

**CITY OF REED CITY  
REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
September 17, 2018**

Mayor McKinney called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in Council Chambers, 227 East Lincoln Avenue, Reed City, Michigan.

**Present** Mayor, Karen Lea McKinney. Council Members: James Anderlohr, Dan Burchett, Trevor Guiles, Roger Meinert, Dave Scharlow and Carol Tillotson arrived at 7:07 P.M. City Attorney, Cindy Wotila and City Manager, Ron Howell, were also present. Department Heads, Fire Chief Jeff Stein, Curt Brackenrich, Barbara Westerburg and Rich Rehkopf also attended. The meeting was opened with the pledge to the flag. There were citizens in the audience.

**Public Hearing** Mayor McKinney opened the Public Hearing at 7:01 P.M. to receive public comment on the request from Bill and Jill Holdings, LLC to vacate the dead end portion of the 200 block of E. Osceola Avenue. Comments were received from Amanda Jankowski, of 202 E. Church, William Washburn, of 132 E. Osceola, Phyllis Sherman, of 148 E. Church, Councilperson Tillotson arrived at 7:07 P.M., Peggy Brackett, of 322 N. Higbee, Mark Rolston, of 210 E. Church, Nate Bailey, of 321 E. Todd, Kristin Killian, of 402 E. Church and Sherry Franklin, owner of a rental at 220 Davenport. All commented in disapproval of vacating E. Osceola Avenue, citing safety for their children and grandchildren, concern for their property values, loss of trail access and increased truck traffic as some of the concerns.

Rich Saladin, of 228 W. Osceola, commented in favor of vacating E. Osceola Avenue commenting on benefits for the community and business.

The hearing was closed at 7:17 P.M.

Clerk's Note: A letter was received from Tyler Engle, of 21122 9 Mile Road, Reed City, in opposition of vacating the 200 block of E. Osceola Avenue. This letter was slated to be presented and read at the end of public comments. The omission of this letter was purely an oversight and I have included it in the minutes for transparency.

Dear Mr. Howell

I'm writing this letter in regards to the upcoming public hearing scheduled for Monday September 17 2018 at 7:00PM. The subject matter entails "to vacate east end of the street that abuts the White Pine Trail, on the 200 block of East Osceola Avenue".

As a lifelong member of the Reed City area, I believe it will be best for the community as a whole if E Osceola Ave stays open to the White Pine Trail. Altering its current state would force large amounts of foot traffic, bike traffic, and loud snowmobile traffic closer to people's homes.

In a community like Reed City I hope we continue to value and take consideration of every party involved before making drastic changes that only benefit "big business".

Best Regards,

Tyler Engle

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- Minutes Motion by Scharlow, seconded by Guiles, **CARRIED**, to accept the minutes of the August 20, 2018 regular meeting as presented. Affirmed by voice vote.
- Bills Motion by Tillotson, seconded by Burchett, **CARRIED**, to approve paying bills as presented for a grand total approved amount of \$252,823.68. Roll call vote. Voting yes were, Anderlohr, Scharlow, McKinney, Tillotson, Burchett, Meinert and Guiles.
- Audience Larry Neiderheide, Recycle of Osceola County, presented the history of Osceola Recycle and pointed out the average age of their volunteers is 77. He is concerned because it is difficult to find volunteers and is worried about the future at the recycle center. He ask council to look at curbside recycle service in the city.
- Deanna Murphy, Reed City Brewing Co., appeared regarding the Reed City General Federation of Women’s Club Beer & Wine Tasting fundraiser on October 6<sup>th</sup>. She would like permission from council to expand the time table to allow for set up of the outside tent area
- Event Motion by Meinert, seconded by Burchett, **CARRIED**, to allow the Reed City Brewing Company and General Federation of Women’s Club to change the time of their Beer & Wine Tasting event, on October 6, 2018 to begin at 2:00 P.M. in order to have time to set up their outside area. Affirmed by voice vote.
- Reports Chief Stein, Fire Dept., Sgt. Brian Koschmider, Police Dept, Rich Rehkopf, DPW, and Curt Brackenrich, WWTP, filed written reports.
- Park Wifi Motion by Anderlohr, seconded by Burchett, **CARRIED**, to table further discussion and action until the City Manager can obtain a quote from Verizon for wifi and get answers from Casair regarding questions about their wifi. Affirmed by voice vote.
- Website Motion by Guiles, seconded by Tillotson, **CARRIED**, to table action on website proposal until the City Manager can discuss the proposal with the Chamber of Commerce. Affirmed by voice vote.
- Councilman Anderlohr left the council chambers at 8:00 P.M.  
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- Vacate St. Motion by Meinert, seconded by Anderlohr, **CARRIED**, to vacate the dead end street on the 200 block of E. Osceola Avenue as requested by Bill and Jill Holdings, LLC. Roll call vote. Voting yes were, Anderlohr, Tillotson, Meinert, Scharlow and McKinney. Voting no were, Burchett and Guiles.
- Sewer Rates Motion by Meinert, seconded by McKinney, **CARRIED**, to approve the increase in sewer Ready to Serve Charge as presented in the Water/Sewer Rate History proposed rates 7/1/2018. Roll call vote. Voting yes were, Scharlow, McKinney, Burchett, Tillotson, Guiles, Meinert and Anderlohr.
- Fire Dept. Motion by Meinert, seconded by Scharlow, **CARRIED**, to accept the surplus property of a 2007 Ford Explorer from the Dept. of Defense free of charge for the Fire Department to use as a first responder vehicle. Affirmed by unanimous vote.
- F.D. Truck #5 Motion by Meinert, seconded by Anderlohr, **CARRIED**, to authorize the Fire Department to seek bids for the sale of Truck #5. Affirmed by voice vote.
- DPW pickup Motion by Meinert, seconded by Burchett, **CARRIED**, to approve the increase of \$842.00 which is the cost difference for a 2018 GMC Sierra 2500 double cab pickup from Highpoint GMC for the Dept. of Public Works. Roll call vote. Voting yes were, Tillotson, Scharlow, McKinney, Guiles, Anderlohr, Meinert and Burchett.

- Intro. Ord. Motion by Guiles, seconded by Meinert, **CARRIED**, to introduce Ordinance No. 005-2018, an ordinance to amend Part Six, Chapter 606 and Part 12, Title 4, for the Regulation of Less Common Pets and Exotic Pets. Affirmed by voice vote.
- SAW Grant Motion by Anderlohr, seconded by Meinert, **CARRIED**, to approve Disbursement Request #2 from Fleis & VandenBrink in the amount of \$21,607.83 for the SAW Grant Project. Roll call vote. Voting yes were, Anderlohr, Scharlow, McKinney, Tillotson, Burchett, Meinert and Guiles.
- Mill & Paving Motion by Meinert, seconded by Guiles, **CARRIED**, to accept the bid from Rieth-Riley Construction in the amount of \$97,610.00 for Mill and Street Paving as presented with Budget Amendment of \$11,000 to the Local Street fund. Roll call vote. Voting yes were, Scharlow, Meinert, Guiles, Burchett, Tillotson, Anderlohr and McKinney.
- Write Off Motion by Guiles, seconded by Meinert, **CARRIED**, to approve Resolution No. 2018-13, a Resolution to Write Off Delinquent Accounts in the total amount of \$466.81. Roll call vote. Voting yes were, Burchett, Tillotson, Anderlohr, McKinney, Guiles, Scharlow and Meinert.
- Moratorium Motion by Anderlohr, seconded by Meinert, **CARRIED**, to approve Resolution No. 2018-14, a Resolution Establishing Moratorium Regarding Medical Marijuana Facilities. Affirmed by voice vote.
- Todd/Chestnut Motion by Meinert, seconded by Guiles, **CARRIED**, to approve partial payment for Progress Billing #1 from EPIC Excavating in the amount of \$136,339.61 for Todd and Chestnut Project. Roll call vote. Voting yes were, Meinert, Scharlow, Burchett, McKinney, Guiles, Tillotson and Anderlohr.
- Consent There was no Consent Agenda.
- Committee There were no committee reports. Ron Howell reported the City/Township Economic committee will work on a summary and bring it back to the next meeting for discussion on what to do next.
- City Manager Ron reported on the following:
- Fire Contracts, Richmond Twp., Chase Twp. and Pinora Twp. will be sent out shortly.
  - RFQ's for south WWTP project have gone out and are due back October 5<sup>th</sup>. This is a significant project estimated at 9M.
  - Michigan Lead & Copper Rules – a lot of cities take objection to this as it is from the water main to the house.
  - Fire Dept. wifi – will bring back at the next meeting.
  - Email received from the MI Land Bank regarding the property of the former Andy's Standard. DEQ will have two more years invested in the site with the cleanup.
  - Uncompleted items list.
- Bills Mayor McKinney appointed Trevor Guiles to review bills prior to the next meeting.
- Oct. Meeting Mayor McKinney reminded everyone the October 15, 2018 Council Meeting will be held at the Depot with the tree planting at 6:30 P.M. and the Council Meeting at 7:00 P.M.
- City Attorney Cindy Wotila submitted her attorney report and reviewed the Rental Ordinance and presented a cross check list. She contacted the USDA to make sure they have everything they need. The Vaping Ordinance is waiting for the Police Chief's review.
- Comments Carol Tillotson thanked the front office staff at City Hall for their friendly, helpful and respectfulness to the customers. James Anderlohr commented the Reed City Spectrum Hospital is no longer admitting patients, it is strictly ER. Trevor Guiles commented he appreciated the respectful discussion on the vacating of E. Osceola Avenue. Dave Scharlow reminded everyone of the upcoming Homecoming Parade, Football game and fireworks and ask what is the status of tablets, ipads or laptops for council.

Councilperson Scharlow left council chambers at 9:11 P.M.  
Councilperson Scharlow returned to council chambers at 9:12 P.M.

Audience Nate Bailey, 321 E. Todd, commented in favor of public wifi at Rambadt Park, remarked our current website provider, Chickering, is exceptional and cautioned on the other bid, Nate also commented on the rental inspection ordinance and the comments of vacating E. Osceola heard at the public hearing.

Adjourn Mayor McKinney adjourned the meeting at 9:19 P.M.

Jacalyn R. Beam  
City Clerk