



ROBINS CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE JUNE 18th, 2018 MEETING

Mayor Hinz called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Robins City Hall on Monday, June 18th, 2018. After the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, roll call was taken with Councilors Marilyn Cook, Roger Overbeck, Don Norton, Brad Sevcik and Dick Pilcher present along with Mayor Chuck Hinz, Attorney Kara Bullerman, Building Official Vince Bading, City Clerk/Treasurer Lori Pickart and 6 guests.

After the removal of the Councilors report from the Agenda, Sevcik moved to approve as amended, Overbeck seconded and all voted aye.

CITIZEN COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS

- Jan Otto, 500 Woodland Drive voiced her concerns relating to fireworks and asked the Council to please consider prohibiting them from Robins. She noted last year she brought the shrapnel after the 4th of July to the City Council meeting. She added there was damage to her screens; they found things on their roof, in their lawn, on their hot tub and driveway, adding it should not be allowed where there are homes. She noted there are ample opportunities to see fireworks in the area.
- Jennifer Chatfield, 320 Phaeton Drive noted her and her husband have moved back to Iowa from Connecticut after 22 years to be closer to their parents. She noted her husband was in the Army for 8 years and suffers from PTSD. She noted in Connecticut limits fireworks to fountains and sparklers. She added she too has concerns relating to the safety of their home and asked the Council to please ban fireworks.

CITIZEN COMMENTS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- Don Norton, 460 Grand Court noted the Saturday events for the Robins Roundup was cancelled due to the rain. He noted there was a great turnout for the 5K on Friday night. He announced the Roundup has been rescheduled for July 7th, starting at 4:00 p.m. with the kid's carnival, music followed by fireworks at 9:45. He noted the parade was cancelled for this year along with the family bike ride. He added the Civic Club is always looking for help in a successful festival.

CONSENT AGENDA

Sevcik moved to approve the Consent Agenda which included the minutes of the June 4th meeting and the motion to supply the recycle check to Rudd Sanitation in the amount of \$7,822.00, Pilcher seconded and all voted aye.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Ordinance No. 1807 adopting by reference the International Building Code, 2018 Edition and the International Residential Code, 2018 Edition and Providing Penalties. Bading noted there have been no changes from the First Reading. Cook moved to approve the Second Reading of said Ordinance, Sevcik seconded and all voted aye. Overbeck moved to suspend the rules and to pass this Ordinance on its Third Reading, Cook seconded, all

voted aye. Norton moved to approve Ordinance No. 1807 on its Third Reading, Sevcik seconded and all voted aye.

- b. Ordinance No. 1808 adopting by reference the International Mechanical Code, 2018 Edition and providing penalties. Bading confirmed there were no changes from the First Reading. Sevcik moved to approve the Second Reading of said Ordinance, Pilcher seconded and all voted aye. Norton moved to suspend the rules and to pass this Ordinance on its Third Reading, Pilcher seconded, all voted aye. Overbeck moved to approve Ordinance No. 1808 on its Third Reading, Cook seconded and all voted aye.
- c. Ordinance No. 1809 relating to adoption by reference the International Plumbing Code, 2018 Edition and providing penalties. Bading confirmed there were no changes from the First Reading. Cook moved to approve the Second Reading of said Ordinance, Sevcik seconded and all voted aye. Overbeck moved to suspend the rules and to pass this Ordinance on its Third Reading, Cook seconded, all voted aye. Norton moved to approve Ordinance No. 1809 on its Third Reading, Sevcik seconded and all voted aye.
- d. Ordinance No. 1810, adopting by reference the International Property Maintenance Code, 2018 Edition and Providing Penalties. Bading confirmed there were no changes from the First Reading. Cook moved to approve the Second Reading of said Ordinance, Overbeck seconded and all voted aye. Sevcik moved to suspend the rules and to pass this Ordinance on its Third Reading, Norton seconded, all voted aye. Pilcher moved to approve Ordinance No. 1810 on its Third Reading, Sevcik seconded and all voted aye.
- e. Ordinance No. 1804 relating to Fireworks in the Robins City Limits. Mayor Hinz explained the “Consumer Fireworks” are the ones allowed by state code with last year’s legislation. “Display Fireworks” are the large ones seen at municipalities or festivals and require a permit from the city with proof of insurance proof the operator is competent to do such. He noted “Novelty Fireworks” are sparklers, snakes, etc. Mayor Hinz noted proposed Ordinance No. 1804 limits consumer fireworks to July 4th from noon until 11:00 p.m. and again on December 31st from 6:00 p.m. until 12:30 a.m. on January 1st. He noted these times correspond with Hiawatha and Marion which will be helpful for law enforcement. Sevcik asked if the city has additional exposure when providing a fireworks permit. Pickart noted the city gets a certificate of insurance naming us as additionally insured. Pilcher noted the definitions certainly clarify what types of fireworks are what; adding he feels the state code of allowing fireworks from June 1st through July 8th and December 10th through January 3rd is to long of a time frame. Norton thanked Jan and Jennifer for their comments relating to fireworks and noted he feels the city doesn’t have a problem with fireworks as only 25-30 complaints were received last year. He added he feels enforcement of the code is hard to do. Overbeck noted he feels the city is being pretty restrictive with just 11 hours on July 4th and 6 hours on New Year’s Eve. Pilcher moved to approve the First Reading of Ordinance No. 1804 by title only, Cook seconded. On the vote, all voted aye except Overbeck who voted nay.
- f. City Parking Lot. The Council reviewed the three options relating to creating a 11-12 spot city parking lot along Main Street. Mayor Hinz noted this would serve Dry Creek patrons, bicyclers who would park their car and ride to the Cedar Valley Nature Trail; and persons attending meetings around town. He proposed the costs of this be paid out of the Local Option Sales Tax fund. The Council reviewed the estimate of Miene Excavating who would prepare the area, install 6” of base and cap off with 4” of asphalt millings for \$6,965.00; a proposal from Kluesner Construction to place a double application of seal coat the area for an additional \$14,002.05; or a proposal from Kluesner

Construction to place 2-1/2" of asphalt on the area for an additional \$25,578.00. The Council discussed if 11-12 spots would be enough or should there be 22-24 spots; how the users would enter and exit and if it would be "one way", would it be angle parking or straight in parking. Overbeck noted it could serve Dry Creek, Steve's Heating & A/C, and Cook Fence as they are all in the general area. Overbeck noted the people also have the option of parallel parking along the city streets except near the Main Street Bridge. Overbeck asked if Kluesner could grade and install the base. Bading noted he was first advised to get an estimate to grade the area and place asphalt grindings on the lot, then the option of possible seal coating or asphaltting the area came about. Mayor Hinz noted he would work with Vince to get the optimum use of the area as the best cost and bring options back to the Council for review.

- g. Tile Replacement. Bading noted the tile located between Brougham Road and Coach Street has collapsed. Cook noted that tile is probably over 25 years old. Bading received two bids to replace the drain tile. The Council reviewed the bids received from Miene Septic Service and Ken-way Excavating. Norton moved to approve the bid of Miene Septic Service in the amount of \$6,990.00 to replace the drain tile, Sevcik seconded and all voted aye.
- h. Library Contract. Mayor Hinz noted there have been several meetings relating to this library agreement. He noted several months ago, the council agreed not to enter into a 5-year agreement but would entertain a 3-year agreement. The Mayor noted he and Sevcik met with the director of the Library Board and the President of the Library Board and agreed to the contract shown here. Mayor Hinz noted he is working with the director to change the verbiage relating to "parity" and replace it with "continuing discussions relating to funding formulas". Pilcher moved to approve the agreement with the changes indicated by the Mayor, Cook seconded. On the vote, all voted aye. Mayor Hinz noted the Library Board is looking for a representative from Robins to sit on the board.

There was no "New Business"

Overbeck moved to adjourn at 6:46 p.m., Sevcik seconded and all voted aye.

Chuck Hinz, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lori Pickart, City Clerk/Treasurer