



ROBINS CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MAY 3RD, 2021 MEETING

Mayor Hinz called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, May 3rd, 2021 in the Robins City Hall. After the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, Roll call was taken with Councilors Marilyn Cook, Roger Overbeck, Dick Pilcher and Don Norton in attendance along with Police Captain Gary Manhart, Engineer Kelli Scott; Attorney Ryan Tang, Planning and Zoning Administrator Dean Helander, Building Official/Public Work Superintendent Mike Kortenkamp, and City Clerk/Treasurer Lori Pickart. Absent was Councilor Brad Sevcik.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- ✓ Mayor Hinz noted a subcommittee was formed relating to updating the Robins Future Land Use Map (FLUM) who currently looking at the land to the North of Tower Terrace, adding there have been conversations of a technology park, industrial park, several commercial zonings, along with several residential zonings. He noted he attended a meeting with State Representative Ashley Hanson, adding each representative can earmark up to 10 projects per year to focus on. He was happy to report Hinson chose to earmark the Tower Terrace development in the metro area.
- ✓ Parks Coordinator Don Norton noted the parks are being heavily used. He noted the Robins Civic Club has been working on the Roundup Festival noting the club will be meeting on Tuesday, May 11th and noted the club is always looking for volunteers.
- ✓ Public Works Coordinator Roger Overbeck noted Kortenkamp has been looking at several drainage problems around town, adding several items were mentioned in the Engineers Report.
- ✓ Public Safety Coordinator Dick Pilcher noted the Fire Department report was provided to the Council. He added the Police Department has been working on upgrading the body cameras. Attorney Tang noted he received a call from Emergency Services relating to a person threatening suicide and had concerns as to who can do what. Mr. Tang noted the city needs to draft and create some sort of policy relating to this.
- ✓ Finance Coordinator Marilyn Cook noted the budget looks to be in very good shape and does not expect another amendment this fiscal year.
- ✓ Engineer Kelli Scott had no additions to the Engineers Report.
- ✓ REDI Representative Dean Helander noted in 2014 the Board delayed the appointment of an Economic Development Director as the demands were not there. He added the Board feels now is the time with the development of the Tower Terrace Extension and with property now available for sale along with the desire to develop in the area. He noted there is also land available along North Center Point Road and the possibility along County Home Road. He noted in June the REDI Board of Directors appointed Greg Neumeyer to be the REDI Economic Development Director on a ¼ time basis. He noted Greg has exceptional networking and communication skills and will be a great fit for the position.

There were no Citizen Comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

Pilcher moved to approve the Consent Agenda which contained the Minutes of the April 21st, 2021 meeting; the Financial Report; and the List of Bills Submitted. Overbeck seconded the motion and all voted aye.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. North Mentzer Road Discussion. Mayor Hinz noted the owners of Epic Event Center asked the County Engineer for turn lanes at their entrance as they have seen several near misses. The engineer provided the owners a cost estimate of around \$165K, which was more expensive than the owners could afford and asked if the city could help out. After reviewing the request, investigating the area, and reviewing the city's strategic growth reports, the extension of North Mentzer Road seemed to be a better option to access the Epic Event property safely. The County Engineer estimated a deceleration lane could be amended into the scope of the County Home Road upgrade currently under construction and provided an estimate of around \$75K. The owners mulled the idea over and agreed to participate in the extension of the North Mentzer Road if the city could pay for the deceleration lane this year. Norton moved to approve the \$75,000 to construct the deceleration road this construction season, Cook seconded and all voted aye.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Pilcher moved place and approve the Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2102 relating to Chapter 160, Flood Plain Ordinance. Overbeck seconded the motion and all voted aye.

Overbeck moved to adjourn at 8:07 p.m., Pilcher seconded and all voted aye.

Chuck Hinz, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lori Pickart, City Clerk/Treasurer