



## Minutes of the December 15th, 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, December 15, 2025, at Robins City Hall, 265 S. 2nd Street, by Mayor Hinz. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was taken with the following Council members present: JD Smith, Leigh Cook, Dave Franzman, Cary Smith, and Mike Foley. Also in attendance were City Clerk Lisa Goodin, City Attorney Bryce Schulte, Police Chief Andy Humphrey, Police Officer Carter Dralle, Building Official/Public Works Superintendent Mike Kortenkamp, Planning & Zoning Administrator Vance McKinnon, Deputy City Clerk Rhonda Kortenkamp, and several members of the public. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Councilor JD Smith, seconded by Councilor Franzman, and carried unanimously.

### CITIZENS COMMENTS:

AGENDA ITEMS: None

NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Richard Starks, 500 Mary Jo Ave., Michael Wood, 540 Mary Jo Ave., Chase Stinger, 520 Mary Jo Ave. and Marilyn & Tom Cook, 295 Northhaven Dr., addressed Council in opposition of the City's recent decision to no longer clear snow from sidewalks along Main St. Residents cited reasons for their opposition as the City's history of clearing those sidewalks, hardship in accessing the sidewalk in the wintertime from their backyards, short notice of the change provided by the City, and the use of grant funds to construct the original urban cross section. Councilor JD Smith responded that research performed by City staff netted no written documents obligating the City to continued snow removal. Councilor Cary Smith added that a long-standing ordinance states that the City is not responsible for snow removal from residential sidewalks or trails. Residents responded that the sidewalk should be closed, in that case. Councilor Foley thanked residents for attending and addressing Council, asking that they appreciate that the City can't pick and choose which sidewalks to clear of snow. Councilor Cary Smith and Mayor Hinz added that Council will research as to whether or not the sidewalk is a designated trail. Marlene Mentzer, 380 Mary Jo Ave., shared her concerns with Council regarding e-bikes being ridden on City sidewalks as opposed to on the street, and requested clarification on applicable laws.

CONSENT AGENDA: The Consent Agenda, which included approval of the December 1, 2025 City Council Meeting minutes, and the list of bills submitted was approved following a motion by Councilor Cook, seconded by Councilor Foley, with all members voting in favor.

NEW BUSINESS: **Resolution No. 1225-3 Approving Memorandum of Agreement with Robins Civic Club Relating to Installation of Flag Poles at South Troy and East Knoll Parks.** Councilor Foley questioned as to whether project costs were likely to exceed the \$5,000 donation by the Civic Club. Councilor Franzman stated that it was possible but likely by only a couple hundred dollars. Councilor Franzman moved to approve; Councilor JD Smith seconded. Upon roll call, all votes were aye and the Resolution was adopted. **Resolution No. 1225-4 Approving Parks Memorial Bench Policy.** Councilor Foley recommended adding a 5% annual inflation factor to the policy. Councilor Franzman moved to approve the resolution as amended; Councilor Cary Smith seconded. Upon roll call, all votes were aye and the Resolution passed.

OLD BUSINESS: Third reading of **Ordinance 2513, Amending Chapter 63 – Speed Control**, of the Robins Municipal Code. Councilor Cook moved for approval; Councilor JD Smith seconded. Upon roll call, all votes were aye and the Ordinance was adopted.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Councilor Foley reported that the Fire Department would provide Council with proposals for the purchase of a new fire truck and a new medical truck for consideration at the January 5<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. Councilor JD Smith stated that as this was his last regular Council meeting, it had been a pleasure to serve on Council and work with a wonderful City staff. Councilor Cook reported that updated FY27 budget calendars had been distributed to Council and City Department Heads and the Iowa League of Cities' Special Budget Report had been provided to all Council members.

SWEARING-IN OF NEWLY-ELECTED CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS: Mayor Hinz swore in Leslie Hoyt and Bruce Vander Sanden as new City Council members. Clerk Goodin swore in Mayor Hinz as Mayor.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m. following a motion by Councilor JD Smith, seconded by Councilor Franzman. The motion carried unanimously

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Chuck Hinz, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lisa Goodin, City Clerk/Treasurer