

CITY OF REED CITY
REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
September 11, 2023

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, Dan Burchett. David Belden and Brad Nixon. City Attorney, Mike Figliomeni and City Manager, Rich Saladin, were also in attendance. Department Heads attending were Curt Brackenrich, Rich Rehkopf, Kadee Kidd, Chris Lockart and Fire Chief, Jeff Stein. The meeting was opened with the pledge to the flag. There were citizens in the audience.
- Agenda Motion by Guiles, seconded by Woodside, **CARRIED**, to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of #10 Fire Department gift of Fire Truck. Affirmed by voice vote.
- Minutes Motion by Belden, seconded by Nehmer, **CARRIED**, to accept the minutes of the August 14, 2023, regular meeting as presented. Affirmed by voice vote.
- Special Minutes Motion by Burchett, seconded by Nehmer, **CARRIED**, to accept the minutes of the August 29, 2023, special meeting as presented. Affirmed by voice vote.
- Bills Motion by Burchett, seconded by Guiles, **CARRIED**, to approve paying total approved amount of \$518,617.01. Roll call vote. Voting yes were, Nixon, Woodside, Meinert, Guiles, Belden, Burchett, and Nehmer.
- Audience Tom Kunse, State Representative 100th District, for Clare, Osceola, Mecosta and part of Lake Counties, stopped in to ask if we had any questions and give his number if anything came up. He always available and will help.
- Audience Josh Redner, Fishbeck, gave a update on the Waste Water Treatment Plant project. Groundbreaking will be 10/05/2023 at 10:30 a.m.
- Reports Chief Jeffrey Stein, Fire Dept., 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 June 30, 2023
- Motion by Woodside, seconded by Nehmer, **CARRIED**, to approve the Department Head reports as submitted. Affirmed by voice vote.
- DPW Truck Motion by Guiles, seconded by Burchett, **CARRIED**, to accept \$3,578.00 for the sale of DPW 1995 Dump Truck to Robertson Well Drilling, of Leroy as presented. Roll call vote. Voting yes were Guiles, Nixon, Belden, Woodside, Meinert, Burchett, and Nehmer.
- RCPS fireworks Motion by Guiles, seconded by Woodside, **CARRIED**, to approve Fireworks for the Homecoming Football game on 9-22-2023 as presented. Affirmed by voice vote.
- Halloween Motion by Guiles, seconded by Nixon, **CARRIED**, to approve trick or treat hours for Halloween on 10-31-2023 from 5-7. Affirmed by voice vote.
- WWTP Change Motion by Guiles, seconded by Nehmer, **CARRIED**, to approve Wastewater Treatment Plant change request for the South Plant project as presented allowing \$166,197.00 additional funds with change of net decrease to net increase. Roll call vote. Voting yes were, Guiles, Nixon, Belden, Woodside, Meinert, Burchett, and Nehmer.
- DDA Discussion on getting information started for forming a DDA. The City Council directed City Manager Saladin to get information to move forward.

- Election Com Mayor Meinert appointed Council person Russ Nehmer as a member of the Election Committee and Council person Nicole Woodside as an alternative. Affirmed by voice vote.
- Grant MI Arts Motion by Burchett, seconded by Guiles, **CARRIED**, to apply for a Grant for Michigan Arts and Humanities Council with a \$50.00 application fee. Roll call vote. Voting yes were, Guiles, Nixon, Belden, Woodside, Meinert, Burchett, and Nehmer.
- RCPD Car Motion by Burchett, seconded by Nixon, **CARRIED**, to allow RCPD to take old patrol car to auction with minimum bid of \$1,500.00. Roll call vote. Voting yes were, Guiles, Nixon, Belden, Woodside, Meinert, Burchett, and Nehmer.
- Fire Dept Grant Motion by Belden seconded by Burchett, **CARRIED**, to allow Fire Department to purchase 800 radios from the \$35,000 grant that was accepted for them. Roll call vote. Voting yes were, Guiles, Nixon, Woodside, Meinert, Burchett, Belden and Nehmer.
- Fire Dept Gift Motion by Guiles seconded by Burchett, **CARRIED**, to accept the 1946 Fire Truck from Richard Palmer with condition not declaring a value on the fire truck as presented. Roll call vote. Voting yes were Nixon, Belden, Woodside, Meinert, Burchett, Guiles and Nehmer.
- Consent Motion by Belden, seconded by Burchett, **CARRIED**, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Affirmed by voice vote.
- City Manager Rich Saladin submitted a written report and highlighted the following:
- Halloween in Park will be at Westerburg Park.
 - Depot lighting is awesome and up and working.
 - The new phone system is up and running.
- Mayor Report: Mayor Meinert shared a letter he received from Lowell Joerg, from California. Was a 1907 postcard with nice letter. Would like to send something to him next month.
- Attorney Rep No written report. Cindy is working with the Police Department and City Manager on some issues.
- Council Russ Nehmer: Never forget 9-11
Trevor Guiles: Congratulations to City Manager for two years at City Hall.
- Adjourn Mayor Meinert adjourned the meeting at 8:06 P.M.

Amye Hensel, City Clerk