



ROBINS CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE JULY 30th, 2018 MEETING

Mayor Hinz called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Robins City Hall on Monday, July 30, 2018. After the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, roll call was taken with Councilors Roger Overbeck, Don Norton, Marilyn Cook, Dick Pilcher and Brad Sevcik present along with Mayor Hinz, Attorney Ryan Tang, Engineer Dax Suntken, Fire Chief Brian Boots, Police Captain Gary Manhart, Building Official Vince Bading, City Clerk/Treasurer Lori Pickart and two guests.

Mayor Hinz asked that item 11 d be removed from the agenda as the information is not yet ready. Norton moved to approve the agenda as amended, Sevcik seconded and all voted aye.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mayor Hinz noted with the conflicts posed for the August 6th meeting this meeting was called to get the bills paid in a timely fashion and to get business taken care of before the August 13th meeting.
- Public Works Coordinator Roger Overbeck noted the Coach Street drainage tile has been repaired. He noted last month the city paid to install pressure reducing valves in the Cambridge Heights sub-division. He added on this month's bills is the cost to construct the vault to put the valves in. Mayor Hinz noted he approved the construction and installation of both as there was one brand new home that was flooded due to the high pressures. He noted the city bears no responsibility for this problem but felt the problem had to be fixed before more problems occurred. He noted he is in discussions with the Cedar Rapids Water Department as to who should bear the costs and responsibility.
- Parks Coordinator Don Norton noted the parks remain to be busy. He added the Bluegrass Festival was held last month and baseball tryouts are continuing at the South Troy Park.
- Finance Coordinator Marilyn Cook noted the cost for the relocation of the power lines along Main Street from overhead to underground has been received from Alliant Energy and is on the additional list of bills. She added the cost from the railroad is less than originally anticipated.
- Public Safety Coordinator Dick Pilcher noted he attended the Emergency Management Meeting adding the Robins Fire Department has completed the 2018 Hazardous Materials training. He noted he ran into Bethany Sarison from the City of Alburnett who thanked both Deputy Clerk Liz Schura and City Clerk Lori Pickart for assisting them while transitioning between City Clerks. He noted he was asked to enter the Mayor's putting contest at the Greater Cedar Rapids Open tournament and reported he won the event. He added the Police Department is working on hiring a new officer and interviews have been occurring.
- Streets Coordinator Brad Sevcik noted the detours are in place while the repairs along Main Street occur.
- Engineer Dax Suntken noted the contractor is working on punch list items for the Main Street Reconstruction project noting they are scheduled to be completed by August 10th.

There were no citizen comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

Sevcik moved to approve the Consent Agenda which contained the Minutes of the July 16th, 2018 meeting; the Financial Report; and the List of Bills submitted and added to. Pilcher seconded the motion and all voted aye.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. **B&J Farms**. City Clerk Pickart noted this is located north of Tuma Park in the County but within the 2 mile review area. She added the property owner is selling the homestead but keeping the rest of the farm. Sevcik moved to approve Resolution No. 0818-1, approving the plat of the B&J Farms, Overbeck seconded and all voted aye.
- b. **Municipal Parking Lot**. The council reviewed the bids received. Mayor Hinz noted this contains 16 spots along with 2 handicap spots which are van accessible. Cook moved to approve Resolution No. 0818-2 awarding the quotation for the construction of the Main Street Parking lot to Kluesner Construction in the amount of \$30,500.00. Norton seconded and all voted aye.
- c. **Emerald Court Drainage**. Mayor Hinz noted this has been a problem for the past 15 years and comes up periodically. He noted the problem stems from the property owner at 1610 Emerald Court who drains his sump pump discharge into the street creating a green slimy scum. He added this is completely legal per city code. Mayor Hinz noted he would like to have the contractor directionally bore under the driveways so we don't have to worry about cement colors etc. Overbeck noted he feels the city spent money with the Engineers to determine if the property owner could drain the water underground to the back of his property and feels the city has fulfilled their obligation. Mayor Hinz talked with the property owner who says that would be too expensive, adding he feels he shouldn't dump his water on the neighboring farm field. Mayor Hinz noted the property owner of 1611 Emerald Court is possibly draining his sump pump into the neighboring property owner's pond along Vogt Street adding both property owners are in agreement with that situation. He added if the sub drain is installed, a "t" will be installed so the affected property owners could connect their sump pumps to the sub-drain. Overbeck noted the city cannot force them to connect to the "t's" adding no one else is having issues with their sump pump lines. He noted the city is spending money to help one guy. He also asked why a French drain and not a solid drain? He added he doesn't feel the Mayor was firm enough with the property owner to participate in the cost. Pilcher asked if there is enough fall for the water to flow to the drop drain. Sevcik noted the neighboring property owners won't be happy when their yards get torn up to install the tile. Pilcher moved to table this item until answers relating to the fall of the area; whether there should a solid drain tube or a French drain type tile be used; and if 4" is sufficient or if it should be a 6" tile. Cook Seconded and all voted aye.

Sevcik moved to adjourn at 8:02 p.m., Overbeck seconded and all voted aye.

Chuck Hinz, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lori Pickart, City Clerk/Treasurer