

January 3, 2022
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 Larsen called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Council present at roll call were Dripps, Ragsdale, Murphy, and Knaack. Rasmussen arrived just after roll call. Also present were Wilkerson, Chris Heasley, Dan Johnson, Victoria Derr, Jake Rider (Grundy Register), Brent Bovy, and Josh Ritchey.

Ragsdale moved to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Knaack. 4 ayes. Motion carried. The approved Consent Agenda consisted of Minutes from December 6, 2021, Treasurer's Report, Bills to be paid in the amount of \$36,002.43, Bills paid from December 7, 2021 through December 31, 2021, November Bank Reconciliation & Financial Reports, November bills paid, December Budget Report, December Utility Billing Audit Report, and a Class C Liquor License with Sunday Sales for Pizza Place.

Rasmussen arrived.

Ragsdale moved to approve the Agenda with moving Items 5a-5d further down the agenda until Brent Bovy can attend, seconded by Murphy. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

There were no visitors present that weren't on the agenda.

Rasmussen moved to approve Resolution #2022-01R, A Resolution to Transfer Funds, seconded by Ragsdale. Roll call vote: Rasmussen – aye, Knaack – aye, Murphy – aye, Ragsdale – aye, Dripps – aye. Motion carried.

Ragsdale moved to approve Resolution #2022-02R, A Resolution Authorizing the Sale of City Property by the City of Reinbeck, seconded by Rasmussen. Roll call vote: Rasmussen – aye, Knaack – aye, Murphy – aye, Ragsdale – aye, Dripps – aye. Motion carried.

Fire chief, Chris Heasley, presented the council with the 2022 Fire Department Roster and gave an update. There are currently 24 roster members. In 2021 they responded to 148 calls, 16 of those being fire. The calls were down from the previous year. Knaack moved to approve the 2022 Fire Department Report, seconded by Rasmussen. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor appointed Nathan Ragsdale as Mayor Pro-Tem for a one year term. Knaack moved to approve the appointment of Ragsdale as the Mayor Pro-Tem for a one year term, seconded by Murphy. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

Murphy moved to keep the bank signature card the same with Ragsdale, Rasmussen, Larsen, and Wilkerson listed on the card, seconded by Knaack. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor recommended having the committee assignments the same with adding Dripps to the assignments vacated by Muller. Ragsdale move to keep the committee assignments the same replacing Muller with Dripps where appropriate, seconded by Rasmussen. 5 ayes. Motion carried. The Committee Assignments are as follows:

Wastewater, Lights, & Telecommunications: Rasmussen & Knaack

Water, Street, & Landfill: Murphy & Dripps

Park, Library, & Memorial Building: Knaack & Ragsdale

Fire, EMS, Stormwater & Cemetery: Dripps & Ragsdale

Administrative & Police: Larsen & Murphy

Finance: Ragsdale & Rasmussen

A request was received from Mid-America Publishing & Printing to allow the Grundy Register to be the designated official newspaper for the City of Reinbeck. Larsen appointed the Sun Courier as the official newspaper. Ragsdale moved to approve the Mayor's appointed of the Sun Courier as the official newspaper, seconded by Rasmussen. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

Ragsdale moved to approve the 2021 City & Rtu Wage Report and have the clerk publish it, seconded by Rasmussen. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

Ragsdale moved to renew library CD#3000397972 for another 90 days, seconded by Rasmussen. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

Due to not receiving the county valuations in time for required publication Murphy moved to re-set the Budget Levy Hearing to February 7, 2022 at 5:30 p.m., seconded by Rasmussen. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

Due to the Sun Courier not publishing the Budget Amendment Hearing Notice by the required publication deadline Ragsdale moved to re-set the Budget Amendment Hearing for February 7, 2022 at 5:30 p.m., seconded by Dripps. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

Ragsdale moved to approve a 5% wage increase for city & RTU employees for FY22/23, seconded by Rasmussen. 5 ayes. Motion carried. The Library Board approved 3% raises and they are set in their budget submission.

Due to gas prices and not asking for an increase in 8 years, Larry Trout, the sewer operator holding the Grade 3 sewer license, has asked for a \$10 per hour raise. Ragsdale moved to give Larry Trout a \$10 per hour raise, seconded by Dripps. Dripps – aye, Ragsdale – aye, Knaack – aye, Rasmussen – aye, Murphy – nay. Motion carried.

A letter will be sent to the owner of 114 Broad to clean off the graffiti from the building and have the sidewalks cleared of snow. The owner plans on selling the property.

The owner of 510 Broad Street has not contacted the city after a letter of intention was sent. Knaack moved to have the city attorney move forward with abatement procedures against 510 Broad Street, seconded by Ragsdale. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

Now that the carpet has been installed it was discussed to purchase new chairs for council. Ragsdale mentioned that the bank may have some nice chairs that they would like to get rid of. The bank will be contacted regarding their chairs.

Brent Bovy arrived so mayor opened the Public Hearing on Rezoning 402 Main Street from C-1 Commercial to C-2 Commercial at 6:04 p.m. Brent Bovy is requesting that 402 Main Street be re-zoned to C-2 Commercial which would allow apartments on the lower back half of the bottom floor. The clerk received one letter with concerns about Section 8, the number of occupants, noise, parking, play area for kids, missed business opportunity, and crime. Brent informed council that the apartments would not qualify for Section 8 as the rent will be too high for that requirement. Parking would have to be behind existing businesses and he plans on talking with these business owners. The front half of the lower level will have space for office or a small business. Brent also discussed the IEDA downtown housing grant that they are writing to receive funding for the project. They are asking the city to contribute 25% of the project in the form of scheduled tax rebatements of the improvements over a 20 year period. Bovy will get the city a copy of the grant so that it can be reviewed before submission as the city must be the applicant for the grant. Hearing no other comments, Ragsdale moved to close the hearing, seconded by Rasmussen. 5 ayes. Motion carried. The hearing was closed at 6:23 p.m.

Mayor read the 1st Reading on re-classification of 402 Main Street from C-1 Commercial to C-2 Commercial to allow for apartments on the lower back half. Hearing no comments at this time, Ragsdale moved to approve the 1st Reading on re-classification of 402 Main Street, seconded by Rasmussen. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

Knowing a special budget meeting will be set for January 24th, Rasmussen moved to hold the 2nd Reading on re-classification of 402 Main Street from C-1 Commercial to C-2 Commercial to January 24, 2022 at 5:30 p.m., seconded by Murphy. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

Ragsdale moved to postpone the approval of the downtown housing grant with IEDA until the special budget meeting on January 24, 2022, seconded by Rasmussen. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

Ragsdale reported that the owner of 510 Broad is in the process of selling the property and the new owner plans on fixing it up. Ragsdale moved to give the property until April to see if repairs are being made, seconded by Rasmussen. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

The council went into FY23 budget discussions. All department requests have been received and their requests should work in the new budget with some funding from the city's CD's. It was discussed to give the boards that have projects in the works some of the CD funds. The library has received its share of Grimm funds directly from the trust. Discussion was to give the Park Board \$100,000 to be used for the bathhouse project, the Cemetery Board \$50,000 to be used for the cemetery beautification project, the Memorial Building Board \$50,000 to be used for the bathroom remodel, and the Fire Department \$100,000 to be used for a new station. As the Fire Department and Cemetery Board already have plans drawn up, Knaack moved to allocate \$100,000 to the fire department for a new station and \$50,000 to the cemetery board for their beautification project and discuss the other allocation when more information is received, seconded by Rasmussen. Ragsdale – aye, Murphy – aye, Knaack – aye, Rasmussen – aye, Dripps – nay. Motion carried.

Ragsdale moved to set a special budget meeting for January 24, 2022 at 5:30 to continue budget preparation, seconded by Rasmussen. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

Josh Ritchy came to the meeting to discuss the vandalism at the Masonic Temple and 114 Broad Street. Questions were asked of him as to if the kids who did the damaged were to clean it up. Josh was going to check on what their sentence was and get back to the city.

Having no other business to discuss, Murphy moved to adjourn, seconded by Ragsdale. 5 ayes. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Ash Larsen, Mayor

Julie Wilkerson, City Administrator