

CITY OF REED CITY
REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
August 15, 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: Nate Bailey, Dan Burchett, Trevor Guiles, Russell Nehmer, Brad Nixon and Nicole Woodside. City Attorney, David Porteous and City Manager, Rich Saladin, were also in attendance. Department Heads attending were, Chris Lockhart, Jeffrey Stein and Curt Brackenrich. The meeting was opened with the pledge to the flag. There were citizens in the audience.

Agenda Motion by Woodside, seconded by Bailey, **CARRIED**, to approve the Agenda as amended with the addition under New Business No. 6: Muskegon Water Shed Grant. Affirmed by voice vote.

Minutes Motion by Woodside, seconded by Nehmer, **CARRIED**, to accept the minutes of the July 18, 2022 regular meeting as presented. Affirmed by voice vote.

Bills Motion by Nixon, seconded by Nehmer, **CARRIED**, to approve paying bills as presented for payment and Invoice from B&B Fire Division in the amount of \$3,148.40 and Invoice from B&B Fire Division in the amount of \$723.47 for a grand total approved amount of \$250,091.69. Roll call vote. Voting yes were, Guiles, Nixon, Woodside, Bailey, Burchett, Meinert and Nehmer.

Audience Deb Ahlich-Remus, of Pere Marquette Bistro, 102 E. Upton Avenue, appeared to request council approval to close off E. Upton Avenue on Thursday, September 15th to allow for approximately 21 cars from a Pre 19 Car Club to be able to have lunch at the Bistro and have their cars in a designated safe area. Deb has communicated with Yoplait, the Chief of Police and City Manager regarding arrangements for this.

Motion by Bailey, seconded by Guiles, **CARRIED**, to authorize the City Manager, at his discretion, to shut down E. Upton Avenue on September 15th to allow for the Pre 19 Car Club to have lunch and shop in the community. Affirmed by voice vote.

Jonathan Zelinski, addressed council regarding the Mountain Bike Skills Track which was approved by City Council in October of 2020 and designated on the City land abutting the trail and 200th Avenue. Mr. Zelinski ask council to consider changing the location and approving the area on the northwest side of Westerburg Park. He feels this area is a better location and has sat vacant for years and would be more accessible for use. Attorney Porteous suggested talking with the City's insurance company and because of the river, to contact the State EGLE to get their approval. It was also noted because this is already a City park, the site plan would need to be presented to the Planning Commission as it is not a part of the current recreation plan and noted an engineer would be needed to design approved jumps. Mayor Meinert suggested to Mr. Zelinski that he meet with the City Manager, get on the Planning Commission Agenda and for the City Manager to contact other communities that have a Mountain Bike Skills Track for the pros and cons. Mr. Zelinski also commented he would like to host a Decathlon or Duathlon event which would be a 5-K run with 20-K bike ride at the end of October. He was directed to speak with the City Manager and Chief Lockhart regarding the arrangements.

Reports Chief Jeffrey Stein, Fire Dept., Police Chief Christopher Lockhart, Rich Rehkopf, DPW, and Curt Brackenrich, WWTP, filed written reports.

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

- Marihuana Council discussed the contents of the proposed ordinances. Mayor Meinert would like to have a section added in the ordinance regarding business (shop) names so they are not misleading to the public. Mayor Pro-Tem Guiles commented he was absent at the last meeting and would like more time to review the ordinances in detail. It was the consensus to table discussion until the next regular meeting.
- Social District Motion by Meinert, seconded by Burchett, **CARRIED**, to allow the use of the Social District on October 29, November 25, and New Year's Eve December 31 into the early morning of January 1 with the extension of the commons area to the West boundary of the Huntington Bank parking lot, a half block North on Higbee and a half block South on Higbee. Affirmed by voice vote. Guiles voted no.
- Social District Motion by Meinert, seconded by Burchett, **CARRIED**, to approve the Liquor Control Commission, Local Governmental Unit Approval For Social District Permit to Red Tail Brewing Company and Buckboard Enterprises for the social district. Roll call vote. Voting yes were, Meinert, Woodside, Bailey, Nehmer, Guiles, Burchett and Nixon.
- Graves Motion by Guiles, seconded by Woodside, **CARRIED**, to purchase back one (1) grave in Woodland Cemetery from Larry Culp in the amount of \$240.00. Roll call vote. Voting yes were, Guiles, Nixon, Woodside, Bailey, Burchett, Meinert and Nehmer.
- Fire Contracts Motion by Nixon, seconded by Nehmer, **CARRIED**, to approve the Agreement for Fire/Medical Services for 2022/2023 with Richmond Township in the amount of \$ 61,615.33, Chase Township in the amount of \$40,457.17 and Pinora Township in the amount of \$12,003.01 as presented and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign. Roll call vote. Voting yes were, Nixon, Meinert, Guiles, Burchett, Nehmer, Bailey and Woodside.
- Bulk Salt Motion by Guiles, seconded by Nehmer, **CARRIED**, to approve the State of Michigan MiDeal contract price with Compass Minerals for bulk salt as presented in the amount of \$13,106.00. Roll call vote. Voting yes were Burchett, Nehmer, Bailey, Woodside, Guiles, Nixon and Meinert.
- Fire Station Motion by Guiles, seconded by Bailey, **CARRIED**, to approve the final Invoice from ServPro of Saginaw in the amount of \$2,203.58 for final painting of the Fire Department fire damage. Roll call vote. Voting yes were, Nehmer, Bailey, Meinert, Guiles, Burchett, Woodside and Nixon.
- Grant Motion by Guiles, seconded by Woodside, **CARRIED**, to authorize the City Manager to move forward with the Muskegon Water Shed Grant for tree reforestation a matching grant which can be coordinated with some in kind work. Affirmed by voice vote.
- Consent Motion by Bailey, seconded by Nixon, **CARRIED**, to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Affirmed by voice vote.
- City Manager Rich Saladin submitted a written report and highlighted the following:
- Working on the Water Related Infrastructure grant through the MEDC – this is the \$2M grant for the removal of the trestle bridge and pump station as Phase I of the Waste Water Treatment Plant Improvements.
 - Had a meeting with the EDA for some grant funding.
 - Waiting on feedback on both State Revolving Funds – where and how we apply the \$10M is related on how the funding comes back from the SRF. We won't receive those dollars until after October 1st.
 - This weekend is the Great American Crossroads Celebration come out and participate. There are lots of different family things going on.
 - Chainsaw carving event was cancelled due to the weather and will be rescheduled for a later date.
 - Acknowledged Donna Wheeler who coordinated the Art In The Park event this summer and did an outstanding job – it was a tremendous success.

- ZBA Appointment by Mayor Roger Meinert, seconded by Burchett, **CARRIED**, to appoint Peggy Graham to the Zoning Board of Appeals, unexpired term ending 01/18/2023. Affirmed by voice vote.
- Mayor Mayor Meinert reminded Dan Burchett that he is appointed to review bills prior to the September meeting.
- Committee Motion by Meinert, seconded by Bailey, **CARRIED**, to appoint an IT sub-committee consisting of Roger Meinert as Chair, Trevor Guiles and Nate Bailey, to look at the infrastructure of the City. Affirmed by voice vote.
- City Attorney Attorney Porteous complimented the City Council for their support as to some of the initiatives as it relates to the Waste Water Treatment Plant. It was an important component in receiving both the \$2M and \$10M appropriation. Curt, Barb, City Manager, Rich Saladin and Attorney Porteous have been working months on this and without the collaborative nature around the table, this thing would not have happened.
- Council Russ Nehmer stated the Veteran’s Memorial Park Car Show was successful. Russ raised over \$8,000 for the Veteran’s Memorial Park and believes there is enough now to go to an architect or engineering firm to put things into blueprint form.
- Dan Burchett announced the Sneak Peak Disc Golf Tournament is this weekend on Saturday from 8am until 4pm. There will be clinics, vouchers and coupons.
- Trevor Guiles reminded everyone there will be Praise in the Park on Sunday evening at Rambadt Park and there will be food.
- Nate Bailey will not be in town on Saturday and Sunday to attend the GACC events, he will be in Lansing learning the ins and outs of how things work in Lansing.
- Audience Charles Lupo, 320 N. Higbee, commented his family adopted one of the bumpouts downtown and has enjoyed planting and taking care of it and hopes the City continues the program in the future. He also would like to see a community garden started in the City.
- Adjourn Mayor Meinert adjourned the meeting at 7:50 P.M.

Jacalyn R. Beam, City Clerk