



ROBINS CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE MAY 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2017 MEETING

Mayor Hinz called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Robins City Hall on Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017. After the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, roll call was taken with Councilors Roger Overbeck, Dick Pilcher, Don Norton and Brad Sevcik present along with Attorney Don Hoskins, Planning and Zoning Administrator Dean Helander, Public Works Superintendent Vince Bading, Officer Gary Manhart and City Clerk/Treasurer Lori Pickart. Absent was Councilor Marilyn Cook. There were no citizens present.

Norton moved to approve the agenda, Pilcher seconded and all voted aye. Mayor Hinz voiced his concerns as a citizen relating to the new fireworks law signed by the Governor. He noted the new legislation talks about the sale of fireworks and shooting dates and hours. He noted the city's legal staff is looking at the bill and will be providing information for the June 5<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting along with a possible action item. He provided several newspaper clippings from the Cedar Rapids Gazette for the Council to review to be prepared for the June 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

AGENDA ITEMS

- a. **Minutes.** Pilcher moved to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2017 Council meeting, Sevcik seconded and all voted aye.
- b. **Ordinance No. 1701,** an Ordinance approving proposed changes to Chapter 165, the Robins Zoning Ordinance and Chapter 166, the Robins Sub-division Ordinance. Helander noted there were no changes or additions since the last reading. Sevcik moved to approve the third and final reading of said Ordinance, Norton seconded. On the vote, all voted aye.
- c. **Ordinance No. 1704,** an Ordinance updating the 2013 Comprehensive Plan by adding Mixed Use as a Land Use Designation and amending Chapter 165 of the Municipal Code by establishing a Planned Unit Development (PUD) Zoning District. Helander confirmed there were no changes or additions since the second reading. Overbeck moved to approve the third and final reading of said Ordinance, Pilcher seconded. On the vote, all voted aye.
- d. **Emerald Court Discussion.** Mayor Hinz noted Craig Sheppard who owns the property of 1610 Emerald Court voiced his concerns at the last meeting relating to the continual running of his sump pump. Mr. Shepard feels water from the pond located at 1020 Vogt Street is draining onto his property causing the water problem. Mayor Hinz noted the city has received complaints from the neighbors as Mr. Shepard's sump pump drains into the street on the curb and has created a mossy/smelly mess. He noted Public

Works Supervisor Bading recommends installing a French drain to get the water to the storm water system which flows to the detention basin in the development. After discussion by the Council, Mayor Hinz recommended the Council direct public works to do an examination of possible solutions to this, take a look at the other houses in this cul-de-sac and what they are doing with their discharge sump pump water and where it is going and what the possibilities are to solve the problem and bring that information back to the Council so a decision can be made.

- e. **S. Mentzer Sidewalk Extension.** Pickart noted there have been several requests to extend the South Mentzer Sidewalk from Freesway Drive where it currently ends, south to the entrance to Emery Place Assisted Living. She noted the cost estimate provided in the packets included costs to extend the sidewalk from Freesway drive to the southerly city limits, adding with the construction of Emery Place, the distance has been reduced. Overbeck voiced his concerns relating to the need for a retaining wall, adding there should be plenty of room to construct the sidewalk without a retaining wall. He then moved to have Snyder and Associates look for alternative ways and grades and give updated costs with the actual distance, Norton seconded, on the vote, all voted aye.

Sevcik moved to adjourn at 5:31, Overbeck seconded and all voted aye.

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Chuck Hinz, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lori Pickart, City Clerk/Treasurer