

**CITY OF REED CITY  
SPECIAL COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
January 31, 2020**

Mayor Trevor Guiles, called the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M. in Council Chambers, 227 East Lincoln Avenue, Reed City, Michigan with the pledge to the flag.

Present Mayor, Trevor Guiles. Council Members: Nate Bailey, Dan Burchett, Karen Lea McKinney, Roger Meinert, Dave Scharlow and Carol Tillotson. City Manager, Ron Howell, was also present.

Present Richmond Township officials: Maynard Bluhm, Supervisor, Linda Stieg, Clerk, Edith Betzing, Treasurer and Norm Blood, Trustee. Ed Gallop, Trustee, was absent.

There were citizens in the audience.

Economic  
Development

The purpose of the joint meeting was for discussion on working together for economic development on 220<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Topics discussed were, the 425 Agreement restricting the ability to hook up water and sewer for development other than to hook up one water line and one sewer line per business; The connection mishap with Reed City Fields; Pump station capacity; and the Richmond Township DDA district surrounds most of the City but their General Fund does not see those funds captured. Supervisor Bluhm explained how those funds are captured and in following their plan, are used for improvements like roads and other improvements.

Officials also discussed looking into how Big Rapids accomplished the development of Perry Street with a Water and Sewer Agreement. Supervisor Bluhm felt something could be worked out with that type of agreement.

Supervisor Bluhm commented he would like to have a resolution to the Reed City Fields connection error by May 1<sup>st</sup> or they (Richmond Township) will be contacting DeShano to change the connections.

The meeting wrapped up with the task for each entity to come up with a plan. There was a willingness to meet again. No decisions were made at this meeting.

Comment Bill Terryn, Gerber Construction, commented on the need for both entities to figure it out so that it is equal for both entities... and both will benefit.

Adjourn Mayor Guiles adjourned the meeting at 5:56 P.M.

Jacalyn R. Beam  
City Clerk