



**City of Robins
City Council Meeting Minutes
May 18th, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hinz called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at Robins City Hall and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken with Council Members Mike Foley, Cary Smith, Leigh Cook, Bruce Vander Sanden, and Leslie Hoyt present.

Staff present included Vance McKinnon, Holly Corkery, Keith Feldkamp, Mike Kortenkamp, Rhonda Kortenkamp, and Lisa Goodin. Kelli Scott and Neal Boeckmann were absent. Additional attendees included representatives from REDI and members of the public.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by **Foley**, seconded by **Cook**, to approve the agenda Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS

None were heard.

CITIZEN COMMENTS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Randy Fouts, 255 Robinwood Drive, addressed the Council regarding AV equalization concerns.
J.D. Smith, 780 Kervin Court, requested recognition for retired police officer Greg McGivern

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to Approve: Minutes of the May 4, 2026 meeting and the list of bills submitted.

Motion: Cook **Second:** Hoyt

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Hoyt, Vander Sanden, Smith, Cook, Foley

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Public Hearing – Essential Purpose Loan Agreement

Mayor Hinz opened the public hearing at **6:06 p.m.** No comments were received. The hearing was closed at **6:07 p.m.**

Public Hearing – General Purpose Loan Agreement

Mayor Hinz opened the public hearing at **6:07 p.m.** No comments were received. The hearing was closed at **6:08 p.m.**

Resolution No. 0526-3

Taking Additional Action on Proposals to Enter into Loan Agreements and Combining Loan Agreements

Motion by **Cook**, seconded by **Vander Sanden**.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Smith, Cook, Vander Sanden, Hoyt, Foley

Nays: None

Resolution adopted.

Public Hearing – Amendment to the Robins Urban Renewal Area



Mayor Hinz opened the hearing at **6:09 p.m.** No comments were received. The hearing was closed at **6:10 p.m.**

Resolution No. 0526-4

Declaring Necessity and Establishing an Urban Renewal Area Pursuant to Section 403.4 of the Code of Iowa and Approving the Urban Renewal Plan Amendment for the Expanded Robins Urban Renewal Area

Motion by **Smith**, seconded by **Foley**.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Vander Sanden, Hoyt, Foley, Cook, Smith

Nays: None

Resolution adopted.

2026 Comprehensive Plan Update Presentation

Presented by Tom Gruis, ECICOG

Tom Gruis of ECICOG presented a proposal and overview regarding preparation of the City's 2026 Comprehensive Plan update. Mr. Gruis discussed the purpose of the Comprehensive Plan, including its role in guiding future land use decisions, infrastructure planning, and economic development initiatives

Council Member Foley questioned the necessity of updating the existing Comprehensive Plan and discussed whether the current document remained adequate for the City's needs.

Council Member Hoyt noted that the City's current Comprehensive Plan was adopted in 2013 and expressed support for updating the document to reflect current conditions and anticipated future growth.

Council Member Vander Sanden emphasized the value of undertaking the planning process, stating that the update would provide an opportunity to conduct additional research, gather data, and evaluate long-term community priorities. He further encouraged incorporating analysis related to potential zoning ordinance amendments and broader development strategies into the planning process. Council Member Vander Sanden stated that investment in the Comprehensive Plan update would assist the City in approaching future zoning changes and development requests in a more deliberate and comprehensive manner rather than addressing issues individually as they arise. The presentation concluded without formal Council action.

Resolution No. 0526-5

Setting a Public Hearing Date of June 1, 2026 Relating to Ordinance No. 2609 – Amending Chapter 165, Zoning, of the Robins Municipal Code

Council member Vander Sanden shared concerns regarding incremental zoning amendments and the importance of evaluating changes within a broader comprehensive planning effort.

Motion by **Vander Sanden**, seconded by **Hoyt**.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Cook, Vander Sanden, Smith, Foley, Hoyt

Nays: None

Resolution adopted

City-Wide Cleanup Day Update

Staff provided information regarding the upcoming **May 23, 2026 City-Wide Cleanup Day**.

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 2606 – Chapter 136

Sidewalk Regulations – Third Reading

Motion by **Cook**, seconded by **Vander Sanden**.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Foley, Cook, Vander Sanden, Hoyt, Smith

Nays: None



Third reading approved

Ordinance No. 2608 – Chapter 99

Sewer Service Charges – Third Reading

Motion by **Foley**, seconded by **Hoyt**.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Vander Sanden, Hoyt, Smith, Foley, Cook

Nays: None

Third reading approved.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Hinz announced that Council would enter a work session with REDI immediately following adjournment to discuss economic development matters.

Council Member Vander Sanden commented on recognition for retired Officer Greg McGivern, employee evaluations, regular committee updates, and thanked residents attending the meeting.

Council Member Foley noted past practice regarding police retirement recognition included only those officers who served the City for five years or more.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by **Smith**, seconded by **Vander Sanden**, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at **7:02 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Goodin

City Clerk/Treasurer

Chuck Hinz, Mayor

Attest:

Lisa Goodin, City Clerk/Treasurer