



**City of Robins
City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 17, 2026
Robins City Hall**

Unofficial meeting minutes until approved by Council

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 Present: Council Members Bruce Vander Sanden, Cary Smith, Leigh Cook, Mike Foley, and Leslie Hoyt. City Staff and Others Present were Lisa Goodin, City Clerk/Treasurer; Kelli Scott, City Engineer; Vance McKinnon, Zoning Administrator; Keith Feldkamp, Fire Chief; Mike Kortenkamp, Building Official/Superintendent of Public Works; Rhonda Kortenkamp, Deputy City Clerk; Adam Cirkl, Police Chief; and Amanda Maher, Accounting Clerk. Doug Herman, City Attorney, and Neal Boeckmann, Fire Code Official/Deputy Superintendent of Public Works, were absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Leigh Cook, seconded by Cary Smith, to approve the agenda as presented. **Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments regarding agenda items.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS

JD Smith, resident, asked about audio/visual equipment for City Council meetings and grant funding related to demolition of the Church of the Brethren. City Clerk Lisa Goodin responded that quotes for the AV equipment and installation were being obtained by City staff and that the grant received for the Church of the Brethren was for asbestos testing and abatement in FY27, which was recently completed.

Joe Suchan, resident, referenced a 2025 Iowa Supreme Court case concerning the obstruction of the natural flow of water and stated that a neighboring property owner's alteration of the grade within an easement was causing water to be directed to the detriment of his property. Council Member Cary Smith noted that the referenced case involved a civil matter rather than a municipal matter. Mayor Hinz requested that Mr. Suchan provide the referenced materials to City Hall.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the August 11, 2026 Meeting Minutes and List of Bills Submitted

Motion by Mike Foley, seconded by Leslie Hoyt, to approve the August 11, 2026 meeting minutes and the list of bills submitted.

Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

First Reading of Ordinance No. 2610 – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 51: Junk and Junk Vehicles, of the Robins Municipal Code



Council considered the first reading of Ordinance No. 2610, amending Chapter 51 of the Robins Municipal Code relating to junk and junk vehicles.

Council Member Bruce Vander Sanden asked whether the proposed amendment was part of a routine review of the ordinance or was being considered in response to a particular incident. City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Goodin responded that this was a routine review done with the assistance of the City Attorney in order to facilitate the activities of the City's Code Enforcement Officer.

Motion by Mike Foley, seconded by Leigh Cook, to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2610.

Vote: 5-0. Motion carried. Council Members Leslie Hoyt, Cary Smith, Bruce Vander Sanden, Leigh Cook, and Mike Foley voted aye.

Resolution No. 0826-6 – Conflict Waiver Related to Lynch Dallas Legal Representation

Council considered Resolution No. 0826-6, a resolution approving a conflict waiver related to legal representation by Lynch Dallas in connection with a proposed 28E Agreement with the City of Hiawatha for the Operation and Maintenance of a future water utility.

Motion by Cary Smith, seconded by Bruce Vander Sanden, to approve Resolution No. 0826-6.

Vote: 5-0. Motion carried. Council Members Leigh Cook, Bruce Vander Sanden, Leslie Hoyt, Mike Foley, and Cary Smith voted aye.

Discussion – FY28 Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan

City Clerk Lisa Goodin provided process and timeline information to Council related to the development of the FY28 CIP.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Mike Foley again raised the matter of City Hall hours, currently 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and 8:00 a.m. to 12 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. He provided examples of office hours in nearby communities and expressed his view that Robins City Hall has the least availability to the public in the area. He stated that he does not agree with the current hours and would like the matter placed on a future Council agenda.

Council Member Leslie Hoyt stated that it would be helpful for Council Members to receive additional information regarding staff activities.

Council Member Bruce Vander Sanden echoed Council Member Leslie Hoyt's comments regarding the need for more complete Council reports and additional information.

Mayor Hinz acknowledged that he could do a better job of including additional details in his monthly Mayor's Report.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Leslie Hoyt, seconded by Bruce Vander Sanden, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Goodin
City Clerk/Treasurer

Chuck Hinz, Mayor

Attest:

Lisa Goodin, City Clerk/Treasurer