



ROBINS CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 19TH, 2016 MEETING

Mayor Hinz called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Robins City Hall on Monday, September 19th, 2016. After the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, roll call was taken with Councilors Brad Sevcik, Dick Pilcher, Roger Overbeck, Don Norton, and Marilyn Cook present, along with Attorney Don Hoskins, Planning and Zoning Administrator Dean Helander, Building Official Vince Bading, Officer Mike Haeder, City Clerk/Treasurer Lori Pickart and one guest.

Pilcher asked to have discussion relating to purchasing a new police car added to the agenda. Norton moved to approve the agenda as amended, Sevcik seconded and all voted aye.

There were no Citizen Comments relating to agenda items. Ian Cullis spoke during Non-Agenda Citizen Comments stating he was there to see what was going on.

- **Minutes.** Sevcik moved to approve the minutes of the September 7th, 2016 meeting, Overbeck seconded and all voted aye.
- **Linn County Minimum Wage Ordinance.** Mayor Hinz noted he would like the Council to discuss the Linn County Minimum Wage Ordinance, but not necessarily take any action at tonight's meeting. He noted next Monday is the Linn County Mayor's meeting adding he would like to hear the comments from the other Linn County Mayors. Attorney Hoskins noted the city has three options. 1) Do nothing; 2) pass an ordinance to stay with the State Code; or 3) pass an ordinance to set our own minimum wage. He noted he recommends the city do option 1) as Robins would have the least chance of being sued. Overbeck asked if any Robin's businesses were paying minimum wage. Pickart noted she called several of the businesses with the lowest wage of \$8.00. The Council discussed items such as who would enforce the ordinance if we created one; adding this is really a civil matter between the employer and the employee. Attorney Hoskins noted if the city went with the county ordinance, the County Attorney's office would handle any lawsuits. Officer Haeder who runs a business in Marion noted the people he has talked with do not have concerns until it reaches the \$10 amount. Norton noted he is against any change and said the state should address this issue. The Council agreed to wait until after the Mayor's meeting when they will know what the other Linn County cities are going to do.
- **New Police Car.** Officer Mike Haeder provided the Council with an estimate of the desired police vehicle which is a 2017 Ford Explorer totaling \$44,683 which includes everything. He advised the Council none of the equipment from the 2006 car will be transferable to the new vehicle. He noted with state bids, there are no trade-ins. Mayor Hinz noted we could put this item on the next agenda to discuss how to cover the shortage of \$8K.
- **Board of Adjustment Appointment.** Mayor Hinz noted Dustin Arnold approached him about filling the vacancy on the Board of Adjustment once John Lane retires in November. The

Council reviewed the documentation received from Mr. Arnold. Pilcher moved to Dustin Arnold to the Board of Adjustment term which ends on 2-2-2020, Cook seconded and all voted aye.

- **Goal Setting Review.** *The Council reviewed the On-going Commitments/Priorities; the New Priority Projects, Programs, Policies and Initiatives; and the Organizational Effectiveness as set in the November 2015 goal setting report.*

Sevcik moved to adjourn at 6:48 p.m., Norton seconded and all voted aye.

Chuck Hinz, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lori Pickart, City Clerk/Treasurer