

**CITY OF REED CITY**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**  
**January 9, 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: David Belden, Dan Burchett, Trevor Guiles, Russell Nehmer, Brad Nixon and Nicole Woodside. City Attorney, Cynthia Wotila and City Manager, Rich Saladin, were also in attendance. Department Heads attending were, Police Chief Chris Lockhart, Curt Brackenrich, Rich Rehkopf, Barbara Westerburg and Fire Chief, Jeff Stein. The meeting was opened with the pledge to the flag. There were citizens in the audience.
- Agenda Motion by Woodside, seconded by Burchett, **CARRIED**, to approve the Agenda as amended with the addition under Unfinished Business: No. 1. Select date for MML Elected Officials Training. Affirmed by voice vote.
- Minutes Motion by Guiles, seconded by Belden, **CARRIED**, to accept the minutes of the December 19, 2022 regular meeting as presented. Affirmed by voice vote.
- Bills Motion by Nixon, seconded by Woodside, **CARRIED**, to approve paying bills as presented for payment for a grand total approved amount of \$393,670.15. Roll call vote. Voting yes were, Nixon, Meinert, Guiles, Burchett, Nehmer, Belden and Woodside.
- Audience Trevor Mund of Reed City Group, appeared to give an update on some of the additions and improvements at the Reed City Group. In the past sixteen months they have added about 100 people primarily in the Life Sciences segment which supports the biopharmaceutical industry and is located in the old Nabco building. The Reed City Group has a federally accredited apprenticeship program. They recently signed on two senior students from the Reed City High School and have a total of eight students enrolled in the program. In December, they purchased the old Fluid Routing Solutions building at 600 N. Dekraft Avenue in Big Rapids. This facility is approximately 92,000 square feet and will be utilized for their garage door press line.
- 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 Nehmer, **CARRIED**, to approve the Department Head reports as submitted. Affirmed by voice vote.
- Training Discussion took place to set a date and time to set up the MML Elected Officials Training. Council member agreed on Monday, January 23, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. or Monday, April 24, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. which ever Rich is able to schedule with the MML.
- Resolution Motion by Guiles, seconded by Nehmer, **CARRIED**, to approve Resolution No. 2023-01, a MDOT Performance Resolution For Municipalities to work within the state right-of-way. Roll call vote. Voting yes were, Woodside, Nehmer, Meinert, Guiles, Belden, Nixon and Burchett.
- Clerk Motion by Burchett, seconded by Guiles, **CARRIED**, to approve Amye Hensel for the position of City Clerk, with beginning pay rate of step 4 of the step system, effective Monday, January 16, 2023. Roll call vote. Voting yes were, Burchett, Nixon, Guiles, Meinert and Nehmer. Woodside abstained. Voting no was Belden.
- Consent Motion by Guiles, 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:
- Rich commented there is a lot of things happening with the DWSRF and CWSRF. Rich Saladin and Rich Rehkopf have had conversations with the state on the drinking water side. The state confirmed that the city can use their own staff for the lead service line replacements. They will be meeting with Fleis on Tuesday to go through the pre-construction bid process on those projects.
  - The OCCF awarded a tree grant to the City and a grant in the amount of \$8,170 for the Music in the Park Program and Art in the Park for the summer 2023 season.
- Mayor Mayor Meinert reported on the following;
- The Mayor thanked everyone who was involved in the New Year’s Eve Ball Drop. It was well received and he has heard a lot of good comments.
  - The Big Rapids Pioneer published a really great article on downtown Reed City, the growth of businesses and all of the good things happening there.
  - Reminded Dan Burchett he is appointed to review bills prior to the February council meeting.
- Attorney Attorney Wotila reported on the W. Upton issue on the enforcement of nuisance ordinance. Attorney Wotila will be meeting with the police Chief and City Manager this week to finalize how to approach it based on the complications.
- Council Russ Nehmer welcomed everyone into the new year and hopes everyone’s year starts out great.
- Audience Charles Lupo of 320 N. Higbee, commented he has family that has moved from out of state up to the Reed City area. They love the area and all it has to offer. He thanked the council for making Reed City more of a place to be. They are excited to be here and experiencing it for the first time.
- Adjourn Mayor Meinert adjourned the meeting at 6:39 P.M.

Jacalyn R. Beam, City Clerk