



## ROBINS CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE JUNE 20, 2022 MEETING

Mayor Hinz called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. in the Robins City Hall on Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022. After the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, roll call was taken with Councilors Marilyn Cook, Dick Pilcher, Roger Overbeck, Dave Franzman, and JD Smith present along with Planning and Zoning Administrator Dean Helander, Engineer Kelli Scott, Fire Chief Keith Feldkamp, Police Chief Andy Humphrey, REDI Coordinator Greg Neumeyer, Attorney Doug Herman, Building Official Mike Kortenkamp, Deputy Clerk Lisa Goodin and City Clerk/Treasurer Lori Pickart.

Pickart asked to have discussion and direction relating to upsizing sub drains for the SE Quadrant Sanitary Sewer project added to the Agenda. Smith moved to approve the Agenda as amended, Franzman seconded and all voted aye.

The Council set July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 7:00 p.m. as the time and date for the July Council meeting as the first Monday of the month falls on July 4.

### CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Hinz provided the Council with the resume of Jay Goodin for the opening on the P&Z Commission. Pilcher moved to approve the Consent Agenda, Smith seconded. Items approved were the Minutes of the June 1<sup>st</sup> and June 6<sup>th</sup> meetings; the List of Bills submitted; Resolution No. 0622-9 appointing Jay Goodin to the Planning and Zoning Commission; and Resolution No. 0622-8 allowing transfer from TIF to Debt Service for FY'23. Smith seconded the motion; all voted aye.

### OLD BUSINESS

- a. **Ordinance No. 2202 - Chapter 165 Changes.** Smith moved to approve the Third Reading of Ordinance No. 2202 updating Chapter 165, Robins Zoning Regulations, of the Municipal Code. Franzman seconded the motion; on the vote, Smith, Franzman and Pilcher, aye. Cook and Overbeck nay.
- b. **Ordinance No. 2205 - Future Land Use Map.** Smith moved to approve the Third Reading of Ordinance No. 2205, amending the Robins Future Land Use Map, Pilcher seconded. All voted aye except Overbeck who voted nay.
- c. **Ordinance No. 2206 - Robins Landing LLC.** Franzman moved to approve the Third Reading of Ordinance No. 2206, rezoning Robins Landing LLC (92 acres) from Agriculture to R-3, Two-Family Residential; PUD Planned Unit Development; C-1 Central Business District; C-1A Neighborhood Commercial, PLI Planned Light Industrial and P-1 Public Use. Smith seconded the motion, on the vote all voted aye except Cook who voted nay.
- d. **Ordinance No. 2207, Subdivision Regulations.** Pilcher moved to approve the Third Reading of Ordinance No. 2207 amending Chapter 166, Sub-division Regulations, specifically Development Agreements and procedures, Smith seconded and all voted aye.
- e. **Ordinance No. 2203, Storm Water Management.** Cook moved to approve the Third Reading of Ordinance No. 2203 amending Chapter 157, Storm Water Management, Overbeck seconded and all voted aye.
- f. **Ordinance No. 2204.** Franzman moved to approve the Third Reading of Ordinance No. 2204 amending Chapter 140, Driveways, by amending driveway widths and also changing the design standard language. Smith seconded the motion and all voted aye.

### NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Chicken request.** Patrick Geer, 470 Beverly Street asked to be allowed to house up to 15 chickens. He noted he would be building a 6' x 8' chicken coop on their property which is .76 of an acre. The Municipal Code requires 5 acres to have a domestic animal (chickens). Mr. Geer noted he would be storing the food for the chickens in a sealed storage container in a shed, adding he already has dogs. Cook noted she thought Cedar Rapids had a limit of 5 chickens. Pilcher noted Marion limits them to like 10-12. Overbeck asked if Mr. Geer has talked to his neighbors. Mr. Geer noted he talked with one of his back yard neighbors who had

no problem with it. He noted his neighbors to the north are excited as they would like to have chickens also. Attorney Herman advised the Council of the need for an Ordinance to define the limitations of chickens in Robins, otherwise it could turn out to be favoritism. Mayor Hinz noted our code says no chickens unless 5 acres. Franzman noted he agrees that we need a policy. Overbeck noted Mr. Geer should look at other cities and the county as to what their regulations are and to bring the info back to the City Council. Overbeck moved to approve the request, there was no second, so the request failed.

- b. **gWorks software upgrade.** Pickart noted the desire to upgrade the Municipal Software for the City to allow the use of electronic payment via debit/credit cards which is requested by several of the residents/contractors in the city, and to save time with the new technology. She noted the software was initially purchased 2002, adding this software will be cloud based and much more flexible for city staff and residents/contractors alike. Pickart noted with the upcoming anticipated surge in building in the Robins Landing; the Villages; and Eagle View sub-divisions, this software will be timesaving and assist with organizing the documentation. Pickart noted the Policy and Administrative budget has funding to pay for the upgrade yet this fiscal year and noted the quote from gWorks contains a \$3,000 discount if purchased by June 30<sup>th</sup>. Pilcher moved to approve Resolution No. 0622-11, approving the upgrade, Franzman seconded and all voted aye.
- c. **FY'21 Audit.** Pickart noted the FY'21 audit is very near completion and is budgeted in FY'21. She added the derecho costs and reimbursements required a single audit, forcing the cost to about \$16,500. Cook moved to approve Resolution No. 0622-10 approving payment for the audit in FY'21, Overbeck seconded and all voted aye.
- d. **FY'23 Salaries.** The Council reviewed the comparison chart showing the anticipated increase for the Metro Area cities. After discussion the Council agreed to 4% with an additional 2% for Kortenkamp at his anniversary date.
- e. **Upsizing.** The Council reviewed the four sub-drain options. Scott noted the reason for the upsizing is to get the most water transported underground as possible as the ditch carries a lot of water getting very close to homeowner structures. Overbeck moved to approve option #4, 12" sub-drain trenched, Pilcher seconded and all voted aye.

Smith moved to adjourn at 6:34 p.m., Overbeck seconded and all voted aye.

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Chuck Hinz, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lori Pickart, City Clerk/Treasurer