

CITY OF REED CITY
REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
August 21, 2017

Mayor McKinney called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in Council Chambers, 227 East Lincoln Avenue, Reed City, Michigan.

Present Mayor, Karen Lea McKinney. Council Members: Dan Burchett, Trevor Guiles, Roger Meinert, Dave Scharlow and Carol Tillotson arrived at 7:05 P.M. James Anderlohr was absent. City Attorney, Cynthia Wotila and City Manager, Ron Howell, were also present. Department Heads, Chief Chuck Davis, Fire Chief Jeff Stein, Curt Brackenrich, Rich Rehkopf and Barbara Westenburg also attended. The meeting was opened with the pledge to the flag. There were citizens in the audience.

Minutes Motion by Scharlow, seconded by Burchett, **CARRIED**, to accept the minutes of the July 17, 2017 regular meeting as presented. Affirmed by voice vote.

Bills Motion by McKinney, seconded by Meinert, **CARRIED**, to approve paying bills as presented with the addition of Gerber Construction for \$1,200.00 and Michigan Water Environment Association for \$330.00 for a total approved amount of \$233,461.11. Roll call vote. Voting yes were, Scharlow, McKinney, Burchett, Meinert and Guiles.

Appreciation Motion by Meinert, seconded by Guiles, **CARRIED**, to approve the Resolution of Appreciation to Local Business Fire Department Support. Affirmed by voice vote.

The Resolution of Appreciation was presented to Justin Erbes and Kit Jarzabkowski of Gerber Construction.

CITY OF REED CITY - RESOLUTION NO. 2017-10
RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION
LOCAL BUSINESS FIRE DEPARTMENT SUPPORT

WHEREAS, The Reed City Fire Department takes great pride in their training, equipment and preparedness to fight fires and other threats to the public; and

WHEREAS, there is a mutual aid pact amongst fire departments to come to the aid of another department without question if needed; and

WHEREAS, the firefighters know that they are appreciated and respected in the community and will come to the aid of the public without hesitation, and

WHEREAS, there may come a time when all the resources of the Reed City Fire Department and surrounding departments that have responded begin to exceed their ability to combat the fire they are fighting; and

WHEREAS, there were two such recent incidents that the local businesses of Gerber Construction and Quality Concrete responded with heavy equipment and operators to assist the Reed City Fire Department in a large barn and brush fire and our local McDonalds, WESCO and Vic's Market responded with drinks and food to the firefighters, so

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Reed City, Michigan, on behalf of the residents of Reed City and the residents of townships the fire department serves a thank you and expression of appreciation go out to all the local businesses who helped and a special thank you to Bill Terryn of Gerber Construction and Cory Miller of Quality Concrete that brought their heavy equipment to scene of these fires without hesitation and the equipment operators of Justin Erbes and Claude Lodholtz that put themselves at personal risk to fight the fire; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this example of commitment and willingness of these local businesses to help in the most dire of circumstances demonstrates why the Reed City area is a special place to live.

Councilperson Tillotson arrived at 7:05 P.M.

Reports Chief Stein, Fire Dept., Chief Davis, Police Dept, Rich Rehkopf, DPW, and Curt Brackenrich, WWTP, filed written reports.

Motion by Meinert, seconded by Burchett, **CARRIED**, to approve the Department Head reports as presented. Affirmed by voice vote.

- Phones Council members tabled discussion and action on the telephone(s) replacement and move to hosted phone service to allow time for the City Manager to contact the vendors who submitted bids to clarify if data drops are included in their bids and to bring back this information to the next regular meeting. During this discussion, Councilman Meinert left the council chambers at 7:20 P.M. to check on the phone connections and returned at 7:21 P.M.
- Vehicles Vehicle maintenance and repairs by local vendors was discussed. City Manager will meet with each Department Head and report back to council at the next regular meeting.
- Rambadt Park Council discussed a list of needs at Rambadt Park which submitted by the caretaker. Members would also like to review the caretaker contract at the next meeting. The City Manager was directed to obtain quotes for wifi at the park and report back.
- Rambadt Park Motion by Meinert, seconded by Tillotson, **CARRIED**, to authorize the City Manager to pursue an advertising sign by local businesses at Rambadt Park for additional revenue for the park. Affirmed by voice vote.
- PILOT PK Housing & Management Co. is reapplying to MSHDA and is asking the City for confirmation the Ordinance passed on March 21, 2016 is still valid. Attorney Wotila will review the Ordinance to make sure there is not a time limit.
- Graves Motion by Guiles, seconded by Meinert, **CARRIED**, to purchase back five (5) graves in Woodland Cemetery from Roger C. Soper in the amount of \$1,500.00. Roll call vote. Voting yes were, Burchett, Guiles, McKinney, Meinert, Scharlow and Tillotson.
- Sewer Rates Council members reviewed the Sewer Rate Report dated January 2017 prepared by Michigan Rural Water Association. The council directed the City Manager to contact Michigan Rural Water to determine if the rate increase is a cost of living increase or based on operational costs. City Manager is to report back at the next regular meeting.
- Day Care City Manager, Ron Howell, reviewed with Council Members the original Special Use Permit issued to the Newbee's Day Care Center at the New Beginnings Fellowship Church. Council would like information on what standards the Assessor uses to determine the day care as tax exempt. The City Manager will meet with the Assessor and provide this information to council at the next regular meeting.
- Township Motion by Meinert, seconded by McKinney, **CARRIED**, to authorize the City Manager to talk with Richmond Township to resolve the issue with the new Assisted Living Home utilities by virtue of a 425 Agreement and the City Council encourages the formation of a 425 Agreement with Richmond Township to future strengthen the economic development of the area. Affirmed by voice vote.
- Standards Motion by Guiles, seconded by Meinert, **CARRIED**, to accept the Planning Commission recommendation on the updated Special Land Use standards as presented and to authorize the City Attorney to prepare language to update the code. Affirmed by voice vote.
- Consent Motion by Guiles, seconded by Meinert, **CARRIED**, to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Affirmed by voice vote.
- Committee No committees have met.
- Parcel Motion by Burchett, seconded by Meinert, **CARRIED**, to authorize the City Manager to apply to the Michigan Land Bank for the parcel of land on the corner of S. Chestnut and W. Todd (303 S. Chestnut) to obtain ownership with intentions for a Veteran's Memorial Park. Affirmed by voice vote.

- Property bid Motion by Guiles, seconded by Meinert, **CARRIED**, to award the bid to Larry Horchner for the vacant city parcel of land on W. Slosson to lease for five years at \$1.00 per year and to have the City Manager ask Mr. Horchner if he is willing to pay the bill for the City Attorney to prepare the lease. Roll call vote. Voting yes were, McKinney, Burchett, Tillotson, Guiles and Meinert. Voting no was Scharlow.
- SAW Grant Motion by Meinert, seconded by Scharlow, **CARRIED**, to authorize the City Manager to contact David Worthington of the MDEQ-DWMAD/Revolving Loan Section of the DEQ to advise them the City is interested in accepting grant funds and to begin the necessary steps to approve the application. Affirmed by voice vote.
- City Manager Ron Howell reported he has received a draft of the preliminary evaluation for a new well site and he will be going through that. The City was contacted by someone who would like to start a new business under the medical marijuana laws, within the City of Reed City. Ron will contact this person for clarification on if their intentions are as a grower or dispensary. Also presented for review was Ron's Unfinished Items list.
- Bills Mayor McKinney appointed Councilman Burchett to review bills prior to the next meeting.
- City Attorney Attorney Wotila advised council the DDA termination will end December 31, 2017 and the money must be spent by that date or there will need to be an Amendment to the plan to extend the life of the DDA until June 30, 2018. Ron will email DDA what to expect. Attorney Wotila has been working on the Drone Ordinance but is holding off completion pending what the Task Force recommendations are.
- Council Councilman Scharlow commented the flower pots in town need to be torn out. Roger Meinert commented he had spoken with people participating in the Fred Meijer race and they love everything provided in Reed City for them. Dan Burchett announced there is a new business coming to town called What Knott's Café & Bakery which will be located in the old Nestle Inn Café building on W. Upton. Dan would like to see some type of notification to council when a new business is coming to town. Ron will say something to the Chamber regarding this matter.
- Audience Michelle Hoytenga appeared to introduce herself as State Representative of the 102nd District and advised council she sits on several committees including Insurance Committee, Regulatory Reform, Veteran's Affairs, Communications and Technology, Driverless Cars, and Broadband Expansion. She offered to prepare tributes if the City ever needs one.
- Adjourn Mayor McKinney adjourned the meeting at 9:13 P.M.

Jacalyn R. Beam
City Clerk