



## Minutes of the September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 City Council Meeting

The regular meeting of the Robins City Council was called to order at 7:00p.m. on Monday, September 9, 2024 at Robins City Hall, 265 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> St by Mayor Chuck Hinz. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was taken with the following members present: Councilor Leigh Cook, Councilor Mike Foley, Councilor Dave Franzman, Councilor Cary Smith and Councilor JD Smith. Also present were Deputy City Clerk Lisa Goodin, City Attorney Doug Herman, Planning & Zoning Administrator Dean Helander, Police Chief Andy Humphrey, Police Captain Gary Manhart and Public Works Superintendent/Building Official Mike Kortenkamp.

J. Smith moved to approve the agenda, Franzman seconded and all voted aye.

### MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Hinz reported that one Robins Farmers Market remains, on September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024, and that the market, in it's second year, will be discussed and evaluated looking ahead to the 2025 season.

### COUNCIL REPORTS:

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Foley reported that the Fire Department had fewer calls in August, compared with the prior month. The Police Department was busier in August, with 191 officer contacts, of which 71 were traffic stops, resulting in the issuance of 53 warnings and 19 citations. Additionally, the department has been focusing on tinted automobile window violations, issuing a warning at first contact and a citation upon further contacts. Foley further reported that in the coming months, due to a combination of promotions and retirements, several officers will be leaving the department. Foley, Chief Humphrey and Captain Manhart will work to schedule out the need and report at the next City Council meeting.

**STREETS:** C. Smith reported that shoulder repairs on N. Center Point Rd. are complete. Upon approval of resolution of Resolution 0924-4, the City will purchase a flail mower to maintain roadside ditches. This mower is anticipated to pay for itself within 2 years. Additionally, Terracon will be obtaining core samples of W. Main St. and N. Center Point Rd, in preparation for the submittal of quotations to overlay these roadways.

**FINANCE:** Cook reported that the budget looks good and on track, two months into the new fiscal year.

**PARKS:** Franzman reported the need of a couple Ash trees have succumbed to the Emerald Ash Borer and will need to be removed.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** J. Smith reported the City is prepared to make its final payment to Rathje for the SE Trunk Sanitary Sewer project, adding that a retainage will be kept for two years.

### CITIZENS' COMMENTS – Non-Agenda Items:

Todd Roberts, 420 Michelle Ave., Robins – Mr. Roberts expressed frustration with the condition of his rear yard following the completion of the SE Trunk Sanitary Sewer project, stating that despite considerable expense and effort on his part, the area remains weedy and grass is difficult to grow.

Lea Benson, 450 Michelle Ave., Robins – Ms Benson echoed Mr. Roberts frustration, reporting that the installed permeable pavers do not allow enough grass to grow, her tree is dying slowly as a result of the work, that city employees are mowing adjacent areas too short and that the disturbed areas are growing weeds, not grass.

Kortenkamp responded that Linn C-op has been contacted to spray for weeds. Mayor Hinz responded to residents with his intent for Kortenkamp and himself to speak with Snyder & Associates regarding a remedy to this issue.

### CONSENT AGENDA:

J. Smith moved to approve the Consent Agenda, which contained the Minutes of the August 19th meeting and the List of Bills Submitted. Cook seconded and all voted aye.

### OLD BUSINESS:

**Resolution No. 0924-1**, Approving Reserve Officer Salary and Quarterly Stipend. Attorney Herman recommended additional language to clarify "in good standing at the end of the quarter." Foley moved to

approve Resolution as amended, Franzman seconded. Roll call votes were as follows: Foley – aye, C. Smith – aye, Cook – aye, Franzman – aye, J. Smith – aye.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Resolution No. 0924-2**, Pay Request #9 and Change Order #8 to Rathje Construction for the SE Trunk Sanitary Sewer Improvements from S. Mentzer to Dry Creek. J. Smith moved to approve the Resolution as written, Foley seconded. Roll call votes were as follows: Cook – aye, C. Smith – aye, Foley – aye, J. Smith – aye, Franzman – aye
- b. **Resolution No. 0924-3** , Purchase of Additional Security Cameras for City Hall and Public Safety Building. Cook moved to approve the Resolution, J. Smith seconded. Roll call votes were as follows: C. Smith – aye, Foley – aye, J. Smith – aye, Franzman – aye, Cook – aye.
- c. **Resolution No. 0924-4**, Purchase of Boom-Mounted Flail Mower and Safety Glass for John Deere Tractor. J. Smith moved to approve the resolution, Cook seconded. Roll call votes were as follows: Foley – aye, J. Smith – aye, Franzman – aye, Cook – aye, C. Smith - aye
- d. **Resolution No. 0924-5**, Appointing Interim City Clerk. J. Smith moved to approve the resolution, Cook seconded. Roll call votes were as follows: Franzman – aye, Cook – aye, C. Smith – aye, Foley – aye, J. Smith – aye.

ADJOURN: C. Smith moved to adjourn at 7:32 p.m., Cook seconded and all voted aye.

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Chuck Hinz, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lisa Goodin, City Clerk/Treasurer