

**CITY OF REED CITY  
REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
February 22, 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: Nathan Bailey, Dan Burchett, Russell Nehmer arrived at 6:09 P.M., Brad Nixon and Nicole Woodside arrived at 6:03 P.M. Trevor Guiles was absent. City Attorney, David Porteous and City Manager, Rich Saladin, were also in attendance. Department Heads attending were, Police Chief Chris Lockhart, Rich Rehkopf, Jeffrey Stein, Barbara Westerburg and Curt Brackenrich. The meeting was opened with the pledge to the flag. There were citizens in the audience.

**Agenda** Motion by Bailey, seconded by Burchett, **CARRIED**, to approve the Agenda as amended with additions under New Business: No. 9. Wifi and No. 10 Marihuana. Affirmed by voice vote.

**Minutes** Motion by Bailey, seconded by Burchett, **CARRIED**, to accept the minutes of the January 18, 2022 regular meeting as corrected striking the words "and arbitral" from the City Attorney Report. Affirmed by voice vote.

Councilperson Woodside arrived at 6:03 P.M.

**Bills** Motion by Burchett, seconded by Bailey, **CARRIED**, to approve paying bills as presented for payment for a grand total approved amount of \$469,514.47. Roll call vote. Voting yes were, Nixon, Woodside, Bailey, Burchett and Meinert.

**Audience** Casey Merriss was introduced by councilman Burchett. Mr. Merris is the main volunteer for the ice rink. He is helping build the new zambonie and also has purchased cones and pvc pipe for the gliders. Casey has developed a team of volunteers to help maintain the ice rink. Council thanked him for a tremendous job of maintaining the rink and his efforts and time involved. Casey felt it would be good idea to have a list of rules posted but basically it has been a terrific season.

Councilperson Nehmer arrived at 6:09 P.M.

**Reports** Chief Jeffrey Stein, Fire Dept., Police Chief Christopher Lockhart, Rich Rehkopf, DPW, and Curt Brackenrich, WWTP, filed written reports. Barb Westerburg provided Financial Reports including a Revenue/Expenditure Report as of January 31, 2022.

Motion by Bailey, seconded by Woodside, **CARRIED**, to approve the Department Head reports as submitted. Affirmed by voice vote.

**Ordinance** Councilperson Brad Nixon introduced Ordinance No. 001-2022, an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 652, Nuisances with changes and additions as discussed.

**C.M. Review** As a five month review of the new City Manager, council members discussed and shared their thoughts and views regarding his performance. His presence in the community, daily hours at City Hall and following through on things were mentioned in the affirmative. The Mayor noted for the record, the review was completed and there were no negative comments made or constructive criticism noted for change.

**Meals Expense** Motion by Bailey, seconded by Nehmer, **CARRIED**, to approve the increase for reimbursement of meal expenses to \$50.00 per day and increase the gratuities to 20% effective January 1, 2022 as presented. Roll call vote. Voting yes, were, Woodside, Nehmer, Meinert, Bailey, Nixon and Burchett.

**E. Osceola** Motion by Bailey, seconded by Woodside, **CARRIED**, to approve the Consent to Petition to Revision of Plat of Bittner's Second Addition to Reed City and authorize the City Manager to sign. Affirmed by

- Fire Station** Motion by Nixon, seconded by Nehmer, **CARRIED**, to approve the Invoice from ServPro of Saginaw in the amount of \$19,832.25 for painting of the Fire Department fire damage. Roll call vote. Voting yes were, Nixon, Woodside, Burchett, Nehmer, Meinert and Bailey.
- MSHDA** Motion by Bailey, seconded by Burchett, **CARRIED**, to approve two Invoices from E & A Construction, Evan Stieg, in the total amount of \$30,000.00 for the completion of the MSHDA project at 304 W. Upton Avenue. Roll call vote. Voting yes were, Meinert, Bailey, Nehmer, Woodside, Nixon and Burchett.
- Ice Rink  
Splash Pad** Motion by Bailey, seconded by Burchett, **CARRIED**, to approve the site at the corner of S. Chestnut and W. Slosson to be developed into a community place for a skating rink and splash pad. Affirmed by voice vote.
- Linear Park** Discussion on renovating and developing the parcel north of the Chestnut Street bridge. It was the consensus of council members for the City Manager to work with an Engineering firm for a conceptual drawing to renovate this parcel and develop a Veterans Memorial Park and bring back update to council.
- Natural Gas Agt.** Information was not received in time for the council meeting and was tabled to the March council meeting.
- Budget Amend** Motion by Woodside, seconded by Nehmer, **CARRIED**, to approve the Budget Amendment as presented by the City Treasurer. Roll call vote. Voting yes were, Nixon, Woodside, Bailey, Burchett, Meinert and Nehmer.

**RESOLUTION FOR BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

DATE: February 22, 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>
1. <b>Fund #101 General Fund</b>					
<u>Expenditures (by Department)</u>					
Dept. 441 Public Works	221,660	127,960	251,660	251,660	30,000
Total Increase in Expenditures					\$ 30,000
<u>Revenues (by account)</u>					
#539 State Grant	300	30,000	30,300	30,300	30,000
Total Increase in Revenues					\$ 30,000

Reason:

Budget for MSHDA grant #HDF-2019-9941-NEP

- Wifi Discussion on the lack of wifi signal in the Council Chambers and areas of City Hall. Mayor Meinert recapped from a previous meeting that a wall mount wireless access point would work in the council chamber and would need POE (power over Ethernet) to power it. Rich Saladin will contact JT to discuss it and get some quotes.
- Marihuana Mayor Meinert led discussion based on a recent article in the paper, Face Book conversations and personal conversation concerning marihuana and what we are going to do in Reed City. Rich Saladin sat in on a MML presentation in which they talked about City Councils being proactive and author an Ordinance if marihuana is going to be allowed. This would allow cities to create any rules, regulation and constraints. The City can define it the way in which City would like to see it run. If action is not taken as a council, someone could create a petition and get enough signatures to have it on the ballot and then the City could end up with a very open ended ordinance. The City would have no voice in what is allowed, not allowed or where it is allowed etc. Mayor Meinert feels we should author an ordinance and proposed Nate Bailey and Rich Saladin to develop that language and start that process. Dave Porteous added Cindy Wotila has done extensive work in this area and it would be relatively easy to create this ordinance. Rich will set up a work session with Nate, Cindy Wotila and Chief Lockhart to work on that language.
- Consent Motion by Nixon, seconded by Burchett, **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:
- The MSHDA grant received to help renovate 304 W. Upton, is close to closing.
  - Received the final closeout of the CDBG Yoplait Grant. Rich thanked Dave and Cindy for their help in getting through this project.
  - Received a Cargill Cares Grant (\$6,370) for a portable speed radar system for the Police Department. Also received a \$6,000 grant from Cargill for Linear Park restorations. Stumps need to be removed and new trees planted to replace those lost from the September 7<sup>th</sup> storm.
  - CIP budgeting is in process and will be presented to the Planning Commission for review at their March meeting.
  - Rich commented on the success of the ice rink and recognized Casey Merriss for all of his volunteer time and use of his equipment to maintain the ice rink. Rich also commended Dan Burchett for doing an amazing job collecting donations for this project. A lot of businesses and people have supported this community project.
- Mayor Mayor Meinert acknowledge and welcomed the Boy Scouts and two Scout Leaders in the audience. . The Mayor explained the Boy Scouts were attending the meeting to earn the Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge, and encouraged the boys to continue in scouting and earn their Eagle Scout rank.
- Planning Mayor Meinert, seconded by Burchett, **CARRIED**, appointed Allison Langworthy to the Planning Commission unexpired term ending 1/03/2023. Affirmed by voice vote.
- Housing Mayor Meinert, seconded by Burchett, **CARRIED**, re-appointed Kristina Hulliberger to the Housing Commission term ending 3/31/2027. Affirmed by voice vote.
- Mayor Meinert reminded Russ Nehmer that he is appointed to review bills prior to the March meeting.
- Communication Letter from David Ball, Chairman and representative of the Crossroad Theater Guild, thanking the City for rectifying the tripping hazard to the side of the Theatre Guild. Mayor Meinert thanked Rich Rehkopf and his DPW crew for addressing the concern and taking care of the sidewalk and pavement.

**Council** Russ Nehmer announced the Veteran’s Park Memorial Car Show will be on Saturday, July 16, 2022 and he will be seeking council permission to block off the downtown for the event. He was also approached by a group of ladies in the community who would like to have a craft show at the Scout Building also.

Dan Burchett conveyed a huge thank you to Rich Rehkopf and the DPW crew. They have been very supportive and helpful with the ice rink.

Brad Nixon advised he will be out of town for the March meeting.

**Audience** Ryan Allen, scout from Troop 74, invited everyone to the Boy Scout Troop 74 Chili Cook Off on Saturday, February 26, 2022 from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM.

**Adjourn** Mayor Meinert adjourned the meeting at 7:33 P.M.

Jacalyn R. Beam, City Clerk