

February 5, 2019
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR REINBECK, IOWA
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 5:30 P.M.

(These are the minutes to be approved by the council at the next city council meeting)

Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. Council present were Muller, Ragsdale and Bunz. Linder was absent. Also present was Wilkerson, Jamie Eiffler, Dan Smoldt, Eric Lage, Doug Davis, Paul Cooley, Chris Heasley, Kyle & Tiffany Rasmussen, Keith Sindt, Susie & Bart Petersen, Josh Ritchey and Natalie Renfrom and associate from Liberty National.

Kyle Rasmussen and Chris Heasley both have interest in filling the vacant council position. Council has sixty days from the time of the vacancy to fill the position. The position became vacant on January 7, 2019 when Larsen took over the mayor position. Muller moved to table the council appointment & approval and swearing in of new councilman until the March 4, 2019 meeting when Linder will be in attendance, seconded by Bunz. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Muller moved to approve the Consent Agenda with the correction of the January 7, 2019 Minutes stating that Bunz was in attendance, seconded by Ragsdale. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Bunz moved to approve the Agenda, seconded by Ragsdale. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Keith Sindt approached council regarding relief from his high water bill. There was no action on the relief, however, Muller moved to waive the late fees, seconded by Ragsdale. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Dollar General was discussed. There was a phone conference held with the mayor, city administrator, representatives from Snyder & Associates, and the Dollar General associates. Their site plan does not address the run off issues of the surrounding areas. They will need to have a study done to address that. College Street driveway access was also an issue. They were also instructed that they would need to follow the SUDAS codes that the city has adopted. Dollar General will discuss their options and get back with the city. Muller moved to table this item until the March 4, 2019 meeting, seconded by Bunz. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Paul Cooley approached council regarding the garbage and recycling contract. They have purchased the property along HWY 175 and Commercial Street and would like to move the recycling there. They will fence in the property and bring in new containers. Before spending the money they would like to know if they could renew their contract, which expires December 31, 2019, for another 4 years. Garbage pickup prices would be the same in the new contract. After December 31, 2019 the recycling tonnage rate will increase to \$50 from the \$25 in the current contract. He also informed council that the landfill is raising their prices \$2 per ton effective July 1, 2019. Ragsdale moved to approve renewing Cooley Sanitation's contract through December 31, 2023 with an increase in the recycling tonnage rate to \$50, seconded by Bunz. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Dan Smoldt approached council regarding hiring the utility billing clerk part-time to help free up Eric to help with installations and tech issues. This will change her status from part-time to full-time. RTU will pay for all the full-time benefits and she will work 20 hours per week when she is not working for the city. A date for this to begin will be determined at their next board meeting. Muller moved to allow RTU to hire the city utility billing clerk for 20 hours per week and RTU will pay all benefits and the date to be determined by the RTU Board, seconded by Ragsdale. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Muller moved to have the city administrator send out mowing and spraying RFP's to the same contractors as last year and for the same parcels as last year, seconded by Bunz. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Natalie Renfrom from Liberty National approached council regarding offering the city employees life insurance. This would be at no cost to the city. Premiums would all be paid by the employee. Bunz moved to allow Liberty National to meet with city employees and present their plans, seconded by Ragsdale. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

The sheriff's office submitted the FY19/20 proposed contract. There will be an increase of \$3,484.00 from last year.

Muller moved to allow the Dollars for Scholars to host their annual 5K Run/Walk & Triathlon/Duathlon in Reinbeck on Saturday, June 29, 2019, seconded by Ragsdale. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Muller moved to send Bengen to the Water Treatment 30-Hour Workshop at DMACC on February 19-20, 2019 and February 26-27, 2019, seconded by Ragsdale. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Grundy County Veterans are working toward becoming a Home base Iowa county. They are looking for incentives (such as pool passes, internet, etc.) in each community to a veteran that moves into their town. Ragsdale moved to have the city administrator check with RTU and the Park Board so see if this is something they would be willing to help support, seconded by Bunz. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Muller moved to renew a park CD#3000335162 for another 90 days, seconded by Bunz. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Ragsdale moved to renew a city CD#3000425210 for another 90 days, seconded by Muller. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Muller moved to renew a library CD#300335170 for another 24 months, seconded by Ragsdale. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Muller moved to renew a library CD#300425244 for another 6 months, seconded by Ragsdale. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Delinquent water bills were presented to council for collection through the Iowa Income Offset Program. Ragsdale moved to proceed with collection through the Iowa Income Offset Program if payment is not received by February 24, 2019, seconded by Bunz. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor appointed Dan Smoldt to the RTU Board for another 5 year term and Michelle Knaack to the Board of Adjustments for another 5 year term. Bunz moved to approve the mayor's appointments, seconded by Ragsdale. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

A quote was received by Vermeer for a ring-o-matic excavator vac mounted on an old fire truck. The asking price was \$15,000 but they would take an offer. This could be used for water main breaks, cleaning out storm sewers, cleaning and power washing the pool, installing the new stop signs, and numerous other jobs. Muller will call Grundy Center and see if they have one. No action was taken.

Ragsdale moved to approve Resolution #2019-04R, A Resolution Approving Completion of Project and Recommendation of Acceptance of Work Performed by SmartSpaceBuilders of Reinbeck, Iowa at a Total Cost of \$5,500.00 for LMI Project #2018-05 (Phase #2), Drywall, Weatherization, and Trim, and Approving a Deed Restriction for LMI Project #2018-05, seconded by Bunz. Roll call vote: Muller – aye, Ragsdale – aye, Bunz – aye. Motion carried.

Muller moved to approve Resolution #2019-05R, A Resolution Approving Completion of Phase #1 of LMI Project #2018-06 (Purchasing of Windows) at a Total Cost of \$4,510.54, seconded by Ragsdale. Roll call vote: Bunz – aye, Ragsdale – aye, Muller – aye. Motion carried.

Ragsdale moved to approve Resolution #2019-06R, A Resolution to Transfer Funds to Pay Upcoming Obligations, seconded by Bunz. Roll call vote: Muller – aye, Ragsdale – aye, Bunz – aye. Motion carried.

Jamie Eiffler expressed concern regarding fire hydrants not working on Main & Broad and Randall & Blackhawk. He also suggested that the city invest in a trench box for fixing water main breaks and get some excavator training. These concerns will be looked into.

Muller suggested, in the future, placing Welcome to Visitors on the Agenda after the Approval of the Agenda. This will be tried starting at the March 4, 2019 meeting.

Bunz moved to adjourn, seconded by Ragsdale. 3 ayes. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Ash Larsen, Mayor

Julie Wilkerson, City Administrator