

CITY OF REED CITY
REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
April 18, 2022

Mayor Meinert called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. in Council Chambers, 227 E. Lincoln Avenue, Reed City, Michigan.

- Present** Mayor, Roger Meinert. Council Members: Nate Bailey, Dan Burchett, Trevor Guiles, Russell Nehmer, Brad Nixon and Nicole Woodside. City Attorney, Cynthia Wotila and City Manager, Rich Saladin, were also in attendance. Department Heads attending were, Rich Rehkopf, Barbara Westerburg and Curt Brackenrich. The meeting was opened with the pledge to the flag. There were citizens in the audience.
- Agenda** Motion by Woodside, seconded by Bailey, **CARRIED**, to approve the Agenda as amended with addition under New Business: No. 8. Discussion on donation of trees for park. Affirmed by voice vote.
- Minutes** Motion by Burchett, seconded by Nehmer, **CARRIED**, to accept the minutes of the March 21, 2022 regular meeting as presented. Affirmed by voice vote.
- Bills** Motion by Woodside, seconded by Guiles, **CARRIED**, to approve paying bills as presented for payment for a grand total approved amount of \$344,673.56. Roll call vote. Voting yes were, Nixon, Meinert, Guiles, Burchett, Nehmer, Bailey and Woodside.
- Audience** Tom Kunse, introduced himself as republican candidate for the new 100th District State Representative position to be on the ballot August 2, 2022.
- Reports** Chief Jeffrey Stein, Fire Dept., Police Chief Christopher Lockhart, Rich Rehkopf, DPW, and Curt Brackenrich, WWTP, filed written reports.
- Motion by Bailey, seconded by Woodside, **CARRIED**, to approve the Department Head reports as submitted. Affirmed by voice vote.
- Meter Reader** Motion by Burchett, seconded by Guiles, **CARRIED**, to approve the bid from Etna Supply - Grand Rapids in the amount of \$6,600.00 for new meter reading equipment. Roll call vote. Voting yes were, Meinert, Nixon, Burchett, Woodside, Guiles, Nehmer and Bailey.
- Lease** Council members discussed a proposed lease with the Boy Scouts for the former museum building rather than a sale of the property. The local Boy Scout group is interested in a lease rather than a sale. It was the consensus of the members to go forward with the lease. Due to a conflict of interest with our City Attorney, Rich Saladin will contact Attorney Eric Williams to go forward with preparing the language for the lease.
- Free Concerts** Motion by Bailey, seconded by Woodside, **CARRIED**, to approve free concerts outside at the Depot on the second and fourth Thursday of the month, beginning May through September as presented. Affirmed by voice vote.
- Change Order** Motion by Nehmer, seconded by Nixon, **CARRIED**, to approve Three Rivers Construction Change Order #2 in the amount of \$1,483.00 for new fascia for the Fire Department repair. Roll call vote. Voting yes were, Nixon, Woodside, Burchett, Nehmer, Guiles, Meinert and Bailey.
- Grants** Discussion on if the city needs to budget for a part-time grant writer to free up some of the City Manager's time. It was the consensus of council members for Rich to pursue grants with no match up to \$10,000 to be within the City Manager guidelines.

Budget Amend Motion by Guiles, seconded by Nixon, **CARRIED**, to approve the Budget Amendment as presented by the City Treasurer. Roll call vote. Voting yes were, Bailey, Burchett, Guiles, Meinert, Nehmer, Nixon and Woodside.

RESOLUTION FOR BUDGET AMENDMENTS

DATE: April 18, 2022

Resolution by the City Council to Amend the 2021/22 fund/department budgets as follows:

<u>FUND/ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>PRESENT BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL TO DATE</u>	<u>ESTIMATED YEAR END</u>	<u>AMENDED BUDGET</u>	<u>INCREASE (DECREASE)</u>
I. Fund #285 American Rescue Plan Act					
<u>Expenditures (by Department)</u>					
Contribution to General Fund	-	-	7,000	7,000	7,000
Total Increase in Expenditures					\$ 7,000
<u>Revenues (by account)</u>					
Federal Grants		-	7,000	7,000	7,000
Total Increase in Revenues					\$ 7,000

Reason:

To budget the portion of the ARPA funds that Council approved to be used for the purchase of the ice rink. This ba will recognize the revenue as "Federal Grants" and record the appropriation to the General Fund where it was expended.

ARPA Funds Motion by Guiles, seconded by Burchett, **CARRIED**, to place the ARPA funds in the general fund as recommended by the City Manager and City Treasurer. Roll call vote. Voting yes were, Burchett, Nixon, Woodside, Nehmer, Bailey, Meinert and Guiles.

Budget The proposed 2022-2023 Budget was presented to council for their review.

FOP Motion by Guiles, seconded by Bailey, **CARRIED**, to approve the terms of the Fraternal Order of Police contract of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025 as presented. Roll call vote. Voting yes were, Guiles, Nixon, Woodside, Bailey, Burchett, Meinert and Nehmer.

Trees Brad Nixon led discussion on consideration of donations for hardwood trees to replace those lost from the storm and to have some type of board listing those who donated or contributed. Rich Rehkopf will be replacing 16 trees in the campground area at Rambadt Park. Cargill has given the city a grant for tree replacement at the linear park and Rich Saladin has written a grant to the Osceola County Foundation for additional funding towards trees at the linear park. Rich Rehkopf commented it would be a great idea if we could get people to donate or contribute and have a board listing contributors.

- Consent Motion by Bailey, seconded by Woodside, **CARRIED**, to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Affirmed by voice vote.
- City Manager Rich Saladin submitted a written report. In addition to the written report he highlighted the following:
- Josh Redner from Fishbeck, may be applying on behalf of the City for a grant as he has done for the last two years.
 - Rich and Dave Porteous have had conversations with some of the legislators for any additional funding that may be coming available.
 - Dave Capser from Fleis & VandenBrink did apply to the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund to see how we would score. The application was submitted and out of 133 municipalities we ranked 11th which is really good. It is unknown at this time what that means for the City funding wise, how much grant or forgiveness wise. Rich stated we need to start examining how to do the water main replacement on Higbee and Todd, wellhead replacements and lead service line replacements.
 - Rich advised his City Manager contract does expire on June 30th and council needs to be thinking about what is the next step.
- Mayor Mayor Meinert reminded Nate Bailey that he is appointed to review bills prior to the May meeting.
- Mayor Meinert reminded everyone Refresh Reed City is on Saturday, April 30th this year and to please join in!
- City Atty. The only item is the workshop for Tuesday for council consideration of going forward with the marihuana ordinance. The City will need independent council if it proceeds with the Boy Scouts lease.
- Council Brad Nixon commented he is tired of seeing negative comments on social media directed at city council for not wanting to see anything come into the community. Brad thinks this council is very active and wants to see community growth. While he appreciates those who commented they clearly see the growth happening, Brad is not going to back off on negative comments. Brad stated he appreciates the energy this council has in wanting our community to grow and prosper.
- Nate Bailey announced he is officially running as a candidate for the 100th District State Representative position. As a result of his campaign, he has taken himself off as administrator of Let's Talk Reed City and Let's Shop Reed City pages. Moderators are co-admins of those pages. Admins for Let's Talk Reed City are Chandra Thorstenson, Amanda Jankowski and Evangel Higley. Admin for Let's Shop Reed City is Natasha Sturdavant.
- Trevor Giles gave an FYI of upcoming events at the Liberty Baptist Church. Ladies Luncheon will be on April 30th, Men's Bullets & BBQ will be May 21st, and Family Bullets & BBQ will be on Father's Day, June 19th.
- Dan Burchett will be meeting with the DNR on April 27th at the proposed location for the Dog Park.
- Russ Nehmer will start the first of May looking for sponsors for the Veteran's Park Memorial Car Show.
- Adjourn Mayor Meinert adjourned the meeting at 7:48 P.M.