dogs; they have a fenced yard and are being trained. She noted her partner has three children 6, 8, and 10 years old who get along great with the dogs. Mayor Hinz noted he would like to take some time to review the request and come up with a good decision. Cook moved to table this issue, Norton seconded and all voted aye.
- d. **North Center Point Road Driveways.** Pickart advised the council that with the resurfacing of North Center Point Road comes the need to replace the entryways to Clearwater Lane and the Church of Christ. She noted the county is doing Robins' share of the roadway via a 28E Agreement, but the county does not replace the city right-of-way adding that is paid by the property owner. Pickart noted if the city were doing the project, we would automatically repair the right-of-way to the preconstruction status. Overbeck moved to pay the costs to have both entryways replaced, Pilcher seconded and all voted aye.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. **South Mentzer Sidewalk Extension.** Mayor Hinz noted the Council asked engineering to design the S. Mentzer Road Sidewalk Extension from Freeseway Drive to Emery Place, which they have done. Before the project was designed, it was thought there

would be the need for a retaining wall which added expense to the project. After surveying and designing the project it was determined a retaining wall would not be required, reducing the estimated cost of the project to under the \$47,000 threshold relating to the competitive bid process. He noted with the end of the construction coming very soon and the desire to get the sidewalk completed, the idea came up to ask the contractor of the East Main Street Project if they may be interested in providing a quotation for the project, which they were. Sevcik moved to approve the quotation received from Bill Whitters Construction in the amount of \$36,014.08 to extend the sidewalk from Freeseway Drive to the existing Emery Place sidewalk, Cook seconded there was no discussion and all voted aye.

Sevcik moved to adjourn at 8:16 p.m., Pilcher seconded and all voted aye.

Chuck Hinz, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lori Pickart, City Clerk/Treasurer