



## ROBINS CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2022 MEETING

Mayor Hinz called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 in the Robins City Hall. 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 Dax Suntken, Attorney Holly Corkery, Deputy Clerk Lisa Goodin, Building Official/Public Works Superintendent Mike Kortenkamp, Police Chief Andy Humphrey, City Clerk/Treasurer Lori Pickart and 4 guests. Franzman moved to approve the Agenda, Smith seconded and all voted aye.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

- ✚ Mayor Hinz provided information to the Councilors relating to the upcoming Annual League of Cities Conference to be held in Waterloo on September 28-30<sup>th</sup>. He also noted there will be a council meeting on September 19<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 p.m. to discuss the Robins Fire Code along with the West Main Street Reconstruction.
- ✚ Finance Coordinator Marilyn Cook noted we are in the third month of FY '23 and a budget amendment follows on the agenda.
- ✚ Safety Coordinator Dick Pilcher reported there have been several meetings relating to the UTV Ordinance following on the agenda, along with the Robins Fire Code to be discussed next week.
- ✚ Public Works Coordinator Roger Overbeck noted the SE Trunk Sanitary Sewer project is progressing well and asked if there has been any response from C&N Railroad relating to the drainage issues, of which there have been none.
- ✚ Parks Coordinator Dave Franzman noted the Civic Club is wanting to make a donation to the parks department with some ideas of adding more security cameras, repairing the volley ball courts or building a small pavilion at South Troy Park.
- ✚ Streets Coordinator JD Smith noted the city is awaiting calls from contractors relating to street maintenance.
- ✚ Engineer Dax Suntken noted he is working on trying to find a solution for the Quass Road ditch drainage problem along with working on East Main Street cracks as the maintenance bond will be ending soon.

### CITIZEN COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS

- ✚ Nate Zirbel, of Toddville thanked the Council for allowing UTVs in Robins, however they cannot legally get into Robins as all of the entry roads have speed limits over 35 mph which the Iowa Code limits UTVs to roads 35 mph or less. Mayor Hinz commented he feels this is pretty much a work in progress both at the State and City levels.

### CITIZEN COMMENTS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- ✚ None

### CONSENT AGENDA

- ✚ Smith moved to approve the Consent Agenda which contained the Minutes of the August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 meeting; the Financial Report; the List of Bills Submitted; Resolution No. 0922-3 approving the street light installation in the Cambridge Heights Second Addition to Robins; and Resolution No. 0922-6, approving Pay Request #6 to Boomerang Corp for work done on the Kings Way Watermain Extension. Franzman seconded the motion and all voted aye.

## NEW BUSINESS

- a. **FY'23 Budget Amendment, Public Hearing.** Mayor Hinz opened the public hearing at 7:17 p.m. Pickart noted the amendment includes expense increases of \$18K for the police department for additional speed signs; \$300K for engineering fees to design the West Main Street Reconstruction and Trail project; and \$10K for recodification of the Municipal Code. The public hearing closed at 7:19 p.m.
- b. **Budget Amendment Resolution.** Cook moved to approve Resolution No. 0922-2 approving the FY'23 Budget Amendment, Pilcher seconded and all voted aye.
- c. **UTV Public Hearing.** Mayor Hinz opened a public hearing at 7:19 p.m. to hear comments and concerns relating to proposed changes to Chapter 75, All-Terrain Vehicles, Snowmobiles and Off-Road Utility Vehicles. He explained the state actions relating to UTVs along with the meetings between himself and public safety officials who created the changes in proposed Ordinance No. 2212. Al Nickerboecker, 3245 Lakeview Drive in Toddville asked the council how they are supposed to get into Robins as all of the incoming streets have speed limits over 35 mph. Pilcher noted the code is specific to Robins and not how to get into town. Mayor Hinz reiterated he feels this code on the state level is in the early stages and to work with the state legislators to get amendments made. It was noted the DNR permits are received from Linn County. The public hearing closed at 7:39.
- d. **Ordinance No. 2212.** Pilcher moved to approve the First Reading of Ordinance No. 2212 amending Chapter 75 of the Robins Municipal Code relating to All-Terrain Vehicles, Snowmobiles and Off-Road Utility Vehicles, Franzman seconded and all voted aye.
- e. **FY'22 Street Finance Report.** Pickart reviewed the FY '22 Street Finance Report with the Council. Smith moved to approve Resolution No. 0922-1 approving the report, Overbeck seconded and all voted aye.
- f. **Rose Third Addition.** Pickart noted the owner of 3586 Alice Road located in Linn County wants to split off 4.68 acres of their 20 acre property to allow construction of an additional home. She noted the property lies within two miles of Robins so the city gets a courtesy review to voice any concerns. Overbeck moved to approve Resolution No. 0922-4, Pilcher seconded and all voted aye.
- g. **Police Chief Salary.** Mayor Hinz noted Police Chief Andy Humphrey retired from the Linn County Sheriff's Department and became Robins' first full time Police Chief after serving since 2000 as the part time chief. At the time Andy was appointed Police Chief the IPERS regulations limited earnings to \$30,000 per year. In 2022, IPERS increased the wage ceiling to \$50,000. This resolution would raise the chief's salary to \$50,000 in 2022. Pilcher moved to approve Resolution No. 0922-7 increasing the wages for the full time police chief, Franzman seconded and all voted aye.
- h. **Baker Annexation Request.** Pickart noted Fred and Gloria Baker of 3164 Quass Road in Linn County have requested to annex their property into the city. The Baker's would like to subdivide their property to allow construction of an additional home. Franzman moved to approve the Baker's request, Smith seconded and all voted aye.
- i. **Leaf Pickup Contract.** Pickart noted this fall is the last year of the current leaf pickup contract with Jordan's Property Management and has indicated he would be interested in a 5-year contract at an hourly rate at \$115 per hour (includes equipment cost). Pilcher moved to approve the contract with Jordan's Property Management at \$115/hour, Cook seconded and all voted aye.

## OLD BUSINESS

- a. **Chapter 155, Building Code.** Overbeck moved to approve the Final Reading of Ordinance No. 2208, amending Chapter 155, Building Code of the Robins Municipal Code, Smith seconded and all voted aye.

- b. **Chapter 154, Mechanical Code.** Pilcher moved to approve the Final Reading of Ordinance No. 2209 amending Chapter 154, Mechanical Code of the Robins Municipal Code, Cook seconded and all voted aye.
- c. **Chapter 153, Plumbing Code.** Franzman moved to approve the Final Reading of Ordinance No. 2210 amending Chapter 153, Plumbing Code of the Robins Municipal Code, Smith seconded and all voted aye.
- d. **Chapter 161, Property Maintenance Code.** Cook moved to approve the Final Reading of Ordinance No. 2210, amending Chapter 161, Property Maintenance Code of the Robins Municipal Code, Overbeck seconded and all voted aye.
- e. **Kings Way Watermain Loop.** Franzman moved to approve Resolution No. 0922-5 accepting the Kings Way Watermain Loop, Pilcher seconded and all voted aye.

Smith moved to adjourn at 7:57 p.m., Franzman seconded and all voted aye.

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Chuck Hinz, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lori Pickart, City Clerk/Treasurer