



ROBINS CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 16TH, 2023 MEETING

Mayor Hinz called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Robins City Hall on Monday, October 16th, 2023. After the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, roll call was taken with Councilors Marilyn Cook, Dick Pilcher, Roger Overbeck, Dave Franzman, and JD Smith in attendance along with Building Official/Superintendent of Public Works Mike Kortenkamp, Planning and Zoning Administrator Dean Helander, Attorney Holly Corkery, Engineer Kelli Scott, Police Chief Andy Humphrey, City Clerk/Treasurer Lori Pickart, and around 30 guests. Pilcher moved to approve the Minutes of the September 6th, and October 2nd meetings, Smith seconded and all voted aye.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Public Hearing.** Mayor Hinz opened the public hearing with Regard to the Designation of the Robins Urban Revitalization Area and the Proposed Plan at 5:32 p.m. Mayor Hinz explained the proposed Urban Revitalization Plan to the audience, noting the entire City is included in the Plan; only commercial or industrial parcels are eligible to ask for participation in the Plan. He noted the business owner(s) can ask for 3 year tax abatement; or they could choose a 5-year sliding scale of 60%, 50%, 50%, 50%, and 40% reduction on the current assessed valuation. He noted this is an easier and cleaner way to provide an incentive, adding there is no exposure to the City of Robins. Sheryl Cruse 2959 N. Center Point Rd. asked what this was all about. Russell Hotchkiss, 3341 Chester Rd., asked how many more tax dollars this will cost them, of which it will be none. John Hasson, 695 Grand Court, advised there must be a better place to put storm debris other than the South Troy Park. Randy Holub, 795 Rickey Allen Drive asked who pays for the streets, sewer and water to a new business. Mayor Hinz noted those installations are done by a developer who generally enters into a cost share with the City. Similar comments were received by Mike Wood, Nick Zuber, Barb Holub, Jennifer Lawrence, Jim Brown and Cathy Sindelar. The public hearing closed at 6:23 p.m.
- b. **Urban Revitalization Area.** Franzman moved to approve Resolution No. 1023-9, stating the intentions of the City Council regarding the designation of the Robins Urban Revitalization Area and proposed plan; Smith seconded and all voted aye.
- c. **McKenzie Drive Planter.** The Council reviewed the planter located in the cul-de-sac on McKenzie Drive. Kortenkamp noted there is not enough room for fire trucks, school buses, and snow plow trucks, especially when someone parks on the cul-de-sac. Franzman moved to approve Resolution No. 1023-4, directing Delaney Concrete to remove the planter in the cul-de-sac on McKenzie Drive in the amount of \$7,035.00; Pilcher seconded and all voted aye.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. **Pay Request No 7.** Overbeck moved to approve Resolution No. 1023-3, approving Pay Request #7 to Rathje Construction for work done on the SE Trunk Sanitary Sewer Improvements from S. Mentzer Rd. to Dry Creek, Franzman seconded; all voted aye.
- b. **Approving Purchases.** Police Chief Humphrey asked to be able order the three (3) mobile radios along with ballistic shields, plates, and rifles approved in the FY24 budget. Franzman moved to approve the request, Smith seconded and all voted aye.
- c. **Personnel Policy.** The Council reviewed the revised Personnel Policy. Overbeck noted in Section 2.5 under “Payment of Vacation upon Termination”, the “per diem rate” should be replaced with “current salary”. Franzman moved to approve Resolution No. 1023-2, adopting the Personnel Policy as amended, Smith seconded and all voted aye.

Pilcher moved to adjourn at 6:36 p.m., Overbeck seconded, all voted aye.

Chuck Hinz, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lori Pickart, City Clerk/Treasurer