

**CITY OF REED CITY
REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
January 19, 2016**

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: Marlene Fatum, Trevor Guiles, Roger Meinert, David Scharlow and Carol Tillotson. David Bisbee was absent. City Manager, Ron Howell and City Attorney, Roger Wotila were also present. Department Heads, Barbara Westerburg, Chief Chuck Davis, Rich Rehkopf and Fire Chief Jeff Stein also attended. The meeting was opened with the pledge to the flag. There were no citizens were in the audience.

Resolution Motion by Scharlow, seconded by Guiles, **CARRIED**, to approve a Resolution of Appreciation to Tom Plummer for 20 years of service to the City of Reed City. Affirmed by voice vote.

**CITY OF REED CITY
RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR
20 YEARS OF SERVICE
TO THE PEOPLE OF REED CITY**

WHEREAS, the City of Reed City Council recognizes and promotes the important contributions made by city employees to the overall health and well being of the community, and

WHEREAS, our employees protect the environment, help us recover from natural disasters, maintain and secure our 15 miles of streets, water, and sewer systems, and

WHEREAS, our public works employees are challenged daily to be responsive, innovative, and effective in keeping the entire infrastructure of the City operational, and

WHEREAS, they are committed to doing their jobs regardless of the circumstances, and contribute greatly to the security of the residents of Reed City.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Reed City presents this Certificate of Appreciation to **Tom Plummer** for his 20 years of faithful and reliable service to the people of Reed City.

Minutes Motion by Scharlow, seconded by Fatum, **CARRIED**, to accept the minutes of the December 21, 2015 regular meeting as presented. Affirmed by voice vote.

Bills Motion by McKinney, seconded by Tillotson, **CARRIED**, to approve paying bills as presented with the addition of Invoices from Big Rapids Professional Office Cleaning for \$408.00, Invoice from Pollution Control Services for \$1,326.09, Invoice from Printing Systems, Inc. for \$126.84 and reimbursement to Rich Rehkopf for \$200.00 for a grand total amount of \$261,433.96. Roll call vote. Voting yes were, Scharlow, Meinert, Guiles, Fatum, Tillotson and McKinney.

Reports Chief Jeff Stein, Fire Department., Chief Chuck Davis, Police Department, Rich Rehkopf, DPW, and Curt Brackenrich, WWTP, filed written reports. Barbara Westerburg provided council with a Revenue/Expenditure Report as of December 31, 2015.

- Impound Lot Motion by Fatum, seconded by Tillotson, **CARRIED**, to approve the terms of a Commercial Lease with Reed City Towing, LLC, to lease the Police Dept. impound lot for eleven (11) months with an annual payment of \$1,100.00 (\$100.00 per month), plus \$300.00 to defray legal expenses, term of lease commencing on February 1, 2016 and to authorize the Mayor to sign the lease. Roll call vote. Voting yes were, Tillotson, Meinert, Guiles, Fatum, McKinney and Scharlow.
- Resolution Motion by Scharlow, seconded by Fatum, **CARRIED**, to approve Resolution 2016-01 Sanitary Sewer “Y” Connections. Affirmed by voice vote.

**CITY OF REED CITY
RESOLUTION 2016-01**

SANITARY SEWER “Y” CONNECTIONS

WHEREAS, the City of Reed City Code in Section 1042.04 **USE OF PUBLIC SEWERS REQUIRED (d)** passed August 19, 1985 in Ordinance 22A states the owners of all dwellings, buildings, structures, or properties used for human occupancy, employment, recreation or other purposes, situated within the City and abutting on any street, alley, or right-of-way in which there is now located or may in the future be located a public sanitary or combined sewer of the City, is hereby required at their own expense to install suitable toilet facilities therein, and to connect such facilities directly to the public sewer in accordance with the provisions of this chapter within ninety days after notice by the City Manager to do so, provided a public sewer is within 100 feet of a property line of said premises, and

WHEREAS, the City is aware there are approximately 12 sanitary sewer connections where two properties joined then lateral pipes in a “Y” to make a single connection to the sewer main which most likely was approved by the City at the time of connection, and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the City to see these “Y” connections eliminated and each property have their own direct connection to the main, so

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Reed City recognizes and allows these estimated 12 “Y” connections to continue until such time as either the main connection line fails or one property owner decides to disconnect from the “Y” and make their own connection at their expense, and

FURTHERMORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the property owner who has undertaken the expense to have a single connection shall not be charged a connection fee and if the other property owner chooses to abandon the “Y” connection and replace the existing connection with a new one that the City shall share 50% for that portion of the lateral lying within the Public Right-of-way.

Resolution Motion by Scharlow, seconded by Meinert, **CARRIED**, to approve a Resolution of Appreciation to retiring firefighter Norm Blood for fire service. Affirmed by voice vote.

**CITY OF REED CITY
RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR
NORM BLOOD FIRE SERVICE
TO THE PEOPLE OF REED CITY**

WHEREAS, the City of Reed City Council recognizes and promotes the important contributions made by city employees to the overall health and well being of the community, and

WHEREAS, those who choose to be part of the Reed City Fire Department have a level of commitment and self sacrifice that is deeply respected and admired, and

WHEREAS, every resident can sleep easier knowing that if they or their loved ones are threatened by fire or need emergency medical response that our Reed City Fire Department stands ready to respond 24/7, so

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Reed City presents this Certificate of Appreciation to **NORM BLOOD** for his years of faithful and reliable service to the people of Reed City in his role as firefighter.

Resolution Motion by Fatum, seconded by Scharlow, **CARRIED**, to approve the Performance Resolution for Governmental Agencies for the Michigan Department of Transportation to work in the right of way. Affirmed by voice vote.

Street Admin. Motion by Scharlow, seconded by Fatum, **CARRIED**, to appoint Rich Rehkopf as Street Administrator. Affirmed by voice vote.

Deferred Comp Motion by Fatum, seconded by Scharlow, **CARRIED**, to approve the Adoption Agreement and Resolution for restatement of the Security Benefit Eligible Governmental 457 Plan. Affirmed by voice vote.

Grant Motion by Meinert, seconded by Fatum, **CARRIED**, to table discussion on the MDHHS Oral Health Program – Fluoridation Equipment Grant. Affirmed by voice vote.

Consent Motion by Scharlow, seconded by Fatum, **CARRIED**, to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Affirmed by voice vote.

Committee No Committees have met.

City Manager Ron Howell provided a spreadsheet of a survey done on Home Rule cities for Council/Mayor Meeting Compensation. Council members would like information from Big Rapids, Cadillac and Traverse City added to the survey and then bring it back at the February meeting with some options to discuss. Last item provided was the City Manager’s Uncompleted Items List.

Bills Mayor McKinney appointed Marlene Fatum to review bills prior to the next meeting.

City Atty. City Attorney, Roger Wotila, recommended the Council move into closed session to discuss pending litigation.

Closed Door Motion by Guiles, seconded by Meinert, **CARRIED**, to enter into closed door session to meet with legal counsel and the City Treasurer/Finance Director regarding pending litigation. Roll call vote. Voting yes were, McKinney, Scharlow, Meinert, Guiles, Tillotson and Fatum.

Council went into closed session at 7:54 P.M.

Council returned to open session at 9:08 P.M.

No decisions were made in closed session.

Motion by Meinert, seconded by Guiles, **CARRIED**, directing the City Manager to contact the other units affected by the pending litigation and advise them of the status. Affirmed by voice vote.

Council There were no council comments.

Audience There were no audience comments.

Adjourn Mayor McKinney adjourned the meeting at 9:10 P.M.

Jacalyn R. Beam
City Clerk