



ROBINS CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE APRIL 4TH, 2022 MEETING

Mayor Hinz called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in Robins City Hall on Monday April 4th, 2022. After the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, roll call was taken with Councilors Dave Franzman, JD Smith, Marilyn Cook, Dick Pilcher and Roger Overbeck present along with Fire Chief Keith Feldkamp, Police Captain Gary Manhart, Planning and Zoning Administrator Dean Helander, Building Official/Public Works Superintendent Mike Kortenkamp, City Clerk/Treasurer Lori Pickart and two guests. Franzman moved to approve the Agenda, Smith seconded and all voted aye.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- * Mayor Hinz noted he and others are working on the \$23 - \$24M RAISE grant submittal which is due in mid-April for construction to Tower Terrace Road. He also reported Representative Ashley Hinson has secured \$5M from the state for the Tower Terrace construction. He added this will be a busy summer with sub-divisions being developed along with the Tower Terrace interchange work and the round-a-bout at North Center Point Road. He noted that intersection is due to close the week of April 18th and reopen later in the fall.
- * Streets Coordinator JD Smith noted the traffic problem on East Main Street by the Westfield Elementary has been resolved.
- * Parks Coordinator Dave Franzman noted water to the parks has been turned on but the restrooms will not be opened until the weather warms up a little bit. He noted he and others will be working with ITC relating to a future trail connection and park development.
- * Public Works Coordinator Roger Overbeck noted the start of the SE Trunk sewer project is going to begin soon.
- * Public Safety Coordinator Dick Pilcher reported the missing person thought to be in Robins has been located. He commended the police and fire department for their working together on this case. He also noted Steve Konek has retired from Linn County Emergency Management and added BJ Dvorak has been named as his replacement.
- * Finance Coordinator Marilyn Cook noted the city is in the final 2 months of the fiscal year and hopes a budget amendment will not be necessary.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no comments relating to Agenda items. Under Non-Agenda items, Luke Gaffney, 365 Landau Street and a senior at Linn-Mar High School has been nominated to partake in the annual East-West Shrine Bowl. He noted he is very happy to receive this nomination adding this is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. He noted he is on a fund raising mission to provide funding for the advanced care of children with orthopedic conditions. He noted this is the 50th year for the program.

CONSENT AGENDA

Pilcher moved to approve the Consent Agenda which included the Minutes of the March 10th, 2022 meeting; the Financial Report; and the List of Bills. Smith seconded the motion and all voted aye.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. REDI Coordinator Greg Neumeyer explained the need for a more marketable and manageable webpage. He noted four RFP's were sent out with three responses being received. He added after reviewing the three responses, he recommends Metro

Studios. Pilcher moved to move forward with Metro Studios, Franzman seconded and all voted aye.

- b. Mayor Hinz noted the Cedar Rapids Rotary contacted Greg Neumeyer and asked if Robins officials could attend their next meeting to talk about Robins. He noted he and Greg created a slide presentation and met with the Rotary who had 80-90 persons in attendance and had a good reception from the Rotary.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Mayor Hinz noted with the resignation of Attorney Ryan Tang, who has taken a position with the State of Iowa; the City needs to find representation. He noted over the past 2-3 years the city has had some interaction with Lynch-Dallas, adding they know municipal law and represent several other cities in the area. He noted even though they represent REDI, they have a large staff and feels it would not be a conflict of interest if it ever became an issue. He asked the Council if they had any other firms in mind. Cook noted there are not a lot around that know municipal law. Mayor Hinz proposed to have Lynch-Dallas submit a proposal along with costs for the Council to review. The council agreed with the proposal. Pilcher noted he was very impressed with Lynch-Dallas with their response time and knowledge of municipal law.

Overbeck moved to adjourn at 7:55 p.m., Smith seconded and all voted aye.

Chuck Hinz, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lori Pickart, City Clerk/Treasurer