

CITY OF REED CITY
SPECIAL COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
August 24, 2021

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: Dan Burchett, Trevor Guiles, Russell Nehmer, Brad Nixon and Nicole Woodside. Nate Bailey was absent. City Attorney, David Porteous and City Manager, Ron Howell, were also in attendance. Department Heads attending were, Fire Chief Jeff Stein and Barb Westerburg. The meeting was opened with the pledge to the flag. There were citizens in the audience.
- Consent Motion by Guiles, seconded by Burchett, **CARRIED**, to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Affirmed by voice vote.
- Committee Rambadt Park Campground Improvements – Some of the wood chips have been pushed back on the west side of the pavilion to allow for a wider turn.
- Tenant downtown parking - Discussed reserving some of the spaces on the west end of the north parking lot and cutting back the curb to create some diagonal parking spaces on Higbee and potentially purchasing some of the area on the west end of the Feed Store to create additional parking.
- Disc Golf – Continuing to work on the course. It is close to being done. They are hoping to do a “sneak peek” yet this year but may only have the baskets and not the pads. They will be working on the course again over the weekend.
- City Manager City Manager, Ron Howell, submitted a written report and reported he is now working on the closeout of the CDBG General Mills Twin Project. A public hearing will be held at the September council meeting on the close out.
- Bills The 2021 Schedule of Reviewing Bills appoints Councilperson Burchett to review bills prior to the September meeting.
- Attorney City Attorney Wotila submitted a written report. Attorney Wotila also sent a Supplemental Attorney Report regarding the Assessor position. Both applicants have the capability and certifications needed for the position. Attorney Dave Porteous commented they are working on the Burn Ordinance and are looking for some feedback from council, Fire Chief and Police Chief. Attorney Porteous will put together a draft ordinance for review.
- Food Trucks Motion by Meinert, seconded by Burchett, **CARRIED**, to allow food trucks to operate at the Depot on Sundays for the remainder of the 2021 season in accordance to the established Peddlers fee and request that we research what that fee should be in the future, and the Chamber of Commerce will establish the limit of vendors that participate. Affirmed by voice vote.
- F.D. Hose Motion by Nixon, seconded by Burchett, **CARRIED**, to approve the quote from Allied Fire Sales & Service in the amount of \$2,826.96 for the Fire Department hose replacement. Roll call vote. Voting yes were, Meinert, Woodside, Nehmer and Nixon. Voting no were, Guiles and Burchett.
- Brush #6 Chief Stein presented quotes for replacement of Brush #6. New costs would be \$138,995, new individually completed \$91,000, and a used 2003 \$39,500. Chief Stein indicated they do not need a brand new truck and also the proceeds from the insurance company has not been received yet from Brush #6. This item was tabled until more information can be presented.
- Disc Golf Motion by Guiles, seconded by Woodside, **CARRIED**, to allow Lyndsey Eccles-Burchett, to submit a grant to the Osceola County Community Foundation through the City tax ID for signs, a bridge and benches for the disc golf project. Affirmed by voice vote.

- City Manager Motion by Nixon, seconded by Nehmer, **CARRIED**, to accept the City Manager contract as written with the recommended changes as to the work schedule to 25 hours per week and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign. Roll call vote. Voting yes were, Woodside, Nehmer, Meinert, Guiles, Nixon and Burchett.
- Ron Howell Motion by Meinert, seconded by Guiles, **CARRIED**, as City Council provide Ron Howell with a 30 day notice to cancel his contract, effective September 1, 2021 and his contract then ending September 30, 2021, the City agrees to provide not to exceed 110 hours consultant time with the new City Manager, Rich Saladin, and to also provide a one time travel expense of \$200.00 for the month of September. Roll call vote. Voting yes were, Nixon, Woodside, Burchett, Nehmer, Guiles and Meinert.
- Teamsters Motion by Guiles, seconded by Meinert, **CARRIED**, to approve a 2.75 per cent wage increase effective July 1, 2021 for the Teamster's Union for the final year of their contract. Roll call vote. Voting yes were, Burchett, Guiles, Meinert, Nehmer, Nixon and Woodside.
- 8:58 P.M. council took a 5 minute break and re-convened at 9:03 P.M.
- Assessor Motion by Meinert, seconded by Nixon, **CARRIED**, to approve offering a contract to Matt DeVerney as City Assessor at \$18.00 per parcel based on 1,145 parcels for \$20,610.00. Roll call vote. Voting yes were, Burchett, Nehmer, Woodside, Guiles, Nixon and Meinert.
- Adjourn Mayor Meinert adjourned the meeting at 9:17 P.M.

Jacalyn R. Beam, City Clerk