

CITY OF REED CITY
REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
August 19, 2019

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

- Present Mayor Pro Tem, Dan Burchett. Council Members: Nathan Bailey, Karen Lea McKinney, Roger Meinert, Dave Scharlow and Carol Tillotson. Trevor Guiles was absent. City Attorney, Cynthia Wotila and City Manager, Ron Howell, were also present. Department Heads, Fire Chief Jeff Stein, Chief Chuck Davis and Curt Brackenrich also attended. The meeting was opened with the pledge to the flag. There were citizens in the audience.
- Add/Delete Addition under Audience Presentation, No. 4 Amber Hutchinson, GACC festival report.
- Agenda Motion by Burchett, seconded by Bailey, **CARRIED**, to approve the Agenda as amended. Affirmed by voice vote.
- Minutes Motion by Scharlow, seconded by Bailey, **CARRIED**, to accept the minutes of the July 15, 2019 regular meeting as presented. Affirmed by voice vote.
- Motion by Scharlow, seconded by Bailey, **CARRIED**, to accept the minutes of the July 31, 2019 special meeting as presented. Affirmed by voice vote.
- Bills Motion by Meinert, seconded by Tillotson, **CARRIED**, to approve paying bills as presented for a grand total approved amount of \$286,954.75. Roll call vote. Voting yes were, Burchett, Tillotson, Bailey, McKinney, Scharlow and Meinert.
- Audience Michelle Sines, of the White Stone Bakery located at 203 W. Upton Avenue, appeared to introduce herself and convey her plans of having the bakery open for business in October.
- Audience Pastor Lee Lennox, new Pastor of the First Baptist Church, introduced himself and his wife, Melissa and their seven children. They moved here from the Wisconsin area and are excited to be a part of the community. Mr. and Mrs. Lennox are working on becoming certified in counseling to address crisis/grief, marriage, family, abuse and addiction counseling service.
- Audience Kim O'Neil, Chamber Director, was unable to attend the meeting. Her monthly report was presented along with a request for the City to share in the purchase of a brochure rack. No action was taken.
- Audience Amber Hutchinson, President of the Great American Crossroads Celebration appeared to praise and thank the many volunteers and the City for their support in making the festival a huge success. She felt it was an amazing weekend and everything was well attended and there were no major problems.
- Reports Chief Stein, Fire Dept., Chief Charles Davis, Police Dept, Rich Rehkopf, DPW, and Curt Brackenrich, WWTP, filed written reports.
- Motion by McKinney, seconded by Scharlow, **CARRIED**, to approve the Department Head reports as presented. Affirmed by voice vote.
- Engine 3 Motion by Bailey, seconded by Tillotson, **CARRIED**, to authorize Chief Stein to obtain bids for the sale of Engine 3 by posting it on the Brindle Mountain website and other auction websites, with a minimum bid of \$10,000. Affirmed by voice vote.
- Ordinance Motion by Meinert, seconded by Bailey, **CARRIED**, to set a Public Hearing on proposed Ordinance 005-2019, Peace Disturbances, regulating fireworks, for the council meeting on Monday, September 16, 2019. Affirmed by voice vote.

- Ordinance It was the consensus of council to leave the Nuisance ordinance regarding open burning as is and to establish a policy.
- W.W.T.P. Motion by Meinert, seconded by McKinney, **CARRIED**, to accept the bid from Berger Chevrolet in the amount of \$29,933.00 for a new 2020 Chevrolet Silverado 2500 4wd pickup for the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Roll call vote. Voting yes were, McKinney, Burchett, Meinert, Bailey, Scharlow and Tillotson.
- GovPayNet Motion by McKinney, seconded by Meinert, **CARRIED**, to authorize Barb Westerburg, Treasurer, to initiate a contract with GovPayNet to allow for customers to make electronic payments. Affirmed by voice vote.
- SAW Grant Motion by Meinert, seconded by Bailey, **CARRIED**, to approve Disbursement Request #13 from Fleis & VandenBrink in the amount of \$63,680.89 for the SAW Grant Project and approve invoice from Fibertech Environmental Services in the amount of \$422.00 for Mahl Study, for the SAW Grant. Roll call vote. Voting yes were, Scharlow, Meinert, Burchett, Tillotson, Bailey and McKinney.
- Obsolete Prop. Councilman Bailey presented and explained the Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act. It was the consensus of the council to research and see what would be the top 10 properties that would qualify under this exemption.
- Fire Contract Motion by Tillotson, seconded by Bailey, **CARRIED**, to approve the Agreement for Fire/Medical Services with Richmond Township for 2019/2020 in the amount of \$55,812.69 as presented and the Agreement for Fire/Medical Services with Chase Township for 2019/2020 in the amount of \$37,935.32 as presented and the Agreement for Fire/Medical Services with Pinora Township for 2019/2020 in the amount of \$11,241.66 as presented and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign. Roll call vote. Voting yes were, Meinert, Scharlow, Burchett, McKinney, Tillotson and Bailey.
- Graves Motion by Scharlow, seconded by Meinert, **CARRIED**, to purchase back two (2) graves in Woodland Cemetery from James B. Thompson in the amount of \$720.00. Roll call vote. Voting yes were, McKinney, Scharlow, Meinert, Bailey, Tillotson and Burchett.
- Disc Golf Steve Hedstrom, Course Designer and Ashley Veltkamp, reviewed a proposal for Rambadt Park and Linear Park Disc Golf Course and answered questions from the council.
- Motion by Meinert, seconded by Tillotson, **CARRIED**, to approve the use and development of the wooded area of Rambadt Park and the Linear Park for Disc Golf locations and to seek Chamber of Commerce assistance to write the grants for the projects. Affirmed by voice vote. McKinney voted no.
- Sledding Hill There was discussion of developing a sledding hill on the north side of the restrooms at Rambadt Park. There was concern regarding the liability issue with it being a wooded area of the park. Liability information will be obtained and provided to council members.
- Moose Lodge Motion by Scharlow, seconded by McKinney, **CARRIED**, to approve a waiver of the noise ordinance for Saturday, September 14, 2019 for the Moose Lodge to allow for karaoke music on their back deck to end at 11:00 P.M. Affirmed by voice vote.
- FOP Contract Motion by McKinney, seconded by Scharlow, **CARRIED**, to approve the Fraternal Order of Police Agreement effective July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022 as presented. Roll call vote. Voting yes were, Tillotson, Scharlow, McKinney, Bailey, Meinert and Burchett.
- Consent Motion by McKinney, seconded by Bailey, **CARRIED**, to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Affirmed by voice vote.

- Committee No committees have met.
- City Manager Ron reported on the following:
- In a follow-up to live streaming meetings, Professor Connie Morcom of Ferris State University, emailed Ron with a proposal for a student project where the City would be the “client”. Nate Bailey offered to also meet with the student team on September 10th. There is no cost to meet with this consulting team on how to get our message out.
 - Letter dated August 15th from Fleis & VandenBrink regarding potential funding opportunities regarding E. Lincoln Street. There are some different approaches working through the Brownfield Authority to address rerouting Savidge Street and the utilities. Another project addressed was the development of a Memorial Park. Council was in favor of Ron contacting the Chamber to write a grant for the creation of a Memorial Park.
 - Ron reported a couple of council members made a site visit to the Crossroad Theater during a rain storm and observed the rain runoff of the roof causing the washout of sidewalk and water issues. Ron will contact the theater guild and follow-up with them.
 - Provided information from David Porteous regarding the Trees, weeds & grass ordinance. It was the consensus of the council members to have the attorney write an ordinance that will work and can be supported.
 - Ron provided a copy of a NEP late application and letter of explanation. Although it was received late, Ron requested that it be added to the complete list of those received.
 - Presented an updated Uncompleted Items List and Longer Range Projects update.
- Late NEP App. Motion by Tillotson, seconded by Bailey, **CARRIED**, to accept the NEP late application of Scott Maaser and list it with the other applications. Affirmed by voice vote.
- Bills Mayor Pro Tem Burchett appointed Nate Bailey to review bills prior to the next meeting.
- City Attorney Attorney Wotila reviewed the changes to the Rental registration form. It was the consensus of council members that the form is good.
- Comments Dave Scharlow commented he felt the festival was good this year and it was good to see the City Manager there. Nate Bailey also added the festival was really good this year and he had a lot of fun flying his drone over the downtown area getting video and pictures of the car show.
- Audience Doug Tapling, of 411 E. Todd Avenue, commented he was very thankful to the city for the sewer work that had been done. During the heavy rains, he has not had any flooding or water issues.
- Adjourn Mayor Pro Tem Burchett adjourned the meeting at 9:32 P.M.

Jacalyn R. Beam
City Clerk