

**CITY OF REED CITY  
REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
December 11, 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: Trevor Guiles, Russell Nehmer, Nicole Woodside, and David Belden. Brad Nixon and Dan Burchett were absent. City Manager, Rich Saladin, was also in attendance. Department Heads attending were, Rich Rehkopf, Kadee Kidd, Chris Lockart and Jeff Stein. Curt Brackenrich was absent. The meeting was opened with the pledge to the flag. There were citizens in the audience.
- Agenda Motion by Woodside, seconded by Guiles, **CARRIED**, to approve the agenda as presented except moving Number 5 & 6 to the top of the new business on the agenda. Affirmed by voice vote.
- Minutes Motion by Guiles, seconded by Woodside, **CARRIED**, to accept the minutes of the November 13, 2023, regular meeting as presented. Affirmed by voice vote.
- Sp Minutes Motion by Nehmer, seconded by Woodside, **CARRIED**, to accept the minutes of the November 27, 2023, special meeting as presented. Affirmed by voice vote.
- Sp Minutes Motion by Guiles, seconded by Nehmer, **CARRIED**, to accept the minutes of the December 4, 2023, special meeting as presented. Affirmed by voice vote.
- Bills Motion by Belden, seconded by Guiles, **CARRIED**, to approve paying total amount of \$1,009,640.77. Roll call vote. Voting yes were, Woodside, Meinert, Guiles, Belden, and Nehmer.
- Audience Doug Vredevelde, of Vredevelde Haefner, LLC, appeared to present the 2022-2023 Audit. Doug reviewed highlights of the audit and noted they did not identify any material weaknesses. There were no questions from Council and Doug commented the City received a good clean opinion and Barb, Kadee and their crew do a great job for the City.
- Audit Motion by Guiles, seconded by Belden, **CARRIED**, to accept the 2022/2023 Audit as presented. Roll call vote. Voting yes were, Woodside, Meinert, Guiles, Belden, and Nehmer.
- Reports Chief Jeffrey Stein, Police Chief Christopher Lockhart, Rich Rehkopf, DPW, and Curt Brackenrich, WWTP, filed written reports. Kadee Kidd provided by email, Financial Reports including a Revenue/Expenditure Report as of November 30, 2023.
- Motion by Nehmer, seconded by Woodside, **CARRIED**, to approve the Department Head reports as submitted. Affirmed by voice vote.
- NYE Ball Drop Motion by Meinert, seconded by Woodside, **CARRIED**, to approve the New Years Eve Ball Drop on 12/31/2023. Social District open 10:30pm – 12:30am from 100 block of West Upton to Huntington bank on West Upton and Alley South of Brewery on S Higbee to Alley North of Title Company North Higbee. Street Closure 9:00pm – 12:30am From East part of Hinkle Witbeck on West Upton to Huntington Bank parking lot, Alley south of Brewery on S Higbee to Alley North of Title company on N Higbee. Noise variance from 10:00p.m. until 12:30 am. No Burn barrels. Voting yes were Meinert, Belden, Nehmer, and Woodside. Guiles voted no.
- Beer Festival Motion by Meinert, seconded by Woodside, **CARRIED**, to The Reed City Beer Festival on April 20, 2023, moving the vendors and food location from last year and using fire pits as presented. Also, for Chamber to contact Boy Scouts to make sure Disc Golf can access from the Boy Scout parking lot. Voting yes were, Meinert, Guiles, Belden, Nehmer, Woodside.
- Resolution 2023-22 Motion by Guiles, by Woodside, **CARRIED**, approve resolution 2023-22, the 2024 Council Meeting Schedule as presented except November 11, 2024, meeting starting at 7:00pm as stated in City Charter. Roll call vote. Voting yes were Guiles, Nixon, Belden, Woodside, Meinert.

**CITY OF REED CITY  
RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING  
2024 MEETING SCHEDULE**

**Resolution No. 2023-22**

**WHEREAS**, Section 6.1 of the City Charter requires Council to meet for at least one (1) regular meeting each month, and

**WHEREAS**, the Reed City Council decided at their regular meeting on Monday, December 11, 2022 to set their monthly meetings for the second Monday of each month at 6:00 P.M. according to the City Charter.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of Reed City that the meeting schedule for 2023 is approved as follows:

January 8, 2024	July 8, 2024
February 12, 2024	August 12, 2024
March 11, 2024	September 9, 2024
April 8, 2024	October 14, 2024
May 13, 2024	November 11, 2024 @ 7:00 p.m.
June 10, 2024	December 9, 2024

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**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Reed City, County of Osceola, Michigan, at a meeting held on December 11, 2023, the original of which is on file in my office and available to the public. Public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Act No. 267 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1976, including in the case of a special or rescheduled meeting, notice by posting at least 18 hours prior to the time set for said meeting.

Dated: December 12, 2023

  
Amye Hensel, City Clerk

**Council Bills** Mayor Meinert shared the 2024 schedule for RC Council schedule of reviewing the City bills.

**Resolution 2023-23** Motion by Guiles, seconded by Belden, **CARRIED**, to approve resolution 2023-23 amending water rates as presented allowing City Clerk to sign. Voting yes were, Belden, Guiles, Meinert, Nehmer and Woodside.

**CITY OF REED CITY  
COUNTY OF OSCEOLA, MICHIGAN**

**RESOLUTION AMENDING WATER RATES**

**Resolution No. 2023-23**

At a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Reed City, Osceola County, Michigan (the "City"), held in said City on Monday, December 11, 2023.

**PRESENT:** Belden, Guiles, Meinert, Nehmer, & Woodside

**ABSENT:** Burchett & Nixon

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Council Member Guiles and seconded by Council Member Belden.

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the City Council of the City of Reed City that it is necessary to acquire, construct, and install additions, extensions, and improvements to the existing Water Supply System (the "Water System") in the City of Reed City; and

WHEREAS, the City is required to replace lead lines in our water system, resulting in a substantial increase in our operating expenditures; and

WHEREAS, Act 94 and the Bond Ordinance require the City Council to establish, by separate resolution of the City Council, rates and charges which will be sufficient to provide for the payment of the Water System's administration and operation expenses, such expenses for the Water System's maintenance as may be necessary to preserve it in good repair and working order and expenses incurred in the acquisition and construction of the Water System; to provide for the payment of principal of and interest on all bonds and junior lien bonds payable therefrom as and when the bonds and junior lien bonds shall become due and payable; and to provide for such other expenditures and funds for the Water System as are required by Act 94 and the Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, in order to comply with the requirements of Act 94 and the Bond Ordinance, it is necessary to amend the rates and charges for the Water System.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Reed City:

1. Effective for the January 2024 billing cycle which is collected with the bills sent to users of the Water System in February 2024, the rates, charges and fees for the City's Water System shall be as set forth on Exhibit A attached to this Resolution.
2. For users located outside of the City limits, the charges shall be 150% of the rates charged to users within the City.
3. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be, and the same are hereby, rescinded.

Upon vote for the adoption of said resolution, the vote was:

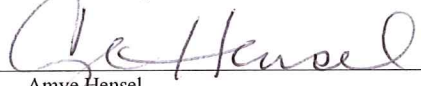
YEAS: Guiles, Belden, Meinert, Nehmer, & Woodside

NAYS: none

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Dated: December 12, 2023

  
Amye Hensel  
City Clerk

#### EXHIBIT A

WATER RATE INCREASE			
NEW RATES		OLD RATES	
METER SIZE	COST/METER	METER SIZE	COST/METER
5/8" and 3/4"	\$ 15.00	5/8" and 3/4"	\$ 13.50
1"	\$ 26.55	1"	\$ 24.00
1.25"	\$ 40.95	1.25"	\$ 39.00
1.5"	\$ 60.00	1.5"	\$ 54.00
2"	\$ 106.80	2"	\$ 96.00
3"	\$ 240.00	3"	\$ 216.00
4"	\$ 426.75	4"	\$ 384.00
6"	\$ 960.00	6"	\$ 864.00
8"	\$ 1,339.05	8"	\$ 1,205.02
Variable Rate – per 1000 gal.	\$2.58	Variable Rate – per 1000 gal.	\$2.58
Gallons Included With Min. Bill	0	Gallons Included With Min. Bill	0
Size of Water Unit Sold – Gal. or cu ft	1,000 gal.		

- EFT Payments Motion by Guiles, seconded by Woodside **CARRIED**, approve to approve EFT payment authorization form. Roll call vote. Voting yes were, Meinert, Guiles, Belden, Nehmer, Woodside,
- EGLE water Motion by Nixon, seconded by Nehmer, **CARRIED**, to accept CJ Excavating for the EGLE 23' water System Improvements Project contract 1 Distribution System for 1,365,161.61 as presented. Roll call vote. Voting yes were, Guiles, Nixon, Woodside, Meinert, Burchett, and Nehmer. Voting no was Belden.
- Mutual Aid Motion by Guiles, seconded by Nehmer, **CARRIED**, to approve the mutual aid fire agreement with the DNR as presented allowing City Manager and Fire Chief to sign. Roll call vote. Voting yes were, Guiles, Belden, Woodside, Meinert, and Nehmer.
- Land Bank Auth Motion by Guiles seconded by Woodside, **CARRIED**, to approve contract and apply for land bank authority grant as presented confirming City Manager signature. Roll call vote. Voting yes were, Guiles, Woodside, Meinert, Belden and Nehmer.
- Consent Motion by Guiles, seconded by Belden, **CARRIED**, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Affirmed by voice vote.
- City Manager Rich Saladin submitted a written report and highlighted the following:
- Pocket Park/Splash pad is ongoing, it is a long process. Wants to let everyone know it is in process and it's a hurry up and wait process. Hope to go out to Bid May 2024 and Meet with Crossroads Connection and the public to coordinate the project.
  - Ice skating rink will hopefully be set up in January 2024.
- Mayor Report:
- As we close 2023 wanted to say what an incredible year it has been for the City of Reed City. We are fortunate with all the Department Heads and employees that work for the City. They all do a terrific job. Looking forward to 2024. It is an awesome time to serve the community.
- Attorney Report No written report.
- Council Russ Nehmer: Boy Scouts are having a successful food drive it will help fill the food pantry. Trevor Guiles: Liberty Baptist Church will be having a morning service on Christmas Eve and a Childrens program all are welcome.
- Audience Katie Young, 316 W Todd addressed council about her dog that was attacked by the neighbor's pit bulls. Wants to make sure City Council is aware of this and something needs to be done.
- Adjourn Mayor Meinert adjourned the meeting at 7:19 P.M.

Amye Hensel, City Clerk