

April 3, 2023
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 at roll call were Ragsdale, Murphy, Knaack, and Rasmussen. Dripps arrived at 5:52. Also present were Wilkerson, Teresa Kauffman, Steve Kauffman, Sue Buskohl, Daniela Sarah Rivera, Dale Wambold, Dan Johnson, and Kim Snow via Zoom.

Knaack moved to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Rasmussen. 4 ayes. Motion carried. The approved Consent Agenda consisted of Minutes from March 9, 2023, Treasurer's Report, Bills to be paid in the amount of \$30,105.87, Bills paid from March 10, 2023 through March 31, 2023, February Bank Reconciliation & Financial Reports, February bills paid, March Budget Report, March Utility Billing Audit Report, and a Class B Retail Native Wine License for Reinbeck Pharmacy.

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

Teresa & Steve Kauffman approached council about making the Blackhawk Street & Main Street intersection a 4-way stop or eliminating the first parking spaces so it is easier to see around. The council will do further investigating on the issue. They also asked why ACH files can no longer be sent to the bank for processing. She was informed that the software no longer supports this transaction but it is available through FrontDeskWorks.

Dale Wambold asked to be moved further down the Agenda when Kim Snow is available.

Daniela Sarah Rivera approached council about having 4-6 tables outside in front of El Camino. She will have to update her liquor license and be able to rope off the area leaving enough space for the sidewalk handicap requirements. Ragsdale moved to approve allowing outdoor seating as long as all requirements are met, seconded by Murphy. 4 ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor declared a public hearing at 5:46 p.m. to discuss the proposed Ordinance, Amending Chapter 69.09, All Night Parking Prohibited that was published in the Sun Courier March 17, 2023 that would allow all night parking in the 200 block of Broad Street and the 200 block of Blackhawk Street. Hearing no comments, for or against, written or oral, Rasmussen moved to close the hearing, seconded by Ragsdale. 4 ayes. Motion carried. The hearing was closed at 5:48 p.m.

Mayor read the 1st Reading of Ordinance #2023-01OR, An Ordinance Amending chapter 60.09, All Night Parking Prohibited. Ragsdale moved to approve the 1st Reading of Ordinance #2023-01OR, seconded by Knaack. 4 ayes. Motion carried.

Knaack moved to waive the 2nd and 3rd Readings of Ordinance #2023-01OR, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 60.09, All Night Parking Prohibited and adopt the Ordinance and have the clerk publish the Ordinance in the Sun Courier, seconded by Rasmussen. 4 ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor declared a public Hearing at 5:51 p.m. to discuss proposed plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimate cost for the Hwy175 Crossing at Pioneer Road Stormwater Improvements Project that was published in the Sun Courier on March 17, 2023. The low bid was received from PCI in the amount of \$1,021,765.00. The DOT will be paying for the improvements that fall in their right-of-way. Hearing no comments, for or against, written or oral, Rasmussen moved to close the Hearing, seconded by Murphy. 4 ayes. Motion carried. The hearing was closed at 5:52 p.m.

Dripps arrived at 5:52 p.m.

Mayor declared a public Hearing at 5:52 p.m. to discuss the Proposed Budget and Certification of City Taxes for FY2024 that was published in the Sun Courier on March 17, 2023. The State of Iowa signed Senate File 181 into law on February 20, 2023. The signing of Senate File 181 lowered the city's taxable valuation from \$70,840,905 to \$68,974,531 that in the end will reduce the projected tax revenue by \$15,873. The total property tax levy rate for FY2024 will be \$11.99327. Hearing no comments, for or against, written or oral, Ragsdale moved to close the Hearing, seconded by Murphy. 5 ayes. Motion carried. The Hearing was closed at 5:53 p.m.

Ragsdale moved to approve Resolution #2023-09R, A Resolution Adopting the FY2024 Reinbeck Telecommunication Utility Budget for the City of Reinbeck, seconded by Dripps. Roll call vote: Rasmussen – aye, Knaack – aye, Murphy – aye, Ragsdale – aye, Dripps – aye. Motion carried.

Murphy moved to approve Resolution #2023-10R, A Resolution Adopting of Budget and Certification of City Taxes for FY2024 and have the clerk file it with the State and County Auditor, seconded by Rasmussen. Roll call vote: Dripps – aye, Ragsdale – aye, Murphy – aye, Knaack – aye, Rasmussen – aye. Motion carried.

Ragsdale moved to approve Resolution #2023-11R, A Resolution Proposing Water/Sewer Rate Ordinance & Setting the Hearing for May 1, 2023 at 5:30 p.m., seconded by Rasmussen. Roll call vote: Dripps – aye, Ragsdale – aye, Murphy – aye, Knaack – aye, Rasmussen – aye. Motion carried.

There was discussion on milling and relaying the street in the 100 block of Randall from Pioneer Road to Pine Street. An estimate was received from Aspro, Inc. in the amount of \$162,100. Since it is above the threshold, it will have to go out for public bid. After discussion it was decided to look at moving forward with the project as funds become available, hopefully this fall.

City insurance premiums have increased approximately 26%. By raising the deductibles from \$500 to \$1,000 it will bring the increase down to 15% or save \$13,849 annually. Ragsdale moved to get quotes for \$2,500 and \$5,000 deductibles and postpone this item until the May 1, 2023 meeting, seconded by Murphy. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

Ragsdale moved to set a Budget Amendment Hearing for May 1, 2023, seconded by Dripps. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

Murphy moved to approve Nick Suender for another 5 year term on the Reinbeck Telecommunications Utility Board, seconded by Rasmussen. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

A Request for Proposal was received from Gronewold, Bell, Kyhnn & Co. P.C. to perform the city's FY23 Annual Examination in the amount of not more than \$4,235.00. A Request for Proposal was sent to the State Auditor's Office as well but they submitted a letter stating that they were too busy to take on the work. Rasmussen moved to approve an Agreement with Gronewold, Bell, Kyhnn & Co. P.C. to perform the city's FY23 Annual Examination, seconded by Knaack. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

The council discussed options for services that the city does for RTU. Options discussed were to continue as it is now only adding a 28E Agreement with payments to the City for services or separating the duties and having RTU do their own financials. After discussion it was decided to have a joint meeting with the RTU Board before making a decision.

The Clerk has 1 ½ days of vacation that she would like to carry over to next year. Murphy moved to allow the clerk to carry over 1 ½ days of vacation, seconded by Ragsdale. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

Dale Wambold and Kim Snow (via Zoom) approached council to review a survey that they had completed regarding a new fitness center in town and what the people would like to see. They had very positive results and feel good about their plans.

Having no further business to discuss, Murphy moved to adjourn, seconded by Knaack. 5 ayes. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Mayor, Ash Larsen

Julie Wilkerson, City Administrator