



ROBINS CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 7TH, 2016 MEETING

Mayor Hinz called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Robins City Hall on Wednesday, September 7th, 2016. After the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, roll call was taken with Councilors Marilyn Cook, Don Norton, Roger Overbeck, Dick Pilcher and Brad Sevcik present, along with Attorney Don Hoskins, Building Official Vince Bading, City Clerk/Treasurer Lori Pickart and one guest present.

Norton moved to approve the agenda with the inclusion of the additional list of bills submitted, Sevcik seconded and all voted aye.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- ◇ Mayor Hinz read the Proclamation proclaiming September 9th, 2016 as the “11th Annual Five Seasons Stand Down Day”. He also commended Pilcher and Sevcik for their participation on the library sub-committee. He noted the committee is currently gathering information and will be putting together a report to share with the Council and the Robins citizens. Sevcik thanked Deputy Clerk Liz Schura for her hard work in gathering the data and organizing the meetings.
- ◇ Streets Coordinator Brad Sevcik deferred to Bading who reported North Troy Road has been asphalted. He also noted several spots around town have been mud jacked.
- ◇ Safety Coordinator Dick Pilcher commended the fire department for their hard work and long day with the recent house fire. Officer Haeder noted the fire is still under investigation.
- ◇ Public Works Coordinator Roger Overbeck reported the Cypress Court/Brougham Road drainage tube has been installed, the sidewalk is taken care of and the sodding and seeding should be taken care of yet this week.
- ◇ Parks Coordinator Don Norton noted he attended the Linn County Mayor’s Bike Ride where there were 365 riders. He noted the trail and bridge project at the South Troy park is pretty much done, adding he has concerns that cars could possibly drive on the trail and the bridge, adding we need put up something to deter that practice.
- ◇ Finance Coordinator Marilyn Cook noted a resolution setting a hearing date to amend the budget is on tonight’s agenda along with starting the proceedings for the bond sale to pay for Main Street Reconstruction and the Indian Creek Sewer Upgrade.
- ◇ The City Engineer was not present.

CONSENT AGENDA

Sevcik moved to approve the Consent Agenda, Cook seconded. There was no discussion and all voted aye. Items approved were the Minutes of the August 1st meeting; the Financial Report; the List of Bills Submitted and added to; Resolution No. 0916-1, setting a public hearing date to amend the FY 17 budget; and Resolution No. 0916-3, approving Pay Request #7 in the amount of \$173,875.15 to Petersen Contractors for work done on the S. Troy Park Trail.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- a. **2016 Street Finance Report.** Pickart reviewed the report with the Council. Pilcher moved to approve Resolution No. 0916-2, approving the FY 16 Street Finance Report, Sevcik seconded. On the vote, all voted aye.
- b. **Linn County Minimum Wage Ordinance.** Mayor Hinz explained the Ordinance to the Council, noting it has passed its First Reading with the second and third readings to follow. He noted the ordinance proposes a \$1 increase per hour to the current \$7.25/hour for the next three years bringing it up to \$10.25 per hour in 2019. Mayor Hinz explained the “Exemptions”. Attorney Hoskins noted the Council could create their own Ordinance, but would be responsible for enforcing it, and recommended the City Council do nothing relating to the Linn County Minimum Wage Ordinance. Attorney Hoskins also provided Section 331.301 from the Iowa Code relating to Powers and Duties of a County.
- c. **Urban Renewal Plan Amendment.** Pickart noted if the City wants to use TIF to pay back the bonds for the upcoming reconstruction of Main Street, the city must update their Urban Renewal Plan. She noted Resolution No. 0916-4, sets October 3rd at 7:00 as the date and time for the public hearing to hear comments and concerns on the urban renewal plan amendment. Overbeck moved to approve Resolution No. 0916-4, Cook seconded and all voted aye.
- d. **2017 Bond Sale.** Pickart noted the City is planning selling \$3,100,000 bonds for the upcoming Main Street Reconstruction along with refunding the 2009 Bond which has interest rates in the 4% area, adding the anticipated savings is around \$35,000, which brings the total bond sale to \$3,925,000. She noted Resolution No. 0916-5 will set a public hearing date of October 3rd at 7:00 p.m. to hear comments and concerns relating to the bond sale. Norton moved to approve Resolution No. 0916-5, Pilcher seconded and all voted aye.
- e. **Tower Terrace Interchange.** Mayor Hinz reported officials from the cities of Robins, Hiawatha, Marion and Cedar Rapids, along with Linn County and the Corridor MPO met in April with a goal to get the Tower Terrace interchange on the 5-year plan of the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT). He noted around 18 months ago, Hiawatha received state funding to redesign/rebuild the Boyson Road interchange, which is a major undertaking as I-380 needs additional lanes in the area. Mayor Hinz noted Paul Trombino who is a department head of the IDOT came to a meeting with the 4 cities and County, the Corridor MPO, local IDOT Engineers, Senator Liz Mathis, and all agreed there is a need to get the interchange built. He noted Mr. Trombino somewhat indicated the state may be more interested in funding the project if the 4 cities and county would get financially involved. He noted the cities and county should propose a plan and bring it to the IDOT meeting in Dubuque on October 11th. He suggested the project may be added to the IDOT 5-year plan and possibly bumped up to earlier years if they like the plan. Mayor Hinz noted the MPO group has decided to propose funding 25 % of the \$20M project, or \$5M, he added \$4M of that would come from the MPO with the other million coming from the 4 cities and Linn County, or \$200,000 each. He noted the earliest construction could occur would be the fall of 2021. He noted the City of Hiawatha has drafted a letter to the IDOT and asked the council to show their support for the Tower Terrace Interchange. Pilcher moved to approve Resolution No. 0916-6, approving a letter of request for joint metro and county funding for the I-380 Interchange Project, Cook seconded. On the vote, all voted aye.

Pilcher moved to adjourn the meeting to closed session at 8:21 p.m. Sevcik seconded. Attorney Hoskins asked that before the council voted, they let him give them his opinion that he has

reviewed the subject matter of the closed session and it is appropriate under state law. All voted aye. Sevcik moved to reconvene to open session at 8:36 p.m. Pilcher seconded and all voted aye. Norton moved to purchase the Church of the Brethren for \$75K and to direct Attorney Hoskins to prepare the necessary documents, Sevcik seconded and all voted aye.

Sevcik moved to adjourn at 8:37 p.m., Pilcher seconded and all voted aye.

Chuck Hinz, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lori Pickart, City Clerk/Treasurer