

March 2, 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, Jeff Charley, John Atkinson, Shawn Vashell, Jerry Williams, Sue & Darren Trunck, Kent Theesfeld, Chad Van Wechel, and Susie Petersen.

Rasmussen moved to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Ragsdale. 5 ayes. Motion carried. The Consent Agenda consisted of Minutes from February 3, 2020, Treasurer's Report, Bills to be paid in the amount of \$49,033.53, Bills paid from February 4, 2020 through March 1, 2020, January Bank Reconciliation & Financial Reports, January bills paid, February Budget Report, and February Utility Billing Audit Report.

Muller moved to approve the Agenda, seconded by Knaack. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

There were no visitors present.

Susie Petersen was informed that the city has not received any information from Dollar General. Darren & Sue Trunck expressed concerns over Dollar General coming to Reinbeck. Their research showed that Dollar General store's in small towns take 20-30% of sales from existing grocery stores. Trunck's give high school students opportunity for jobs and during their 25 years in Reinbeck the business has given back to the community approximately \$100,000.

Bids for city mowing were received as follows (per mowing):

Greens Keeper Lawn Service - \$2,495

Precision Lawn Care - \$1,710

Muller moved to award the mowing contract to Precision Lawn Care for \$1,710 per mowing, seconded by Murphy. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

Bids for spraying the cemetery were received as follows (per application):

TruGreen - \$1,095 (weed control & fertilizer)

Turfmaster - \$3,357 (\$1,600 weed control & \$1,757 fertilizer)

Greens Keeper Lawn Service \$945 (weed control only)

Precision Lawn Care \$976 (weed control only)

Murphy moved to rebid the cemetery spraying bids with only weed control and no fertilizer, seconded by Rasmussen. 5 ayes. Motion carried. These bids will be awarded at the April meeting.

Shawn Vashell approached council regarding removing a split tree from the berm of his property and also taking out honey locust trees that are growing in the alley. He does not plan on planting any new trees. Ragsdale moved to allow Shawn to cut down the split tree and also remove the honey locust trees from the alley, seconded by Rasmussen. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

Jason Walters & Jeremy Thesing were not present but Ragsdale explained a USDA loan program that is used as an incentive to get developers to look at housing options in the community. These projects would be government guaranteed aimed at average income homes. Apartment complexes would be a minimum of 5 units.

Mark Vinsand was not present at the meeting. Muller moved to table this item to the April 6, 2020 meeting to have Mark present to explain the savings, seconded by Ragsdale. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

The 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee is looking for volunteers to help with the celebration. This will be placed on the Reinbeck loop on Facebook.

The INRCOG grant writing for the bathhouse will be put off for now until more funding is secured.

Fundraising for the Fitness Center was discussed. Knaack knows of a company that is selling equipment and will get the information to Wilkerson.

Mayor opened the Hearing on Proposed Budget and Certification of City Taxes for FY21 at 6:37 p.m. The levy rate will be \$11.99207 which is down .13112 from this fiscal year. Muller moved to close the hearing, seconded by Rasmussen. 5 ayes. Motion carried. The hearing was closed at 6:46 p.m.

Hearing no objection, for or against, written or oral, Ragsdale moved to approve Resolution #2020-07R, A Resolution Adopting of Budget and Certification of City Taxes for FY21 and have the City Administrator file it with the State and County Auditor, seconded by Muller. Roll call vote: Muller – aye, Ragsdale – aye, Murphy – aye, Knaack – aye, Rasmussen – aye. Motion carried.

Murphy moved to approve Resolution #2020-08R, A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign, and the City Clerk to Attest to, a Housing Repair Project Approved According to the Reinbeck Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Low and Moderate Income (LMI) Set-Aside Administrative Plan, seconded by Rasmussen. Roll call vote: Rasmussen – aye, Knaack – aye, Murphy – aye, Ragsdale – aye, Muller – aye. Motion carried.

Ragsdale moved to approve Resolution #2020-09R, A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign, and the City Clerk to Attest to, a Housing Repair Project Approved According to the Reinbeck Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Low and Moderate Income (LMI) Set-Aside Administrative Plan, as long as it is not listed for sale, seconded by Rasmussen. Roll call vote: Muller – aye, Ragsdale – aye, Murphy – aye, Knaack – aye, Rasmussen – aye. Motion carried.

RFP's for the annual city examination were received from Gronewold, Bell, Kyhnn & Co. P.C. in the amount of \$3,965.00 (not to exceed amount) and from the Office of Auditor of State in the amount of \$5,980.00. Murphy moved to have Gronewold, Bell, Kyhnn & Co. P.C. perform the city's annual examination for an amount not to exceed \$3,965.00, seconded by Knaack. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

Bids for improvements to City Hall were discussed. Rasmussen moved to table this item until the April 6, 2020 meeting to allow time for a second bid on carpet, seconded by Muller. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

Rasmussen moved to renew RTU CD#3000711015 for another 12 months, seconded by Knaack. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

Rasmussen moved to set a city wide spring clean-up day for April 18, 2020 with April 25, 2020 as a rain date, seconded by Rasmussen. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

Murphy moved to send the City Administrator to the IMFOA 2020 Spring Conference on April 15, 2020 – April 17, 2020, seconded by Muller. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

Rasmussen moved to send unpaid utility bills to the Offset Program and County Assessor, seconded by Muller. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

Ragsdale moved to adjourn, seconded by Muller. 5 ayes. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

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Ash Larsen, Mayor

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Julie Wilkerson, City Administrator