



## ROBINS CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE JUNE 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2017 MEETING

Mayor Hinz called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Robins City Hall. After the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, roll call was taken with Council Members Dick Pilcher, Brad Sevcik, Don Norton, Marilyn Cook and Roger Overbeck present along with Planning and Zoning Administrator Dean Helander, Attorney Don Hoskins, Building Official Vince Bading, City Clerk/Treasurer Lori Pickart and 6 guests.

Mayor Hinz asked that item 7G relating to the drainage on Emerald Court be removed from the agenda. Pickart asked that Resolution No. 0716-5, a Resolution relating to "no parking" on Burd Lane be added to the agenda in its place. Norton moved to approve the agenda as amended, Cook seconded and all voted aye.

### CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments relating to agenda items. With Non-Agenda items, Mark Wood, 530 Woodland Drive noted there needs to be a service walk and street lights, (117 lineal feet) installed on Frenress Drive. Marilyn Cook, 400 Grand Court asked if the city should be concerned relating to the bicyclists using Main Street and if there are liability issues should one of them get hurt. Attorney Hoskins noted the bikers are supposed to follow traffic regulations, adding it is a matter of judgement for the officers.

### BUSINESS ITEMS

- a. **Minutes.** Pilcher moved to approve the minutes of the June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017 meeting as amended, Sevcik seconded. On the vote, all voted aye.
- b. **Recycling Incentive.** Mayor Hinz noted the 2-year agreement addresses solid waste and recycling. He noted Rudd mentioned they are taking recycling to another location in Marion, so perhaps next year the recycling charges will be reduced. Norton feels the city should give the incentive of \$7,822 to Rudd to keep the costs to the residents down. Overbeck moved to give the recycling incentive check to Rudd for this fiscal year, Pilcher seconded and all voted aye.
- c. **Fireworks Regulations.** Attorney Hoskins noted Ordinance No. 1706 amends the city's fireworks regulations stating Robins will follow the state code. Cook moved to pass Ordinance No. 1706 on its first reading, Sevcik seconded. On the vote, all voted aye. Sevcik then moved to suspend the rules and finally adopt Ordinance No. 1706 on its third reading, Overbeck seconded, and all voted aye.
- d. **Woods Edge.** Pickart noted this item was tabled at the June 5<sup>th</sup> meeting due to the final walk through not being completed. It was noted the walk through was completed June 8<sup>th</sup> with a punch list created. According to the City Engineer, the punch list items have not yet been completed and recommend the council not accept the improvements and streets. Mark Wood noted the final grade won't be completed until the electricity is installed in the development. Mr. Wood noted the dirt from the detention basin is going to be hauled to a project in Alburnett which has not yet started. It was explained Mr. Wood wants to put two homes (duplex) on one lot, which will negate the side yard setback regulations. It was also noted the lot has yet to be split. Sevcik moved to table items d, e, and f, until the July 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting, but to issue the two permits for the proposed duplex, Overbeck seconded. On the vote, all voted aye.

- e. Final Plat-Woods Edge First Addition. Tabled until July 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- f. Plat of Survey # 2176. Tabled until July 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- g. No Parking Resolution. Don Burd of Otter Creek Country Stores has requested “No Parking” signs be placed on both sides of Burd Lane as commuters are parking on the street which blocks the trucks from accessing the store. Overbeck moved to approve Resolution No. 0716-5 directing the installation of “No Parking” signs on both sides of Burd Lane, Norton seconded and all voted aye.
- h. South Mentzer Sidewalk. The Council discussed the new estimate of \$90,437 received from Engineer Scott to construct the South Mentzer Sidewalk from Freeseway Drive to the Emery Place Assisted Living facility. Pickart noted this has not been designed and this is just an estimate of constructing the sidewalk without the retaining wall. Pickart noted an easement will need to be acquired from Don Sherman. Cook noted the city should wait for the Main Street project to be completed before working on the sidewalk along South Mentzer. Pilcher moved to approve Resolution No. 0617-10, a resolution of necessity for the sidewalk extension, but to have section 2 state only the design of the project, not the construction. Cook seconded the motion. On the vote, all voted aye.
- i. FY 18 Wages. Mayor Hinz noted he has checked with the surrounding cities relating to increases, noting Cedar Rapids is providing a 2.75% increase, Hiawatha 2%, Marion 2.9% and Linn County 2.5%. He also provided historical data noting some years the city awarded 2.5% and 3% other years. Pickart noted the resolution shows an increase of 5% which was approved in the FY 18 budget. Norton noted he will not support anything over 2.5%. Pilcher noted he feels the city has quality employees and should send the employees the message. Cook asked what the status of the Building Official becoming certified in the new Electrical Code requirements is. Mayor Hinz noted he is scheduled to take the test June 30<sup>th</sup>. Cook noted she recommends holding any increase until he passes the test. She added she would support the Marion increase of 2.9%. Pilcher moved to increase wages 3%, there was no second. Overbeck moved to set the increase at 2.75% and withhold the increase of the building official until he passes the test, Cook seconded. On the vote, Norton and Pilcher voted any, Cook, Overbeck, and Sevcik moved aye.

Sevcik moved to adjourn at 6:26 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