

January 8, 2018
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)

The meeting began at 5:30 p.m. with Mayor Johnson present and presiding. Council present were Muller, Ragsdale, Linder, and Larsen. Bunz was absent. Also present was Wilkerson, Gary Winterhoff, Jamie Eiffler, Dan Smoldt, Eric Lage, and Josh Ritchey.

Larsen moved to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Muller. 4 ayes. Motion carried. The approved Consent Agenda consisted of Minutes from December 18, 2018, Treasurer's Report, bills to be paid in the amount of \$48,254.36, bills paid from December 19, 2017 – January 5, 2018, December Budget Report, and December Utility Billing Audit Report.

Larsen moved to approve the Agenda, seconded by Linder. 4 ayes. Motion carried.

Gary Winterhoff discussed the city's health insurance. The current plan is going up \$722.81 per month. He presented the council with four options ranging from a higher deductible to a no out of network policy. After much discussion, Muller moved to approve the lower premium, Blue Cross (HMO) Silver 3600 plan and have the employees continue paying 10% of the premium, increase the city's HSA contributions to \$3,000 for a single and \$6,000 for a family policy, and allow the employees the opportunity to move up to the Blue Cross Alliance Select plan with the employee paying the difference, seconded by Larsen. 4 ayes. Motion carried. Gary will meet with the employees this week to see what plan they want to go with.

Linder spoke for the Little Rebels Learning Center. With the help of two grants, one from Black Hawk Community Gaming Association in the amount of \$25,000 and one from McElroy Trust Grant in the amount of \$10,000, the Center has raised their \$180,000 for the daycare expansion project and asked for the city's share. Mayor would like to see payment requests submitted during the construction and the City's third paid at the time of the requests, as this has always been the city's practice. This would allow the city to collect some interest and ensure that all the money is going towards the project. Muller moved to issue the lump sum of \$180,000 to the daycare effective when the CD matures, seconded by Linder. 4 ayes. Motion carried. Jamie Eiffler addressed the council and informed them that, with all the money the city has donated to the daycare, the council should have the daycare's monthly financials in their council packets each month, just as they do for all the other boards. There was no commitment from the council.

Mayor appointed Nathan Ragsdale as Mayor Pro-Tem and to sign city checks; appointed Linder and Larsen to the Wastewater, Lights, & Telecommunications Committee; appointed Bunz & Muller to the Water, Street, & Landfill Committee; appointed Linder & Bunz to the Park, Library, & Memorial Building Committee; appointed Muller & Ragsdale to the Fire, EMS, Stormwater, & Cemetery Committee; appointed Larsen & Ragsdale to the Administrative & Police Committee; appointed himself and Ragsdale to the Finance Committee; appointed the Reinbeck Courier as the city's official newspaper; appointed Lincoln Savings Banks as the city's official bank; and appointed Abby Wessels as the city's attorney. Jamie Eiffler submitted the fire department roster and reported that calls are up. Larson moved to approve all the mayor's appointments, fire department roster, and to renew the library CD for another three months, seconded by Muller. 4 ayes. Motion carried.

Larsen moved to set a Budget Amendment Hearing for February 5, 2018 at 5:30 p.m., seconded by Linder. 4 ayes. Motion carried.

Larsen moved to set the Budget Hearing for March 5, 2018 at 5:30 p.m., seconded by Linder. 4 ayes. Motion carried.

Dan Smoldt approached council regarding giving the RTU employees a .50 raise now and another .50 raise July 1, 2018. It was recommended that the board give raises at budget time and have them take effect July 1st of the budget year as is city practice. Linder moved to approve the suggested raises for the RTU employees, seconded by Muller. 4 ayes. Motion carried.

A Tif Rebate Matrix was discussed. New increased taxable value of \$250,000 was set at 75%, 50%, and 25% rebates over 3 years; new increased taxable value of \$500,000 was set at 80%, 60%, 40%, and 20% rebates over 4 years; new increased taxable value of \$1,000,000 and up was set at 90%, 80%, 70%, 60%, 50%, 40%, 30%, 20%, and 10% over nine years. Created and retained job requirements will be discussed with Dorsey & Whitney.

Muller moved to approve Resolution #2018-01R, A Resolution to Provide for a Notice of Hearing on Proposed Plans, Specifications, Form of Contract and Estimate of Cost for the Wastewater Treatment Improvements Project, and the Taking of Bids Therefor, seconded by Ragsdale. Roll call vote: Larsen – aye, Linder – aye, Ragsdale – aye, Muller – aye. Motion carried.

Muller moved to approve G-R Dollars for Scholars 5K Run/Walk & Triathlon/Duathlon on June 2, 2018, seconded by Ragsdale. The Park Board may also incorporate a kids Dash & Splash and Pickleball Tournament with this event.

The water utility software was set to charge penalties on inactive accounts. Ragsdale moved to adjust these penalties on inactive accounts only, seconded by Muller. 4 ayes. Motion carried.

The council worked on the FY18/19 budget. Currently there is a shortfall of \$53,259 in the General Fund from what was requested and what is projected to be received. Council cut redoing the floor in the fire station office, cut the library to \$85,000, cut the amount allocated to repairing the cemetery driveway, cut resurfacing the pool slide and just allowed repainting the zero entry lines instead of the entire pool. These numbers will be reworked. Muller moved to give the city employees a 3% raise for FY18/19, seconded by Larsen. 4 ayes. Motion carried.

Ragsdale moved to adjourn, seconded by Muller. 4 ayes. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Tim Johnson, Mayor

Julie Wilkerson, City Administrator