

January 6, 2020
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 5:30 p.m. Council present were Muller, Ragsdale, Murphy, Knaack, and Rasmussen. Also present was Wilkerson, Gary Winterhof, Susie Petersen, Jamie Eiffler, Donovan Devore, Eric Lage, and Dan Smoldt.

Ragsdale moved to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Murphay. 4 ayes. Motion carried. The Consent Agenda consisted of Minutes from December 2, 2019, Treasurer's Report, Bills to be paid in the amount of \$57,676.79, Bills paid from December 3, 2019 through January 6, 2020, November Bank Reconciliation & Financial Reports, November bills paid, December Budget Report, December Utility Billing Audit Report, a Class B Wine Permit & Class C Beer Permit with Sunday Sales for Casey's, and a Class B Beer (Includes Wine Coolers) Permit with Outdoor Service for Wildflower.

Ragsdale moved to approve the Agenda, seconded by Muller. 4 ayes. Motion carried.

Rasmussen arrived at 5:34 p.m.

Susie Petersen approached council with 2 options for her property. The city could buy her property or she could donate 2.4 acres to the fire department to build a new fire station and she would take over the existing fire station. No action was taken.

Gary Winterhof approached council with the new 2020 city health insurance rates. Increases were 18%, but with 2 older employees coming off the plan, the rates should not affect the levi rate. Muller moved to offer 2 plans for the employees to choose from. Keep the same plan or choose a higher deductible plan with an increase in the HSA contribution of \$250 for single plans and \$500 for family plans, seconded by Ragsdale. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

Jeff Kolb with Butler-Grundy Development Alliance briefly explained the Grundy County Housing Needs Assessment that was done by the alliance. They will be holding a training session in Grundy Center in February and he encouraged mayor, council, and city administrator to attend.

Ragsdale moved to approve Resolution #2020-01R, A Resolution to Adopt the 2019 Grundy County Housing Needs Assessment, seconded by Rasmussen. Roll call vote: Muller – aye, Ragsdale – aye, Murphy – aye, Knaack – aye, Rasmussen – aye. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the Budget Amendment Hearing at 6:41 p.m. Revenues are being amended to include the SRF loan for the wastewater UV disinfection system and the donations and grants for the playground equipment. Expenses are being amended for increases in street repairs, daycare and playground equipment projects, wastewater UV disinfection system project, and computers at City Hall. Murphy moved to close the hearing, seconded by Ragsdale. 5 ayes. Motion carried. The hearing was closed at 6:45 p.m.

Hearing no comments, for or against, written or oral, Muller moved to approve Resolution #2020-02R, A Resolution Amending the Current Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020 and have the city administrator file it with the county auditor, seconded by Ragsdale. Roll call vote: Muller – aye, Ragsdale – aye, Murphy – aye, Knaack – aye, Rasmussen – aye. Motion carried.

The city received an offer of \$10 for the city lot at 501 Pine Street from Joshua Rouser who would build a spec home on the property and have it completed in the spring of 2021. Muller moved to approve Joshua Rouser's offer of \$10 for the city lot at 501 Pine Street with Joshua paying all cost associated with closing, seconded by Knaack. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

Murphy moved to approve Resolution #2020-03R, A Resolution Setting a Date for a Public Hearing on an Offer to Purchase City-Owned Property Located at 501 Pine Street, Grundy County and Set the Public Hearing for February 3, 2020 at 5:30 p.m., seconded by Rasmussen. Roll call vote: Rasmussen – aye, Knaack – aye, Murphy – aye, Ragsdale – aye, Muller – aye. Motion carried.

Ragsdale moved to approve Resolution #2020-04R, A Resolution to Transfer Funds to Pay Upcoming Obligations, seconded by Murphy. Roll call vote: Rasmussen – aye, Knaack – aye, Murphy – aye, Ragsdale – aye, Muller – aye. Motion carried.

The Fire Department Roster was presented for review. There is one new member and 4 members have passed the firefighters test. Muller moved to approve the 2020 Fire Department Roster, seconded by Knaack. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor presented the following appointments to council for approval:

- Mayor Pro-Tem, Nathan Ragsdale – 2 years
- City Administrator, Julie Wilkerson – 4 years
- City Newspaper, Reinbeck Courier – 4 years
- City Bank, Lincoln Savings Bank – 4 years
- City Attorney, Abby Wessel – 4 years

Muller moved to approve mayor's appointments and terms, seconded by Murphy. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

Muller moved to approve Wilkerson, Larsen, Ragsdale, and Rasmussen on the Bank Signature Card, seconded by Ragsdale. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

Council Committee Assignments were assigned as follows:

- Wastewater, Lights, & Telecommunications – Rasmussen & Knaack
- Water, Street, & Landfill – Murphy & Muller
- Park, Library, & Memorial Building – Knaack & Ragsdale
- Fire, EMS, Stormwater, & Cemetery – Muller & Ragsdale
- Administrative & Police – Larsen & Murphy
- Finance – Ragsdale & Rasmussen

Ragsdale moved to approve the above assignments, seconded by Knaack. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

A speed study was done by the IA DOT on the east end of town following a request by the city to have the speed limit by the Corteva Plant lowered. The study showed that most people were doing 36-44 mph around the Corteva Plant which is under the 45 mph zone already in place. No action was taken.

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

Muller moved to approve a Certification of Lien in the amount of \$998.26 for an unpaid water bill, seconded by Ragsdale. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

The council discussed the property at 405 Pine Street. Her intentions are to demolish the structure and sell the property. Ragsdale moved to give the property owner until May 31, 2020 to demolish the structure, seconded by Rasmussen. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

Muller moved to set the Budget Hearing for March 2, 2020, seconded by Murphy. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

Ragsdale moved to approve the 2019 Wage Report and have the city administrator publish the report, seconded by Rasmussen. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

Ragsdale moved to give the city and RTU employees a 5% raise for FY21, seconded by Knaack. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

At the budget workshop the council discussed carpet at City Hall and getting a bid on LED lights and new ceiling tile. The requested General Fund expense requests came in just over the expected revenues. So far, the Levi Rate looks like it will be a little lower than last year.

There were no visitors present at the meeting.

Muller moved to adjourn, seconded by Ragsdale. 5 ayes. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Ash Larsen, Mayor

Julie Wilkerson, City Administrator