



ROBINS CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MARCH 6, 2023 MEETING

Mayor Hinz called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in Robins City Hall on Monday, March 6, 2023. After the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag roll call was taken with Marilyn Cook, Dick Pilcher, Roger Overbeck, JD Smith and Dave Franzman in attendance along with Electrical Inspector/Public Works Superintendent Mike Kortenkamp, Police Chief Andy Humphrey, Attorney Holly Corkery, Fire Chief Keith Feldkamp, Assistant Chief Neal Boeckmann, Deputy Clerk Lisa Goodin, City Clerk/Treasurer Lori Pickart and around 25 guests. Franzman moved to approve the Agenda, Smith seconded; all voted aye.

COUNCIL REPORTS

- ~ Mayor Hinz noted winter continues.
- ~ Finance Coordinator Marilyn Cook there are 3 months remaining in FY23 adding the budget tracking looks good.
- ~ Safety Coordinator Dick Pilcher noted he likes the "profile of the Fire Department members" in the newsletter.
- ~ Public Works Coordinator Roger Overbeck noted the detention basins have been working well.
- ~ Parks Coordinator Dave Franzman noted the parks will be opening April 1st weather permitting. He added he has six members for the park development committee.
- ~ Streets Coordinator JD Smith noted he has been out of town for the past month, however Mike Kortenkamp has been obtaining bids for the street repairs.
- ~ Engineer Patrick Williams had no addition to the Engineer's Report. Overbeck asked him why the Indian Creek Trunk Sewer project went up 10.3% but the Robins share went up 29%. Patrick said he would talk with Dax and Kelly to find the answer.

Peter Teahen, Robins Resident and Robins Fire Fighter provided information to the City Council relating to his around the world "Flight to End Polio". Mr. Teahen along with co-pilot John Ockenfels are members of the Fellowship of Flying Rotarians and are raising awareness for polio eradication by piloting a single engine aircraft around the globe in 90 days. Only 700 pilots in history have ever achieved this feat and less than 270 are alive today. The pilots are covering the entire cost of the flight as well as taking time away from their job and families to help end polio worldwide; He noted the Gates foundation generously matches donations two-to-one! He added they will have 33 landings in 25 countries and will travel 25,323 miles. He noted polio has made its way back to the states.

Mark Vitosh provided information relating to the 2022 Urban Forest Management Plan. He noted he has a full street inventory of trees owned by the City, noting 293 trees are in the street right-of-ways with 146 in Robins parks. He made recommendations to the Council such as the ash trees should be removed due to the Emerald Ash Bore. He also said 29% of the trees in Robins are Maple. They discussed planting a diversified list of trees.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no Citizen comments relating to Agenda Items.

Citizen comments relating to Non-Agenda Items received comments from Citizen's who would like to be able to have chickens with less than 5 acre parcels.

- Lindsey Gifford, 420 Beverly Street noted several people would like to have chickens. She provided an Ordinance which she noted could be used. She also noted Marion, Cedar Rapids, and Palo all allow chickens on any size property.

- Carrie Wong, 295 Landau Street; Glenn Candler, 905 Oak Street; Amanda Roth, 650 Freesway Drive; and Lois Quandt, 60 West Main Street, Corey Adams, Katie Hoffman, and Erin Fleege all agreed with Ms. Gifford.
- Greg Sorenson of South Troy Road noted he would like both chickens and ducks. He asked the Police Department to put the speed detector on South Troy Road.
- Kevin Knapp of Black Magic asked if the city would amend the deer hunting requirements to include wild turkeys.

CONSENT AGENDA

Overbeck moved to approve the Consent Agenda which included the Minutes of the February 20, 2023 minutes; The Financial Report; and the List Of Bills Submitted. Franzman seconded and all voted aye.

OLD BUSINESS

a. **Booster Station Motors.** Kortenkamp noted variable frequency drives need to be added to the West Main Street Booster Station motors, as currently one of the pumps runs continually. He noted this should reduce the electricity needed as the motors will cycle back and forth and would also extend the life of the motors.

NEW BUSINESS

a. **Resolution No. 0323-1.** Cook moved to approve Resolution No. 0323-1 approving Change Order #4 to Rathje Construction relating to the SE Trunk Sanitary Sewer Improvements by adding 236 days to the project making the Completion date April 1, 2023, Franzman seconded. Engineer Williams noted two items; 1) work relating to the railroad right-of-way; and replacement of the box culverts under South Troy Road justifies the change order. All voted aye.

b. **Resolution No. 0323-2.** Overbeck moved to approve Resolution No. 0323-2, approving pay request No. 4, in the amount of \$49,982.20 to Rathje Construction for work done on the SE Trunk Sanitary Sewer Improvements. Smith seconded the motion and all voted aye.

Franzman moved to adjourn at 7:54, Overbeck seconded and all voted aye.

Attest:

Chuck Hinz, Mayor

Lori Pickart, City Clerk/Treasurer