

CITY OF REED CITY
SPECIAL COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
April 10, 2023

Mayor Meinert called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. in Council Chambers, 227 E. Lincoln Avenue, Reed City, Michigan.

Present Mayor, Roger Meinert, Council Members: David Belden, Dan Burchett, Brad Nixon and Nicole Woodside Trevor Guiles and Russ Nehmer were present. City Attorney, David Porteous and City Manager, Rich Saladin, were also in attendance. The meeting was opened with the pledge to the flag. Stephanie Boyce was in the audience.

Public Hearing Mayor Meinert opened the Public Hearing at 5:30 P.M. to receive public comments on an application to the MEDC for a grant of \$1,000,000 for the purpose of renovating and building a downtown pocket park including water feature, lighting, and recreation opportunities at the corner of West Slosson Avenue and South Chestnut Street. This pocket park will be a key feature of Reed City's downtown revitalization including outdoor recreation and gathering spot for community events.

Stephanie Boyce with Crossroads Recreation Commission, they are the group that spear headed the splash pad project. Crossroads Recreation Commission appreciates this opportunity the City of Reed City has. Crossroads Recreation Commission has been working hard on grants as well. They are working with Fleis & VandenBrink on downsizing the splash pad a little bit. More splash less flash, taking bump outs out of the plan and making it just a little simpler. They are trying to make these little changes to make the most out of space.

Rich Saladin commented that this is about the same grant the City had applied for last year. Rich has worked with Rick Stout and the Crossroads Recreation Connections to make some modifications to the plans. Also, renovation to the old brownfield building that is owned by the government. Another topic is acrylic ice for the ice rink as the ice rink was only useable for three days this winter with ways to make that feasible. There is more money available with CDBG grant than last year, last year was max of 1 million, this year is max of 2 million. Match is 10% so the bang for the buck is great. Rotary Club has approved donating all funds that they have raised from activities will go to this Crossroad Recreation Commission and the pocket park project. Rich is meeting with Spectrum Health, Andrea Leslie, Regional VP foundation, who is open minded about helping fund programs like this. Rick Stout feels incredibly positive this type of project will stand a good chance of getting this a now.

Public Hearing Motion by Guiles, seconded by Nixon, **CARRIED**, to close Public Hearing at 5:36p.m. Affirmed by a unanimous voice vote.

There were no written comments received.

The hearing closed at 5:36 P.M.

Resolution Motion by Guiles, seconded by Nehmer, **CARRIED**, to approve Resolution No. 2023-03, A Resolution to Authorize the City Manager, Rich Saladin, to Execute Documents related to the CDBG Grant Application. Affirmed by a unanimous voice vote.

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AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION 2023-03
A Resolution to Authorize the City Manager to Execute Documents
related to the CDBG Grant Application

WHEREAS, the City of Reed City desires to request \$1,000,000 in CDBG funds for the purpose of renovating and building a downtown pocket park including water feature, lighting, and recreation opportunities at the corner of West Slosson Avenue and South Chestnut Street. This pocket park will be a key feature of Reed City's downtown revitalization including outdoor recreation and gathering spot for community events.; and

WHEREAS, the estimated total cost of the project is \$1,150,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that City of Reed City hereby designates the City Manager, Rich Saladin as the Environmental Review Certifying Officer, the person authorized to certify the Michigan CDBG Application, the person authorized to sign the Grant Agreement and payment requests, and the person authorized to execute any additional documents required to carry out and complete the grant.

Ayes: Nehmer, Belden, Meinert, Guiles, Burchett, Woodside, and Nixon
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

Resolution approved this day of April 10, 2023 by the City of Reed City.

Adjourn Mayor Meinert adjourned the meeting at 5:44 P.M.

Amye Hensel, City Clerk
City of Reed City