



Minutes of the March 3, 2025 City Council Meeting  
\*Unofficial meeting minutes until approved by Council\*

The regular meeting of the Robins City Council was called to order at 6:00p.m. on Monday, March 3rd, 2025 at Robins City Hall, 265 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> St by Mayor Chuck Hinz. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was taken with the following members present: Councilor Leigh Cook, Councilor Mike Foley, Councilor Dave Franzman, Councilor Cary Smith and Councilor JD Smith. Also present were City Clerk Lisa Goodin, Deputy City Clerk Rhonda Kortenkamp, City Attorney Amy Reasner, Building Official/Superintendent of Public Works Mike Kortenkamp, Zoning Administrator Vance McKinnon, Police Chief Andy Humphrey, Police Detective Greg McGivern and Fire Chief Keith Feldkamp.

Cook moved to approve the agenda, J. Smith seconded and all voted aye.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Hinz reported that the following day, March 4<sup>th</sup>, was the Special Election regarding the City's request to change its CGFL to return it to the FY23 rate of \$6.57. Mayor Hinz encouraged every citizen to take time to vote.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

PUBLIC SAFETY: Foley reported that February was another busy month for the Fire Department with 28 calls, the majority being medical. FD members also participated in water rescue and simulator training. The Police Department initiated 141 contacts, responded to 5 reports of suspicious activity and provided 60 house checks.

STREETS: No report

FINANCE: Cook reported that the City's annual audit (FY 24) would begin on 3/31/25. She confirmed that the annual audit would thoroughly examine both finances and procedures, as has been done in years past, and would provide a clear delineation following staffing changes at City Hall. Cook further noted that City staff continued work on the FY 26 Budget while also preparing for the annual budget amendment for FY 25.

PARKS: Franzman reported that the City plans to open both parks the last week of March/first week of April, weather permitting.

PUBLIC WORKS: J. Smith reported that both sewer and water systems are operating well, with partial sewer lift station pump replacement being performed.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: No report

CITIZENS' COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS: None presented

CITIZENS' COMMENTS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Kevin Finck, 1605 Maple St., commented on the inconvenience caused to Robins residents by the Cedar Rapids Linn County Solid Waste landfill location on County Home Road no longer accepting yard waste.

Kevin Hendrickson, 1465 Maple St, requested that the City provide answers to residents' questions regarding the change of solid waste/recycling hauler on July 1, 2025. Mr. Hendrickson provided a draft of a proposed memo to residents.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Franzman moved to approve the Consent Agenda, which contained the Minutes of the February 17<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting, and the List of Bills Submitted. Foley seconded and all voted aye.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **Presentation by Joe Horaney, Deputy Director of Cedar Rapids Linn County Solid Waste.** Mr. Horaney provided information about the increase of certain landfill fees, the prevalence of contamination of recycled materials, a change in policy which allows batteries of all types to be accepted for recycling (must be delivered to landfill by resident), the

addition of mattress, furniture and textile recycling. He further reported that the landfill is projected to reach capacity in February of 2037, at which the landfill site will act as a transfer station until it's scheduled closure in 2044.

- B. **Resolution No. 0325-1 Resolution Requesting Correction of County Records Regarding Ownership of Property Located Within Sandridge Estates First Addition in The City of Robins, Linn County, Iowa** – Franzman motioned to approve; J. Smith seconded. Upon a roll call all votes were aye with Foley abstaining from the vote due to a personal/business relationship.
- C. **Resolution No. 0325-2 Resolution Setting Public Hearing to Hear Comments and Concerns Relating to the FY 2026 General Fund Proposed Property Tax Levy** – Cook motioned for approval; J. Smith seconded. Upon a roll call, all votes were aye.
- D. **Motion to move the Regular City Council Meeting from March 17<sup>th</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025**  
Franzman motioned to approve, J. Smith seconded and all voted aye.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. **FY 2026 Budget:** Work continues on schedule. An updated budget schedule reflecting proposed dates for the FY 26 budget and FY 25 budget amendment public hearings was shared and discussed.

ADJOURN: J. Smith moved to adjourn at 6:47 p.m., Foley seconded and all voted aye.

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Chuck Hinz, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lisa Goodin, City Clerk/Treasurer