



Minutes of the December 1st, 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 1, 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, Mike Foley, and Cary Smith, who attended via telephone. Also in attendance were City Clerk Lisa Goodin, City Attorney Holly Corkery, City Engineer Kelli Scott, Police Chief Andy Humphrey, Fire Chief Keith Feldkamp, Deputy City Clerk Rhonda Kortenkamp, Greg Neumeyer and Kirk Hayden representing REDI, 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.

COUNCIL REPORTS: In the Mayor's report, Mayor Hinz commented that City Staff worked well together during the preceding weekend's snowfall to communicate the snow emergency to residents and to get the streets cleared of snow. In Council reports, Councilor JD Smith provided the Public Works report, stating that sewer and water systems were operating well. Councilor Franzman, reporting on Parks, had no report as the parks were closed for the season. Councilor Cook, providing the financial report, shared that all required annual reports had been submitted and that work on the Fiscal Year 2027 budget would begin shortly. Councilor Foley, reporting on Public Safety, reported that the Fire Department had 13 calls in November and conducted basic skills training with over 80% participation from Fire Department members. The Police Department had a busy November with traffic enforcement, participating in 25 traffic stops and issuing 16 citations. In addition, 25 house checks were conducted. Councilor Cary Smith, reporting on the Streets Department, noted that payment for the W. Main St. Pavement Rehabilitation project was on that evening's agenda for approval. She noted that work on N. Center Point Rd. was not complete, having halted for the winter, and would be completed in the Spring. Smith further commented that meetings regarding utility relocations for the Tower Terrace Rd. project were currently taking place; that the 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2513, amending the speed limit on Tower Terrace Rd., and the 3rd reading of Ordinance 2508, Creating Chapter 71 – Snow Removal of the Municipal Code of Ordinances were also on the evening's agenda

STAFF REPORTS: Engineering– no questions or comments on Engineer Kelli Scott's written report were heard. Planning & Zoning - Vance McKinnon had no Zoning Administrator's Report to share. REDI – Economic Development Director Greg Neumeyer highlighted the need for increased commercial and industrial development within the City, along with residential development. He reported that REDI would be shifting its focus to the attraction of businesses to Robins and requested a City Council member volunteer to join REDI at their meetings as a Council Liaison. Neumeyer added that he would be retiring from his position at the end of 2025. Kirk Hayden reported on the activities of the REDI marketing committee, highlighting their current efforts to inform and communicate with the public as to what is going on in Robins.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: AGENDA ITEMS: Chris Dolan, of Cedar Rapids and attorney for Omniscient Group spoke regarding his client's efforts to purchase Lot 6 of the Eagle View 1st Addition for a Christian girls' volleyball major event center and their resistance to the proposed re-zoning of the development from C-2 to PMI. He stated that the re-zoning was not in conformity with the City's Comprehensive Plan and that the 100+ people per day, which the business would attract, would bring money to the community. He claimed that the re-zoning was targeting and capricious, and that as a Christian organization, they had the freedom to practice their religion. Attorney Dolan warned of injunctions and litigation if the re-zoning

was approved. Amber Berry of Cedar Rapids spoke of how she was upset about the proposed re-zoning as it would affect her daughter who plays for the volleyball club which hopes to occupy the building on the lot referred to by Atty. Dolan. She stated that the loss would be discouraging to the athletes and the entire project. She concluded by sharing her experiences with “Coach Mo”, referring to Melissa Duffield of Omniscient Group. Christine Berens of Shueyville, a coach and mother, stated that she found the proposed re-zoning disheartening as young athletes need a safe space to gather and train, adding that athletes visiting the facility would bring money to the community. Melissa Duffield of Omniscient Group brought several letters opposing the proposed re-zoning and referred to a petition opposing the proposed re-zoning which contained 150 signatures, adding that she was also speaking in opposition of a motion to suspend the requirement for a second reading regarding Ordinance 2507. She served Council with official legal notice of her intent to pursue an injunction and restraining order should the ordinance be approved that evening.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Melissa Duffield, Omniscient Group, addressed her FOIA request, dated 11/17/2025, citing corruption and conflict of interest on the part of City officials, accused the City of hiding records, the City Council of making false statements and the City Clerk of making false statements in the 11/17/2025 City Council meeting minutes, and stating that she would be pursuing litigation. Anne Duffield of Atkins spoke, asking how the City can be against a youth facility and reminding Council of their obligation to the residents of Robins.

CONSENT AGENDA: The Consent Agenda, which included approval of the November 17, 2025 City Council Meeting minutes, the list of bills submitted and **Resolution No. 1225-1 Approving Application for Class B Wine Permit, Class V Beer Permit, Class E Liquor License, Including Sunday Sales for Otter Creek Country Store** was approved following a motion by Councilor Cook, seconded by Councilor Foley, with all members voting in favor.

NEW BUSINESS: **Resolution 1225-2 Accepting Public Improvements, Approving Change Order #1 and Pay App #1 for West Main Pavement Improvement Project** – councilor JD Smith motioned for approval, with Councilor Cook seconding. All votes were aye and the Resolution was approved.

OLD BUSINESS: Second Reading of **Ordinance 2507** – Amending the Zoning Map of Chapter 165 of the Robins Municipal Code, **OR** possible motion by Council to suspend requirement for second reading of **Ordinance 2507** pursuant to Iowa Code section 380.3 and possible motion for final consideration and approval of **Ordinance 2507** – Amending the Zoning Map of Chapter 165 of the Robins Municipal Code. Councilor Foley motioned to suspend the requirement for a second reading; Councilor Cook seconded and upon a roll call, all votes were aye and the motion passed. Councilor Cook moved to adopt Ordinance 2507; Councilor Foley seconded. Upon roll call, all votes were aye and the ordinance was adopted. Third and Final Reading of **Ordinance No. 2508**, Creating Chapter 71 - Snow Removal, of the Robins Municipal Code. Councilor Cook motioned for approval; Councilor JD Smith seconded. Upon roll call, all votes were aye and the ordinance was adopted. Third and Final Reading of **Ordinance No. 2509**, Amending Chapter 50 – Nuisance Abatement. Councilor JD Smith moved for approval; Councilor Foley seconded; Upon roll call, all votes were aye and the ordinance was adopted. Third and Final Reading of **Ordinance No. 2510**, Amending Chapter 105 – Solid Waste Control, of the Robins Municipal Code. Councilor JD Smith moved for approval; Councilor Cook seconded. Upon roll call all votes were aye and the ordinance was adopted. Third and Final Reading of **Ordinance No. 2511**, Amending Chapter 135 – Street Maintenance, 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. Third and Final Reading of **Ordinance No. 2512**, Amending Chapter 69 – Parking, of the Robins Municipal Code. Councilor JD Smith moved for approval; Councilor Cook seconded. Upon roll call all votes were aye and the ordinance was adopted. Second Reading of **Ordinance No. 2513** – Amending Chapter 63 – Speed Regulations, of the Robins Municipal Code. Councilor Foley moved for approval; Councilor JD Smith

seconded. Upon roll call all votes were aye and the ordinance was adopted. Discussion: City Council Conduct Policy. Mayor Hinz stated the purpose of the creating of the policy was to condense several existing policies into a single document. Councilors JD Smith and Cary Smith stated their belief that elected officials should not be required to sign the policy. Councilor Foley stated that he believed Council members should be able to direct the City Clerk to add agenda items based upon Council Comments made during meetings, Clerk Goodin agreed to continue research into options and present them to Council at a subsequent meeting.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: No comments were heard.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m. following a motion by Councilor JD Smith, seconded by Councilor Franzman. The motion carried unanimously

Chuck Hinz, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lisa Goodin, City Clerk/Treasurer