



Robins City Council Minutes of the July 5th, 2017 Meeting

Mayor Hinz called the meeting to order at 7:00 in the Robins City Hall on Wednesday, July 5th, 2017. After the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, roll call was taken with City Councilors Marilyn Cook, Don Norton, Brad Sevcik, Dick Pilcher and Roger Overbeck present, along with Mayor Chuck Hinz, Attorneys Don Hoskins and Ryan Tang, Planning and Zoning Administrator Dean Helander, City Clerk/Treasurer Lori Pickart and around 10 guests present.

Attorney Hoskins introduced Attorney Ryan Tang to the Council, explaining Mr. Hoskins is retiring. He noted he has enjoyed working with the City adding it has been a lot of fun.

Mayor Hinz noted he would like to table items a, b, and c under Old Business as they are not ready to approve yet. Sevcik moved to approve the agenda as amended, Overbeck seconded and all voted aye.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mayor Hinz noted the reconstruction of Main Street is moving along, adding they are on schedule and Phase 1, the installation of the storm sewer being completed. He noted they will now begin the paving process.
- Parks Coordinator Don Norton noted the Roundup Festival was well received and added the parks are being well used this summer.
- Streets Coordinator Brad Sevcik agreed with Mayor Hinz relating to Main Street Reconstruction. He noted residents need to be reminded about trimming trees in the street right-of-way.
- Safety Coordinator Dick Pilcher noted the Police Department is working through some transitional issues but all is going well. He reported the Fire Department has recruited two new members recently.
- Public Works Coordinator Roger Overbeck noted there has not been much progress on Emerald Court. He added the sewer rate will be increasing in September. He noted there has been work done relating to sewer infiltration in the past month.
- Finance Coordinator Marilyn Cook reported the city has more funds in its accounts than originally anticipated at the year-end FY 17 and is in good shape going into FY 18.
- There were no additions to the written Engineers Report.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no comments relating to agenda items. Under non-agenda items,

- Marlene Mentzer, 380 Mary Jo Avenue commented she feels it is not fair to bill every household the same amount for the sewer billing as she lives alone and certainly doesn't use the same as a family of 10. She asked the council to look for alternative ways to bill for usage.

- John Gabney, 365 Landau Street asked the council where the commercial growth is slated in the city. Mayor Hinz noted in Robins Square, along Tower Terrace, along North Center Point Road and along County Home Road, including the I-380 intersection.
- Bailey Utterback, 795 Eastview Drive asked the Council to please outlaw the commercial grade fireworks within the city limits of Robins. She explained her husband is an army veteran and suffers from PTSD. She noted on July 4th, there were people across the street in the church parking lot shooting fireworks well after 11:00, adding there was no Robin's Officer on duty. She noted the Linn County Sheriff's department sent an officer out around 11:45 adding it was quiet at that time. She added her husband's outbursts are not fun to deal with. Mayor Hinz noted he feels the metro area will probably be looking into the regulations in the future as several complaints in Cedar Rapids have also been made.

CONSENT AGENDA

Pilcher moved to approve the consent agenda, Sevcik seconded. Items approved were the Minutes of the June 19th, 2017 meeting; the Financial Report; the List of Bills Submitted; and Resolution No. 0717-1 approving Pay Request #2 to BWC in the amount of \$151,087.25 for work done on the Main Street Reconstruction. On the vote, all voted aye.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Ordinance No. 1707.** Mayor Hinz explained the need for this Ordinance, noting this allows private property owners to have non-desired vehicles towed from their properties. He added this Ordinance removes all liability to the city should there be damages while towing the vehicle. Attorney Tang noted this applies mainly to commercial businesses open to the public as if it is a personal property residence, the violator would be charged with criminal trespassing. After questions raised by the council, they agreed to table this until the next meeting to have Attorney Tang look at the ordinance and advise the council.

OLD BUSINESS

a., b., c., All items were removed from the agenda.

The council adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Chuck Hinz, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lori Pickart, City Clerk/Treasurer