

**CITY OF REED CITY**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**  
**Virtual Meeting**  
**April 20, 2020**

Mayor Guiles called the meeting to order at 7:11 P.M. electronically for participation via computer or phone.

- Present** Mayor, Trevor Guiles. Council Members: Nathan Bailey, Dan Burchett, Karen Lea McKinney, Roger Meinert, Dave Scharlow and Carol Tillotson. City Attorney, Cynthia Wotila and City Manager, Ron Howell, were also present. Department Heads, Police Chief Chris Lockhart, Barb Westerburg, Curt Brackenrich, Rich Rehkopf and Jeffrey Stein also attended electronically. The meeting was opened with the pledge to the flag. There were citizens attending via electronically.
- Agenda** Motion by Scharlow, seconded by Burchett, **CARRIED**, to approve the Agenda as presented. Roll call vote. Voting yes were, Tillotson, Scharlow, McKinney, Guiles, Bailey, Meinert and Burchett.
- Minutes** Motion by Burchett, seconded by Scharlow, **CARRIED**, to accept the minutes of the March 16, 2020 regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote. Voting yes were, McKinney, Burchett, Meinert, Bailey, Guiles, Scharlow and Tillotson.
- Motion by Burchett, seconded by Bailey, **CARRIED**, to accept the minutes of the March 23, 2020 special meeting as presented. Roll call vote. Voting yes were, Bailey, McKinney, Tillotson, Burchett, Meinert and Guiles. Scharlow did not vote as he claimed he did not receive notice of the meeting and was not there.
- Bills** Motion by McKinney, seconded by Burchett, **CARRIED**, to approve paying bills as presented for a corrected grand total approved amount of \$287,553.16. Roll call vote. Voting yes were, Scharlow, Meinert, Guiles, Burchett, Tillotson, Bailey and McKinney.
- Reports** Chief Jeffrey Stein, Fire Dept., Police Chief Christopher Lockhart, Rich Rehkopf, DPW, and Curt Brackenrich, WWTP, filed written reports.
- Motion by McKinney, seconded by Tillotson, **CARRIED**, to approve the Department Head reports as presented. Roll call vote. Voting yes were, Burchett, Tillotson, Bailey, McKinney, Guiles, Scharlow and Meinert.
- Water Tower** Motion by McKinney, seconded by Bailey, **CARRIED**, to accept the bid from L & T Painting, Inc. from Shelby Township, Michigan, in the amount of \$348,430.00 to paint the Church Street water tower with the condition the City may require Coronavirus testing of the contractors to insure they are healthy. Roll call vote. Voting yes were, Tillotson, Bailey, Meinert, Guiles, Burchett and McKinney. Voting no was Scharlow.
- COVID-19** Motion by Scharlow, seconded by McKinney, **CARRIED**, to extend the closure of City Hall, rental of the Depot, rental of the Fire Department meeting room and the parks until May 15<sup>th</sup>. Roll call vote. Voting yes were, Meinert, Scharlow, Burchett, McKinney, Guiles, Tillotson and Bailey.
- Sp. Use Permit** Motion by Scharlow, seconded by Bailey, **CARRIED**, to approve a Special Use Permit to Craig Goodman for a fueling station at 315 N. Chestnut which is not in conflict with City Charter 1274.02 Standards. Roll call vote. Voting yes were, McKinney, Scharlow, Meinert, Guiles, Bailey, Tillotson and Burchett.
- Roth St. Bridge** Motion by McKinney, seconded by Tillotson, **CARRIED**, to approve the addition of a joint replacement to the Roth Street Bridge project to Fleis & VandenBrink for Joint Design & Detailing for \$1,000.00 and additional Construction Engineering for \$4,000.00 for a total amount of \$5,000.00. Roll call vote. Voting yes were, Bailey, Tillotson, Meinert and McKinney. Voting no were, Burchett, Guiles and Scharlow.

- Consent Motion by McKinney, seconded by Burchett, **CARRIED**, to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Roll call vote. Voting yes were, Scharlow, McKinney, Burchett, Tillotson, Guiles, Meinert and Bailey.
- City Manager Ron submitted a written report and also reported he had monitored a webinar with the Department of Treasury basically alerting cities the Gas & Weight tax and shared revenues will take somewhat of a hit. They are just giving everyone a heads up because it is unknown at this time. It was the consensus of council to set a special meeting for Thursday, May 14, 2020 for a Public Hearing and adoption of the proposed Budget and to review the COVID-19 closures.
- Housing Motion by Scharlow, seconded by Bailey, **CARRIED**, to confirm the Mayor’s re-appointment of Chris Wabindato to the Housing Commission term ending 3/31/2025. Roll call vote. Voting yes were, Tillotson, Scharlow, McKinney, Guiles, Bailey, Meinert and Burchett.
- Bills Mayor Guiles 2020 Schedule of Reviewing Bills appoints Nate Bailey to review bills prior to the May meeting.
- Attorney City Attorney Wotila submitted a written report along with a breakdown of Executive Order Particularly Impacting Municipalities. Council members voiced they would like to see a revised Tall Grass and Weed Ordinance ready for the next meeting.
- Comments Nate Bailey wished everyone to remain safe and if anyone needs technical help with the new tablets to contact him. Carol Tillotson commented she felt tonight’s first virtual meeting turned out pretty well and for everyone to keep safe, healthy and keep up the good work all of the people out there every day working. Karen McKinney was concerned about people that want to be on the ballot and need to circulate petitions during the COVID-19 social distancing restrictions and how that will be dealt with. Attorney Wotila advised there are guidelines in place to deal with that. Roger Meinert commented Refresh Reed City will not happen this year with the restrictions in place and inquired of the attorney and Mark Watkins if it would be a violation if it became an event where sections of the city were mapped out and a family unit would sign up for cleanup of a section which could be done when their time allows. Roger will write up a description of the project and how it will be done and Mark Watkins offered to forward the project on to the Prosecutor who would in turn will send it to the Attorney General’s Office for determination and if approved, council could make a decision at that time to move forward with the event. Trevor Guiles made the comment, as Mayor he had sent an email to the Governor’s office and voiced his frustration and political view with the restrictions imposed by the Governor for the entire state of Michigan while our county only has a half dozen confirmed cases of the Coronavirus.
- Public Comment Jeff Stein commented he just received notification that the ISO rating for the City is stall at a six (6). Citizens attending the meeting electronically were recognized by Mayor Guiles but declined any public comments.
- Adjourn Mayor Guiles adjourned the meeting at 8:52 P.M.

Jacalyn R. Beam, City Clerk