

CITY OF REED CITY
REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
April 8, 2024

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: Trevor Guiles, Russell Nehmer, Nicole Woodside, and Dan Burchett. Brad Nixon and David Belden were absent. The City Attorney, David Porteous and City Manager, Rich Saladin, were also in attendance. Department Heads attending were, Rich Rehkopf, Kadee Kidd, Chris Lockhart Jeff Stein 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 Nehmer, **CARRIED**, to approve the agenda as presented with the correction of adding #7 closed door session for discussion on real estate property acquisition no actions will be made. Change "on" on #4. Affirmed by voice vote.
- Minutes Motion by Nehmer, seconded by Woodside, **CARRIED**, to accept the minutes of the March 11, 2024, regular meeting as presented. Affirmed by voice vote.
- Bills Motion by Woodside, seconded by Guiles, **CARRIED**, to approve paying total amount of \$1,221,859.46 as presented. Roll call vote. Voting yes were Woodside, Burchett, Meinert, Guiles, and Nehmer.
- RCYL Christi Waldman, President of RCYL talked about all the wonderful things RCYL sports does for the community. RCYL had an agreement with the property owner where the practice field is located, this property is being sold to another business and they won't have a place to practice. RCYL would like to purchase the parcel owned by the City that they are leasing.
- Reports Fire Chief Jeffrey Stein, Police Chief Christopher Lockhart, Rich Rehkopf, DPW, and Curt Brackenrich, WWTP, filed written reports. Kadee Kidd provided by email, Financial Reports including a Revenue/Expenditure Report as of March 31, 2024. Motion by Woodside, seconded by Guiles, **CARRIED**, to approve the Department Head reports as submitted. Affirmed by voice vote.
- RCYL Motion by Guiles, second by Woodside, **CARRIED**, to table the RCYL to purchase 1.5 acres of the parcel owned by the City that they are leasing from the City. City Manager and City Attorney will look for more information/restrictions on this property. Affirmed by voice vote.
- OLCD Motion by Guiles, seconded by Woodside, **CARRIED**, to approve the Osceola Lake Conservation Tire/Electric pick-up collection (\$500.00) & Household Hazardous Waste collection (\$575.00) total of \$1,075.00 as presented. Voting yes were Meinert, Guiles, Burchett, Nehmer, and Woodside.
- MERS Motion by Guiles, seconded by Nehmer, **CARRIED**, to approve the application for waiver Defined Benefit Pension Retirement Systems as presented to the State of Michigan Department of Treasury. Voting yes were Meinert, Guiles, Burchett, Nehmer, and Woodside.
- WWPT Project Change order Motion by Burchett, seconded by Guiles, **CARRIED**, to approve Change order number 5 Item #1 for \$19,857.00 as presented. Voting yes were Meinert, Guiles, Burchett, Nehmer, and Woodside.
- Motion by Guiles, seconded by Burchett, **CARRIED**, to approve Change order number 5 Item #2 for \$154,101.00 as presented. Voting yes were Meinert, Guiles, Burchett, Nehmer, and Woodside.

Sidewalk Bids Motion by Burchett seconded by Nehmer, **CARRIED**, to approve the sidewalk bid from Gerber Construction for \$21,778.00. Voting yes were Woodside, Meinert, Guiles and Nehmer.

CM Evaluation Motion by Woodside seconded by Guiles, **CARRIED**, to accept the Personnel Committee recommendation of the City Manager evaluation and compensation with the 3-year step, cost of living and merit increase accept the total salary amount of \$90,000.00 a year with the same hours as last year as presented. Voting yes were Meinert, Guiles, Burchett, Nehmer, and Woodside. City Managers evaluation was all above average. Council Members and Department Heads feel he is doing an excellent job and would like to commend him.

Consent Agenda Motion by Guiles, seconded by Woodside, **CARRIED**, to approve consent agenda as presented. Affirmed by voice vote.

City Manager Rich Saladin submitted a written report and highlighted the following:

- Farmers Market is moving forward very quickly, they got together with RC Feed to allow all the vendors to park in their parking lot. They also got Yoplait to coordinate trucking. They have been marketing on social media and is received well.
- DPW has rented a vac trailer to identify lead service lines within the city they have finished 936 with 166 left to identify. Will be done by the end of summer ahead of schedule. This is outstanding news.
- Tim Scully has been great to work with on the Crossroads Picnic Showcase. It starts June 21, 2024, and runs through August with 10 shows.
- Through Osceola Foundation Grant June 29, 2024, is a Neil Diamond Tribute Band, Blue Water Ramblers July 13, 2024, after the Car Show at the Porteous Depot, and 2024 Roosevelt Diggs will be performing on July 20, 2024.
- Refresh Reed City is on April 27, 2024. There is a Facebook page for this.
- Keep July 18, 2024, open for special back up meeting to approve bids for DWSRF.
- Road construction will be started April 15, 2024, until June 28, 2024. Chestnut Street Bridge, road will be closed, and US 10 being worked on. Yoplait has been advised and trucks will be routed accordingly.

Mayor Report David Belden has bills next month.

Attorney Report Shout out to Chief Lockhart and the Reed City Officers on working diligently on West Upton house. It is starting to look good, and they have done a lot of work to get it where it is now and it has been a long process.

Council Dan Burchett on Saturday at the Library at noon there is a guy giving a presentation on fish.

Audience Charles Lupo, 329 N Higbee, wanted to let all know he acquired two more bump outs and is working on making them look good hoping to WOW us. The council thanked Charles for all his hard work.

Closed Door: Motion made by Guiles, seconded by, Woodside, **CARRIED**, to go into a closed-door meeting at 7:30 to discuss real estate property acquisition. Council Members, Woodside, Guiles, Burchett, Nehmer, and Meinert, City Manager Rich Saladin, City Attorney Dave Porteous, Clerk Amye Hensel and DPW Supervisor Rich Rehkopf, were present during this meeting. Affirmed voice vote. No action was taken.

Motion made by Burchett, seconded by Nehmer, **CARRIED**, to go out of closed-door meeting at 8:00. Affirmed voice vote. No action was taken.

Adjourn Mayor Meinert adjourned the meeting at 8:00 P.M.

Amye Hensel, City Clerk