



Minutes of the October 20th, 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, October 20, 2025, at Robins City Hall, 265 S. 2nd Street, by Mayor Chuck Hinz. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was taken with the following Council members present: Leigh Cook, JD Smith, Dave Franzman, and Mike Foley. Councilor Cary Smith was absent. Also in attendance were City Clerk Lisa Goodin, Deputy City Clerk Rhonda Kortenkamp, City Engineer Kelli Scott, City Attorney Holly Corkery, Zoning Administrator Vance McKinnon, Police Chief Andy Humphrey, Fire Chief Keith Feldkamp, Building Official/Public Works Superintendent Mike Kortenkamp, and Detective Greg McGivern. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Councilor Franzman, seconded by Councilor JD Smith, and carried unanimously.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: Bryce Ricklefs, developer of Eagle View 1st Addition addressed Council regarding the 2nd reading of Ordinance No. 2505. Mr. Ricklefs requested the ordinance be edited to allow tournaments to be played at "sports practice facilities" as allowed in lots zoned as PMI. Mr. Ricklefs detailed the unfortunate timing of the City's re-zoning efforts to align certain Commercial and Industrial properties in Robins with the recently-adopted Future Land Use Map, as he currently had a buyer for Lot 6 of the Eagle View Development whose intended use of the property did not align with the proposed re-zoning from C-2 to PMI. Joe Suchan, 115 Morrison Dr. addressed Council, relaying his concerns regarding the new home construction occurring on an adjacent lot, which has resulted in the placement of dirt in the drainage easement. Engineer Scott replied that she has spoken with the lot owner and the site will be restored prior to the issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy, further providing that she had shared this information with Mrs. Suchan.

CONSENT AGENDA: The Consent Agenda, included approval of the September 29th, September 30th and October 6th, 2025 City Council Meeting minutes, and the list of bills submitted. The consent agenda was approved following a motion by Councilor JD Smith and seconded by Councilor Franzman, with all members present voting in favor.

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Hinz opened a Public Hearing regarding Amendment No. 1 to the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget at 6:18 p.m. Clerk Goodin described the nature of the amendment, primarily to allow payment of the final invoices related to Segments 7 & 11 of the Indian Creek Sewer Upgrade project. Hearing no comments, Mayor Hinz closed the hearing at 6:20 p.m. **Resolution No. 1025-8 Approving Amendment No. 1 to the Fiscal Year 2026 Municipal Budget.** Councilor Cook motioned for approval with Councilor Foley seconding. Upon a roll-call, all votes were aye. The resolution passed. At 6:21 p.m. Mayor Hinz opened a Public Hearing relating to the adoption of the 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Year 2027. Hearing no comments, the hearing was closed at 6:22 p.m. **Resolution No. 1025-9 Approving Adoption of 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Year 2027.** Councilor Franzman motioned for approval, with Councilor JD Smith seconding. Upon a roll-call, all votes were aye. The Resolution passed. At 6:22 p.m. Mayor Hinz opened a Public Hearing related to the adoption of the updated Future Land Use Map (FLUM) for the City of Robins. Hearing no comments, the hearing was closed at 6:23 p.m. **Final Reading of Ordinance No. 2501, Amending the Future Land Use Map for the City of Robins.** Councilor J. Smith motioned for approval of the ordinance; Foley seconded. Upon roll-call, all votes were aye. The ordinance was adopted. **Resolution No. 1025-10 Approving Release of Developers Agreement for the Village of Robins, 1st Addition.** Councilor Cook motioned for approval; Councilor JD Smith seconded. Upon roll-call, all votes were aye and the resolution passed. **Resolution No. 1025-11 Adopting a Public Conduct Policy for the City of Robins, Iowa.** Councilor Smith stated he would not support the policy due to the three-minute limit imposed on public comments and the short timeline Council was provided for consideration of the policy. Councilor Cook motioned to table the resolution to allow for additional consideration by Council. Councilor JD Smith seconded with all votes being aye. The resolution was tabled. **Resolution 1025-12 Adopting a City Council Conduct Policy for the City of Robins, Iowa.** Councilor JD Smith stated he would like more time to consider this policy, as well. Councilor Franzman motioned to table the resolution, with Councilor Foley seconding. All votes were aye and the resolution was tabled. **Resolution No. 1025-13 Awarding Quotation Relating to North Mentzer Rd. Bridge South**

Approach Repairs. Engineer Scott described the need to repair the south-bound approach due to heavy truck traffic. Councilor Cook motioned to approve the resolution, approving the quotation of \$58,544 from Iowa Bridge & Culvert. Councilor JD Smith seconded; all votes were aye. The Resolution passed. **Discussion of Issuer Fees relating to the issuance of the Xavier Schools Revenue Bond.** Councilor Foley motioned his support of requesting \$10,000 in issuer fees; Councilor Cook seconded. Upon roll call, all votes were aye.

OLD BUSINESS: **Final Reading of Ordinance No. 2502, Amending Chapter 153, Plumbing Code, of the Robins Code of Ordinances.** Councilor Smith motioned for approval of the ordinance; Councilor Franzman seconded. Upon roll-call, all votes were aye and the ordinance was adopted. **Final Reading of Ordinance No. 2503, Amending Chapter 154, Mechanical Code of the Robins Code of Ordinances.** Councilor Cook motioned for approval; Councilor Foley seconded. Upon roll-call, all votes were aye and the ordinance was adopted. **Final Reading of Ordinance No. 2504, Electrical Code, of the Robins Code of Ordinances.** Councilor JD Smith motioned for approval; Councilor Foley seconded. Upon roll-call, all votes were aye and the ordinance was adopted. **Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2505, Amending Chapter 165, Zoning, of the Robins Code of Ordinances.** Councilor Foley motioned to table the second reading of the ordinance, in light of Mr. Ricklefs' request, to allow Council additional time to research the issue and discuss with City staff. Councilor Franzman seconded the motion and all votes were aye. The 2nd reading of Ordinance No. 2505 was tabled. **Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2506, Amending Chapter 166, Subdivision Requirements, of the Robins Code of Ordinances.** Councilor JD Smith motioned to suspend the 3rd reading and pass the ordinance upon the 2nd reading. Councilor Foley seconded and members voted unanimously in favor. Councilor JD Smith motioned to approve the ordinance upon the 2nd reading; Councilor Franzman seconded. Upon roll-call, all votes were aye and the ordinance was passed.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Councilor Franzman commented that the Robins Civic Club had recently approved a donation of \$5,000 to the City for the purchase and installation of a flag pole at each of the City's parks as well as the continued provision of two new flags each year thereafter. Councilor Foley, at a resident's request, asked why the crosswalk on W. Main St. at the Cedar Valley Nature Trail had not been re-painted following street repairs. Engineer Scott replied that the crosswalk will not be re-painted because it is not a legal intersection and cyclists/pedestrians must stop for the posted stop signs on the trail. Councilor JD Smith questioned why an issue with the FLSA status of a City employee has not returned to a Council agenda after its removal from an earlier agenda. Mayor Hinz replied that a draft of an updated Employee Handbook, provided by the City Attorney, was on his desk and he was currently reviewing it. Councilor Smith stated that, due to ongoing budget economic concerns, perhaps the City ought to consider contracting with the Linn County Sheriff's Office for law enforcement. He reported that, following a conversation with the LCSO, he believes this option would save the City \$200,000 per year and provide for better coverage. Councilor Foley reported, on a related matter, that the City had recently extended an employment offer for a full-time police officer position with the Robins Police Department. Councilor Foley further stated that he did not believe the LCSO could not provide a quick enough response time.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:56 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