



Minutes of the September 8th, 2025 City Council Meeting

Unofficial meeting minutes until approved by Council

The regular meeting of the Robins City Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, September 8, 2025, at Robins City Hall, 265 S. 2nd Street, by Mayor Chuck Hinz. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was taken with all Council members present: Leigh Cook, Dave Franzman, Cary Smith (joining by phone), JD Smith, and Mike Foley. Also in attendance were City Clerk Lisa Goodin, City Attorney Maddie Huntzinger, City Engineer Kelli Scott, Zoning Administrator Vance McKinnon, Police Chief Andy Humphrey, Fire Chief Keith Feldkamp, Building Official/Public Works Superintendent, Public Works Deputy Superintendent/Fire Code Official Neal Boeckmann and Deputy City Clerk Rhonda Kortenkamp. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Councilor Franzman, seconded by Councilor Foley, and carried unanimously.

COUNCIL REPORTS: Mayor Hinz reported that City staff and Council members have been working on updating the City's 5 Year CIP, which should be ready for approval at the October 6th regular city council meeting. Hinz recommended to table Resolution No.'s 0925-3, 0925-4 and 0925-5 on the evening's agenda, as legal counsel was still formulating its recommendations. In Council reports, Councilor Foley shared that the Fire Department had responded to 12 calls in August and completed water operations training. The Police Department recorded 103 activity initiations and noted an increase in speeding violations. Foley further reported that three candidates for the full-time police officer had been interviewed. Councilor Cary Smith reported that the West Main St. roadway improvements had been delayed until September 22nd. City Staff has recommended that N. Center Point Rd from Wild Rose Rd to W. Main St. be re-surfaced ahead of the W. Main St. **Reconstruction**, further recommending that N. Center Point Rd. be scheduled for fiscal year 2028 and W. Main St. be moved out to fiscal year 2029. Smith added that quotes were being secured to repair deficiencies found in 3 City bridges. Councilor Cook reported that the public hearing date for the FY26 Budget Amendment would be set at the September 22nd regular Council meeting. Councilor Franzman reported that work continued on the Memorial Donation policy and that he expected fees to align with the City of Marion's donation policy. Councilor JD Smith stated the Maple St. and Northwest sewer lift stations continue to cycle too frequently, indicating that incorrectly directed sump pumps are the likely culprit.

STAFF REPORTS: City Engineer Kelli Scott echoed Councilor Cary Smith's report, stating that the N. Mentzer Rd. **bridge** was in need of \$100,000 in repairs. Bids for repairs on the S. Troy Rd. and W. Main St. bridges are pending. She added that the re-surfacing of the section of N. Center Point Rd from W. Main St. to County Home Rd. would be eligible for MPO funding in FY30 – FY34. Zoning Administrator Vance McKinnon reported that one new home permit was issued in August, bringing the total number of new homes permitted in 2025 to 25.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: none

CONSENT AGENDA: The Consent Agenda, which included approval of the August 18 & August 25th 2025 City Council Meeting minutes, the list of bills submitted and Resolution No. 0925-6 Approving Tax Abatement Application for 3201 Eagle View Ct was approved following a motion by Councilor Cook to approve the agenda in accordance with Hinz's recommendations, seconded by Councilor JD Smith, with all members voting in favor.

NEW BUSINESS: Representatives of Xavier Schools President Chris McCarville, Pat Deignan, Finance Committee Chairperson and Dean Spina, Attorney with Bradley Riley were present. Mr. Spina detailed Xavier Schools' request that the City issue a \$10M revenue bond to assist in the construction of new middle school facilities. Mr. McCarville described Xavier's efforts to purchase and remodel the former Toyota Financial building, including the addition of indoor and outdoor extra-curricular spaces. The total project cost is estimated to be \$45M. If Robins were to issue a \$10M on their behalf, the City's debt limit would be unaffected, Xavier would be responsible for the re-payment of the bond and no funds would be transmitted through the City's financial system. By employing Robins' revenue bond issuance capacity, Xavier would save approximately \$100,000 in interest payments. Franzman motioned to approve *Resolution No. 0925-1 Authorizing the Execution of a Memorandum of Agreement with Xavier Schools, Cedar Rapids, Iowa and Fixing a Date for a Hearing on the Proposed Issuance of Private School Revenue Bonds (Xavier School Project), Series 2025 in One or More Series*. Councilor JD Smith seconded and upon a roll call, the votes were as follows: JD Smith – aye, Franzman – aye, Cary Smith – aye, Cook – aye, Foley – nay. The resolution passed.

On the issue of *Resolution No. 0925-2 Setting a Public Hearing for September 22, 2025 for Questions and Concerns Relating to Proposed Updates to the Future Land Use Map*, Councilor JD Smith motioned for approval, with Franzman seconding. Upon roll call, all votes were aye. The resolution passed.

OLD BUSINESS: Council briefly discussed the W. Main St. Reconstruction, where Engineer Scott detailed City staff's recommendation to push the project to FY29 in order to allow for N. Center Point Rd. from Wild Rose Rd. to W. Main St. to be re-surfaced in FY28. Foley motioned approval for the project to begin in FY29 and directed City staff to coordinate a contract amendment with Snyder & Associates as necessary to meet the new schedule. Cook seconded and all votes were aye. The continued work on the 5 Year CIP was described by Clerk Goodin and Engineer Scott, highlighting forecasts by City staff identifying the maximum funds available for reserve fund dedication. Foley suggested the City consider bonding on a regular schedule allowing staff and Council members to better plan for future capital purchases and projects. A bond sale in FY27 was discussed, with near-term needs being identified.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Councilor JD Smith commented that the tabling of three resolutions on the agenda did not make him happy, as these addressed three on-going staff compensation issues and should be delayed no further. Hinz assured him that the issues would be on the next Council agenda following a meeting with and recommendations by the City Attorney.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m. following a motion by Councilor JD Smith, seconded by Councilor Foley. The motion carried unanimously

Chuck Hinz, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lisa Goodin, City Clerk/Treasurer