

CITY OF REED CITY
REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
March 16, 2015

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

Present Mayor, Karen Lea McKinney. Council Members: David Bisbee, Bonnie Danzeisen, Marlene Fatum, Roger Meinert, Dave Scharlow and Carol Tillotson. City Manager, Ron Howell and City Attorney, David Porteous were also present. Department Heads, Curt Brackenrich, interim DPW Superintendent Tom Plummer, Chuck Davis, Barbara Westerburg and acting Fire Chief David Belden also attended. The meeting was opened with the pledge to the flag. Citizens were in the audience.

Add/Del None. Carol Tillotson took this time to present a "2015 Honorable Conceptor Award - Surveying" plaque she accepted on behalf of the City with Fleis & VandenBrink at the 50th Anniversary Engineering & Surveying Excellence Awards she attended for the demolition of the Osceola Inn project.

Minutes Motion by Scharlow, seconded by Fatum, **CARRIED**, to accept the minutes of the February 17, 2015 meeting as presented. Affirmed by voice vote.

Motion by Bisbee, seconded by Meinert, **CARRIED**, to accept the minutes of the February 23, 2015 special meeting as presented. Affirmed by voice vote.

Motion by Scharlow, seconded by Meinert, **CARRIED**, to accept the minutes of the February 24, 2015 City Council and D.D.A. joint meeting as presented. Affirmed by voice vote.

Bills Motion by Bisbee, seconded by Danzeisen, **CARRIED**, to approve paying bills as presented with the addition of an Invoice from A2Z Computer Technologies for \$560.00, an Invoice from Babb Ford for \$2,457.55 and an Invoice from Pete's Contracting for \$300.00 for a grand total of bills in the amount of \$340,962.53. Roll call vote. Voting yes were, Scharlow, Meinert, Bisbee, Danzeisen, Fatum, Tillotson and McKinney.

Audience Anna Marie Bower, of the DNR appeared in place of Joshua Pellow who was unable to attend the meeting. Anna Marie handed out information of the Fred Meijer White Pine Trail State Park Development Funding Request. The DNR would like to complete the 90.2 mile long trail by resurfacing (crushed limestone surface) 40.8 miles of undeveloped trail from LeRoy to Reed City and Big Rapids to Sand Lake. She explained the project budget, cost sharing and project benefits.

Brian Rice, of Fleis & VandenBrink, gave an update of on the SAW grant. The City's current sanitary sewer and storm sewer maps were prepared in 2003. F&V propose to update these maps. If the SAW grant is awarded, the work would be reimbursable under the SAW program

Suzie Williams, Great American Crossroads Celebration President, reported they are making plans for this summers festival and would like to have someone from City Council sit on their board. They meet one Monday out of each month. Council member Bonnie Danzeisen volunteered to attend the monthly meetings on behalf of the council. The committee is looking to change some things up for this years event, i.e., blocking off downtown for carnival rides and games and possibly relocating other events to the downtown district.

Suzie Williams, Executive Director D.D.A., reported at the last D.D.A. meeting they discussed the budget and are working on the budget at this time. Their next budget workshop meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 22.

Reports Acting Chief Belden, Fire Dept., Chief Davis, Police Department, Tom Plummer, DPW, and Curt Brackenrich, WWTP, filed written reports.

Fire Dept. - Ron Howell explained to Council he had discussed with the acting Chief about bidding out for 16 SCBA tanks and at the same time getting a quote for another 16 SCBA tanks to be delivered after July 1, 2015. Council was in agreement to bid out this way.

Police Dept. update - Chief Davis announced he had received notification that the cops grant was granted a six (6) month extension. Chief Davis also reviewed the quotes he received for the body cameras which he will be ordering from Pro Vision at \$295.00 per unit for a total price of \$1,260.00.

Ordinance Motion by Bisbee, seconded by Scharlow, **CARRIED**, to adopt Ordinance No. 001-2015, Noise, to amend the penalty section of Chapter 471. Affirmed by voice vote.

CITY OF REED CITY
ORDINANCE NO. 001-2015
Noise

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE PENALTY SECTION OF CHAPTER 471 OF SAID
CODIFIED ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF REED CITY.

The City of Reed City ordains:

PENALTY:

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code, a person held responsible for violations of this Chapter shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for the first offense and not more than two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for the second offense and shall be deemed to have committed a civil infraction.

Effective Date: Thirty (30) days after publication

This ordinance was introduced on February 17, 2015 by Councilperson DANZEISEN.

On the 16th day of March, 2015, upon the motion of Councilperson BISBEE and seconded by Councilperson SCHARLOW, this ordinance was adopted.

Voting yeas: Meinert, Danzeisen, Bisbee, Tillotson, McKinney, Scharlow and Fatum.
Voting nays: None.

X-mas Decor. Motion by Danzeisen, seconded by Scharlow, **CARRIED**, to authorize seeking bids for Christmas Decorations. Affirmed by voice vote.

Police Dept. Motion by Fatum, seconded by Scharlow, **CARRIED**, to authorize the Police Department to apply for a grant for playground equipment. Affirmed by voice vote.

Dist. Library Motion by Fatum, seconded by Bisbee, **CARRIED**, to authorize the City Manager to meet with the District Library Board to get a better understanding of the work to be done regarding the demolition of the interior of the building at 829 S. Chestnut and report back to council. Affirmed by voice vote. McKinney and Meinert voting no.

W.W.T.P. Motion by Danzeisen, seconded by McKinney, **CARRIED**, to authorize seeking bids for a grinder for the W.W.T.P. Affirmed by voice vote.

Propane Motion by Danzeisen, seconded by Scharlow, **CARRIED**, to authorize the City Manager to seek bids for propane for the Museum. Affirmed by voice vote.

Resignation Motion by Scharlow, seconded by Bisbee, **CARRIED**, to accept the resignation from Karen Crosson from the Planning Commission. Affirmed by voice vote.

Resolution Motion by Scharlow, seconded by Bisbee, **CARRIED**, to approve A Resolution in Support of Proposal 1 for Safer Roads. Affirmed by voice vote.

**CITY OF REED CITY
A Resolution in Support of
Proposal 1 for Safer Roads**

WHEREAS, Michigan's roads and bridges threaten driver safety and contribute to countless accidents each year, as drivers swerve to avoid potholes and other road hazards; and

WHEREAS, 38 percent of Michigan's state- and locally-owned urban roads and 32 percent of the state's state- and locally-owned rural roads are in poor condition; and

WHEREAS, Michigan has relied on Band-Aid, short-term fixes for our roads instead of investing enough money to fix our roads for the long term; and

WHEREAS, Michigan invests less per capita in transportation than any state in the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the longer we wait to fix Michigan's roads, the more it will cost us; and

WHEREAS, in addition to threatening public safety, Michigan's crumbling roads hurt our economy; and

WHEREAS, Proposal 1 on the May 5 ballot is Michigan's last, best chance to finally fix our roads with funds that the politicians can't divert somewhere else – while also supporting Michigan's long-term future by investing in our public schools and local communities;

WHEREAS: Having adequate resources to fix our crumbling roads and bridges is crucial to helping improve the state's economy and generate an estimated 15,000 new skilled and high-paying jobs in Michigan; and

WHEREAS: Because safe roads are essential to the movement of goods throughout Michigan, Proposal 1 is supported by some of Michigan's leading organizations of job providers including the Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce, Southwest Michigan First, Business Leaders for Michigan, the West Michigan Policy Forum, Detroit Regional Chamber, Small Business Association of Michigan, Greater Brighton Area Chamber of Commerce, Michigan Lodging and Resort Association and more; and

WHEREAS: Having safe roads is vital to the success of municipalities and is supported by some of the state's leading associations including the Michigan Municipal League, Michigan Association of Counties, Grand Valley Metropolitan Council, and Michigan Townships Association; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the City of Reed City supports Proposal 1 on the May 5 ballot to provide the funding needed to finally fix our roads for the long term; and

RESOLVED: That the City of Reed City knows the 1-cent increase in the sales tax will benefit local communities and help ensure drivers' safety on the roads; and

RESOLVED: That the City of Reed City formally supports Safe Roads Yes! because if it passes, every penny we pay at the pump in state gas taxes is guaranteed in the constitution to go to transportation.

- Consent Motion by Danzeisen, seconded by Fatum, **CARRIED**, to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Affirmed by voice vote.
- Committee No Committees have met.
- City Manager Ron Howell reported on the following:
1. Provided a copy of the annual DEQ 2014 Water Supply Cross Connection Report for council review.
 2. The Run Water Advisory is still in effect and the office staff has been advising callers the City is not offering a credit. Costs of water line thaws will be handled according to the recently passed Ordinance regarding thaw-related repairs.
 3. Reviewed the City wish list to DDA. Council felt the streets and water main were the priority of the list.
 - a. Resurface Chestnut Street.
 - b. Water Main on E. Todd Avenue.
 - c. Removal of Hersey River dam.
 - d. Road repair at N. Higbee and the trail.
 - e. Replace lights at Westerburg Park.
 4. Fleis & VandenBrink can apply for a Wellhead Protection Grant reimbursable up to 50% to do an assessment to locate where a new well could go in the City.
 5. Provided a copy of the MiPlace Placemaking Strategy Development Workshop to be held at the Depot on April 23, 2015. Workshop is free and registration can be done online.
 6. Ron was informed of recent changes to FOIA to go into effect July 1, 2015. He will be reviewing the current City procedures and guidelines.
 7. Provided an uncompleted items list.
- Grant Motion by Fatum, seconded by Tillotson, **CARRIED**, to authorize Fleis & VandenBrink to submit a grant application at no cost to the City to locate where a new water well location could go in the City. Affirmed by voice vote. Bisbee abstained.
- Mayor Motion by McKinney, seconded by Scharlow, **CARRIED**, to re-appoint Chris Wabindato to the Reed City Housing Commission term ending March 8, 2020. Affirmed by voice vote.
- Bills Mayor McKinney appointed Bonnie Danzeisen to review bills prior to the next meeting.
- MDOT Mayor McKinney and the City Manager will attend the annual Rural Elected Officials Meeting with MDOT on March 26, 2015 in Cadillac.
- Council Karen McKinney reported she has been going to D.D.A. each month and DDA's main concern every time they meet, is their future in trying to plan ahead and prepare their budget. They are concerned if the City is going to renew them to continue after December 31, 2017. Karen ask council members for their comments in order to get their general feelings on extending the life of the DDA.
- Councilman Scharlow left council chambers at 9:07 P.M. during the final comments on DDA.
- Audience There were no audience comments.
- Adjourn Motion by McKinney, seconded by Meinert, **CARRIED**, to adjourn at 9:08 P.M.