

**CITY OF REED CITY  
REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
February 17, 2015**

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

Present: Mayor, Karen Lea McKinney. Council Members: Marlene Fatum, Dave Scharlow, Roger Meinert, Bonnie Danzeisen, David Bisbee and Carol Tillotson. City Manager, Ron Howell, and City Attorney, Nathan Piwowarski also attended. Tom Plummer, Rich Rehkopf, Chuck Davis and David Belden also attended. There were citizens in the audience. The meeting opened with the pledge to the flag. The Mayor asked if anyone had any amendments to the agenda and Tim Webster, Superintendent of Reed City Schools was added to audience presentations.

- Agenda            Motion by Danzeisen, seconded by Scharlow, **CARRIED**, to accept the agenda as amended. Affirmed by voice vote.
- Audience        Tim Webster, Superintendent of Reed City Area Public Schools, came to introduce himself and meet the Council members. He explained it had been difficult to get here to a meeting as the School Board also meets on the third Monday of each month. Supt. Webster advised Council the Liaison program is going very well and as a community event the school will be hosting the first annual Business Appreciation dinner this spring.
- Minutes          Motion by Danzeisen, seconded by Fatum, **CARRIED**, to accept the minutes of the January 20, 2015 regular meeting as presented. Affirmed by voice vote.
- Motion by Fatum, seconded by Scharlow, **CARRIED**, to accept the minutes of the January 27, 2015 City Council and D.D.A. joint meeting as presented. Affirmed by voice vote.
- Motion by Danzeisen, seconded by Fatum, **CARRIED**, to accept the minutes of the February 2, 2015 special meeting as presented. Affirmed by voice vote.
- Motion by Tillotson, seconded by Danzeisen, **CARRIED**, to accept the minutes of the February 3, 2015 special meeting as presented. Affirmed by voice vote.
- Bills             Motion by Fatum, seconded by Meinert, **CARRIED**, to authorize paying bills in the amount of \$157,318.71. Roll call vote. Voting yes were Scharlow, McKinney, Danzeisen, Fatum, Meinert, Bisbee and Tillotson.
- Audience        Fire Captain, Jeff Stein, apologized for incorrect information that he presented to the board in January about the age of the Fire Department's air tanks and for the MIOSHA information which came across in a threatening manner. Capt. Stein wants an open door policy and to work together. Council talked about physicals and the cost of them.
- Reports          Interim Chief David Belden, Fire Dept., Chief Chuck Davis, Police Dept., Supt. Curt Brackenrich, W.W.T.P., Interim Supt. Tom Plummer, D.P.W., filed written reports.
- Run water        Council talked about a run water advisory. City Manager and DWP state that the frost depth is not at an emergency run water advisory yet.
- Fire Hydrant    Council talked about snow covering fire hydrants. City Manger will call Mr. Carlson from Osceola County Corrections to help with this problem.

- Police grant Motion by, Meinert seconded by Bisbee, **CARRIED**, to authorize Police Chief Davis to apply for a 50% grant From USDA for vests, radio updates and a police car. Affirmed by voice vote.
- Ordinance Motion by Danzeisen, seconded by Bisbee, **CARRIED**, to introduce/adopt ordinance No. 001-2015 to amend the Penalty section of Chapter 471 of the City Code. Roll call vote. Voting yes were, Scharlow, McKinney, Danzeisen, Fatum, Meinert, Bisbee and Tillotson.
- Natural Gas Motion by Bisbee, seconded by Meinert, **CARRIED**, to approve MML Natural Gas purchasing program letter of authorization to negotiate prices for Natural Gas. Affirmed by voice vote.
- Resignation Motion by Danzeisen, seconded by Tillotson, **CARRIED**, to accept Jim Decker resignation with regret as Fire Chief. Affirmed by voice vote.
- Council stated how much they appreciate the service and the 30 years Chief Decker has devoted to the Department and would like to acknowledge that in the future.
- Fire Dept. Motion by Danzeisen, seconded by Tillotson, **CARRIED**, to approve support/endorsement of City Managers decision to keep the fire department as is now and review the Fire Department in 60 - 90 days. Affirmed by voice vote.
- AT&T Renew Motion by Danzeisen, seconded by McKinney, **CARRIED**, to approve a one year contract with AT&T for telephone service. Roll Call vote. Voting yes were, Scharlow, McKinney, Danzeisen, Fatum, Meinert, and Tillotson. David Bisbee voted no.
- Consent Motion by Fatum, seconded by Danzeisen, **CARRIED**, to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Affirmed by voice vote.
- Reliability St Motion by Fatum, seconded by Bisbee, **CARRIED**, to accept the reliability study and general plan update with DEQ. Affirmed by voice vote.
- City Manager City Manager, Ron Howell reported the budget process for the adoption of the budget for 2015-2016 fiscal year. City Manager also reported on the wellhead protection zone; Osceola Co. Region 8A Rural Task Force report, and Fire Department run fee and working with the townships to make sure these run fees are getting paid.
- Council Councilperson Bisbee will do bills next month.
- Council Councilperson Sharlow thanked the fire department and hopes for a continuing good relationship. Councilperson Fatum commented on the great job DPW is doing with keeping the streets clean; however she is concerned about snow removal downtown and DPW reported it is hard to clean up with the streetscape and according to charter it is business owner's responsibility. Councilperson Tillotson reported she was attending an award dinner for Fleis and Vandenbrink as they are receiving an award from American Council for Engineering for the work on the old Osceola Inn Project on behalf of the City. Mayor McKinney reported the last joint meeting with the DDA was very good and the working relationship is better.

Audience Jackie Youngs, 314 N. Chestnut commented on the article that was in the Voice newspaper about the home at 214 N. Chesnut. Ms. Youngs is concerned with the purchase of the block home at 214 N. Chestnut. Council reported the DDA is responsible for buying this. She stated there is a man living there and there are other houses as bad. She also talked about how other places on rails to trails have junk especially E. Osceola.

Barb Graham, business owner, is concerned with the new Fire Chief getting the training needed for the position.

Mark Watkins, 562 W. Slosson, wanted to thank the Fire Department for all the things they do. Mr. Watkins reported the community supports you. Mr. Watkins also thanked the City Services, Police and DPW.

Adjourn Motion by Scharlow, seconded by Meinert, **CARRIED**, to adjourn at 8:50 P.M.

Amye Hensel  
City of Reed City Deputy Clerk