

**CITY OF REED CITY
REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
June 21, 2021**

Mayor Meinert called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in Council Chambers, 227 E. Lincoln Avenue, Reed City, Michigan.

- Present Mayor, Roger Meinert. Council Members: Nathan Bailey, Dan Burchett, Trevor Guiles, Russell Nehmer, Brad Nixon and Nicole Woodside. City Attorney, David Porteous and City Manager, Ron Howell, were also in attendance. Department Heads attending were, Rich Rehkopf, Jeffrey Stein, Curt Brackenrich, Barbara Westerburg and Sgt. Brian Koschmider for the Police Department. The meeting was opened with the pledge to the flag. There were citizens in the audience.
- Public Hearing Mayor Meinert opened the Public Hearing at 7:01 P.M. to receive public comment on an application to the USDA Rural Development for a grant for the purchase of Body Cameras and Docking Station for the Police Department.
- There were no public comments received and no written comments received. The hearing was closed at 7:01 P.M.
- Add/Delete Add to the Agenda: Under Unfinished Business: No. 4 Backup Server. No. 5 Social District. Under New Business: No. 8 Boy Scout Flags. No. 9 Veteran's Park Grant. Remove under New Business: No. 5 and under City Manager No. 2.
- Agenda Motion by Guiles, seconded by Bailey, **CARRIED**, to approve the Agenda as amended. Affirmed by voice vote.
- Minutes Motion by Nehmer, seconded by Woodside, **CARRIED**, to accept the minutes of the May 17, 2021 regular meeting as presented. Affirmed by voice vote.
- Motion by Guiles, seconded by Burchett, **CARRIED**, to accept the minutes of the May 25, 2021 Special Meeting as presented. Affirmed by voice vote.
- Motion by Bailey, seconded by Burchett, **CARRIED**, to accept the minutes of the June 8, 2021 Special Town Hall Meeting as presented. Affirmed by voice vote.
- Bills Motion by Meinert, seconded by Burchett, **CARRIED**, to approve paying bills as presented for payment for a grand total approved amount of \$212,813.03. Roll call vote. Voting yes were, Bailey, Burchett, Nixon, Guiles, Meinert, Nehmer and Woodside.
- Audience Jesse Kailing, of the Great American Crossroads Celebration committee, appeared to update council on the events scheduled for the festival and request approval of a temporary liquor license and waiver of the noise ordinance for the beverage area on Friday and Saturday nights.
- Festival Motion by Bailey, seconded by Nixon, **CARRIED**, to approve a temporary liquor license to Sunny's Bar & Grill and the Buckboard Bar for the Great American Crossroads Celebration festival in the downtown area as presented. Roll call vote. Voting yes were, Meinert, Guiles, Bailey, Nehmer, Woodside, Nixon and Burchett.
- Motion by Woodside, seconded by Bailey, **CARRIED**, to approve a waiver of the noise ordinance for Friday, August 20, 2021 and Saturday, August 21, 2021 for the beverage area of the Great American Crossroads Celebration festival allowing music to end at midnight. Affirmed by voice vote.
- Audience Nathan Arnold, of Yoplait, Project Manager of the Lighting Project, presented a guide and gave an overview of the project and benefits to add outdoor lighting improvements on the north side of the plant and the south side of the plant.

- Yoplait Motion by Bailey, seconded by Nehmer, **CARRIED**, to approve the request from Yoplait for the Outdoor Lighting Improvements project as presented. Affirmed by voice vote.
- Audience Scott Conradson, from State of Michigan EGGLE, oversees the drinking water program in our area. He appeared to advise council of the aging City infrastructure in need of some work. Well #4 needs to be replaced but to qualify for Rural Development funding the City user rates need to increase significantly. Mike Engles from Rural Water Association prepared an Asset Management Plan for the City last fall and has offered to meet with council members to help explain the finances going on. Mr. Conradson encouraged council to meet with Mr. Engles so members can understand and make some informed decisions. Mr. Conradson emphasized the City cannot afford to replace that well and with the lead and copper rule, there a lot of service lines that need replacing and rates need to be brought up where they should be. Ron will contact Mike Engle to set up a meeting with council and will also forward a copy of the Asset Management Plan to all council members.
- Reports Chief Jeffrey Stein, Fire Dept., Police Chief Christopher Lockhart, Rich Rehkopf, DPW, and Curt Brackenrich, WWTP, filed written reports.
- Motion by Guiles, seconded by Bailey, **CARRIED**, to approve the Department Head reports as submitted. Affirmed by voice vote.
- Ordinance The Police Department presented a proposed Outdoor Burning ordinance amendment to be reviewed. After some discussion it was the consensus to table this item and return it on unfinished business for the July meeting agenda.
- OPRA District Motion by Bailey, seconded by Nehmer, **CARRIED**, to set a public hearing for the establishment of 114 W. Upton Avenue as an OPRA District. Affirmed by voice vote.
- Fire Dept. Chief Stein reviewed the two (2) bids received for the Re-Chassis/Re-Furbish of the 1996 Freightliner with a Pierce Chassis (Tender 2). Chief Stein also presented information on a new stock truck but recommends going with the Pierce Re-Chassis/Re-Furbish bid. Council inquired if the Townships are on board with this and Chief Stein indicated he will take the information to the Townships for their thoughts and consideration, then bring it back for the next council meeting.
- Special Use Motion by Bailey, seconded by Nixon, **CARRIED**, to approve the Special Use Permit at 617 S. Chestnut to allow conversion of single family dwelling to a multiple family dwelling unit. Roll call vote. Voting yes were, Meinert, Nixon, Woodside and Bailey. Voting no were, Burchett, Guiles and Nehmer.
- Backup Server Motion by Meinert, seconded by Bailey, **CARRIED**, to approve the quote from Insight Public Sector Sled for the Barracuda Backup system with a one (1) year option with a product and service costs in the amount of \$2,985.36 for City Hall. Roll call vote. Voting yes were, Woodside, Nehmer, Meinert, Guiles, Bailey, Nixon and Burchett.
- Social District Motion by Meinert, seconded by Woodside, **CARRIED**, to apply for the Social District with the map previously approved, from January 1st through December 31st, the times from Noon until 11:00 P.M., Monday through Sunday, but in the plan submitted to the state will be an explanation that they City will further control as needed those dates and times that the Social District is available. Roll call vote. Voting yes were, Bailey, Nixon, Meinert, Nehmer, Woodside. Voting no were, Burchett and Guiles.
- Agenda Motion by Bailey, seconded by Nixon, **CARRIED**, to table the rest of the Agenda and set a special meeting for Monday, June 28, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. to finish the Agenda. Affirmed by voice vote.
- Adjourn Mayor Meinert adjourned the meeting at 9:05 P.M.