

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
January 08, 2018**

The Common Council of the City of Rensselaer met on January 08, 2018 in regular session in Council Chambers of City Hall. Mayor Stephen Wood called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. followed by invocation offered by Rev. John Hostettler with the Trinity United Methodist Church and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Answering roll call were: Mayor Stephen Wood; Clerk-Treasurer Frieda Bretzinger; Council Members Scott Barton, Bill Hollerman, Rick Odle; George Cover; City Attorney Mike Riley; Cemetery Supt. Kevin Cochran; Park Supt. Joe Effinger; Building Commissioner Kenny Haun; Fire Chief Bob Graves; Police Chief Matt Anderson; Utility Office Manager Heather Smart; Gas Supt. Carol Lockridge; Electric Manager of Operations Steve Miller; Electric Lead Line Foreman Lenny Larson; Electric Plant Supt. Claude Grow; Street Supt. Andy Daniels; Project Coordinator Jerry Lockridge; Nick Fiala with the Rensselaer Republican. Council Member Ernest Watson, Jr. was absent.

Also in attendance were: Robert Schenk with Rensselaer Adventures; Stace Pickering with C/I:

The minutes of the December 27, 2017 council meeting were presented. There was a motion by Barton, second by Odle, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed by majority, with Watson absent.

Citizen Comments and Presentation of Petitions: There were none.

Ordinance 01-2018, Additional Appropriation for Insurance Proceeds: Bretzinger said this additional appropriation is requested by the police department to appropriate insurance proceeds in the amount of \$1,397.39 received for a damaged squad car. There was a motion by Odle, second by Cover, to approve the ordinance. The motion passed by majority, with Watson absent.

Resolution 01-2018, Gas Tracker: Lockridge said the tracker reflected a 9.5¢ increase per 100 cubic feet. There was a motion by Hollerman, second by Cover, to approve the resolution. The motion passed by majority, with Watson absent.

Water Line Update: Lockridge received a revised quote from Grimmer Construction in the amount of \$44,845.00 for the water main at College Avenue and Mt. Calvary Road. The state is requiring additional piping to get it out of the blacktop area in case of construction down the road. There was a motion by Hollerman, second by Odle, to approve the work. The motion passed by majority, with Watson absent.

2018 Appointments: The 2018 appointments are as follows:

ACCIDENT/SHOOTING BOARD

Brant Schmid	One year	12/31/2018
Matt Anderson	One year	12/31/2018
Deric Beier	One year	12/31/2018
Dave Baer	One year	12/31/2018
Heather Hall	One year	12/31/2018

ADVISORY PLANNING COMMISSION

Bill Hollerman	Four years	12/31/2019
George Cover	Four years	12/31/2019
Pat Fox	Four years	12/31/2019
Stan Haines	Four years	12/31/2019
Cliff Wood	Four years	12/31/2018
Deana Rule	Four years	12/31/2018
Ryan Musch	Four years	12/31/2020
Mike Davis	Four years	12/31/2018
Kenneth Haun	By Virtue of the Office of Building Commissioner	

ALCOHOL BEVERAGE BOARD

Dave Sutton	One year	12/31/2018
Craig Stevens	One year	12/31/2017
Marvin Sutter	One year	12/31/2017

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

Clay Whaley	Four years	12/31/2019
Bruce Wood	Four years	12/31/2020

Stan Haines	Four years	12/31/2019
Scott Barton	Four years	12/31/2019
George Cover	Four years	12/31/2019
Kenneth Haun	By Virtue of Office of Building Commissioner	
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY		
Stephen A. Wood	By Virtue of Office of Mayor	
Ernest Watson, Jr.	One year	12/31/2018
Rick Odle	One year	12/31/2018
CITY OF RENSSELAER DEVELOPMENT BOARD		
Stan Haines	Four years	12/31/2019
George Cover	Four years	12/31/2019
JASPER COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION		
Kenneth Haun	Two years	12/31/2019
JASPER COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES		
William Hollerman	Two years	12/31/2019
JASPER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY		
Rick Odle	Two years	12/31/2019
NORTHWEST INDIANA SOLID WASTE DISTRICT		
Ernest Watson, Jr.	One year	12/31/2018
Scott Barton	One year	12/31/2018
RENSSELAER PARK BOARD		
Glen Allie	Four years	12/31/2019
William Wornhoff	Four years	12/31/2018
Michael Manis	Four years	12/31/2018
Rick Williams	Four years	12/31/2019
Julie Kozan	By Virtue of Office as School Board Member	
Joseph Effinger	By virtue of Office as Park Superintendent	
Scott Barton	By virtue of Office as Corporation Board Member	
RENSSELAER REDEVELOPMENT COMISSION		
Stan Haines	One year	12/31/2018
Estel George	One year	12/31/2018
Charles Parrish	One year	12/31/2018 School Board Liaison non voting
Kenneth Haun	One year	12/31/2018
Bill Hollerman	One year	12/31/2018
Robert Brennehan	One year	12/31/2018
RENSSELAER REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY		
Brian Egan	Three years	12/31/2018
Cliff Wood	Three years	12/31/2018
Deric Beier	Three years	12/31/2018
Frieda Bretzinger	By Virtue of Office as Clerk-Treasurer	
RENSSELAER RETAIL MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION		
Rick Odle	Two years	12/31/2019
Monica Trump	Two years	12/31/2019
MAIN STREET RENSSELAER		
Rick Odle	Four years	12/31/2019
COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS		
Matt Anderson	Four years	12/31/2019
DISABILITY AWARENESS		
Kenny Haun	Two years	12/31/2019
FIRE DEPARTMENT GRIEVANCE REPRESENTATIVE		
Jerry Lockridge	One year	12/31/2018
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT REPRESENTATIVE		
Steve Miller	Four years	12/31/2019
RCSC SCHOOL BOARD		
Jacob Ahler	Four years	06/30/2019
Julie Kozan	Four years	07/01/2020
Kris Phillips	Four years	06/30/2021
UNSAFE BUILDING BOARD		
John Hensley	Two years	12/31/2019
Robert Graves	Two years	12/31/2019
Kenneth Haun	By Virtue of Office as Building Commissioner (Advisory)	
ELECTED OFFICIAL LIAISON REPRESENTATION		
William Hollerman	Gas Dept., Weston Cemetery	
Rick Odle	Street, Sanitation, Water, Wastewater	

George Cover	Utility Office, Building Dept., Clerk-Treasurer's Office
Ernest Watson, Jr.	Police, Park Dept.
Scott Barton	Electric
RENSSELAER RECCLING COMMITTEE	
Andy Daniels	Three years 12/31/2020
John Austin	Three years 12/31/2020
Ernest Watson, Jr.	Three years 12/31/2020
Stephen A. Wood	By Virtue of Office as Mayor
UPTOWN PARKING COMMITTEE	
Andy Daniels	Two years 12/31/2019
Matt Anderson	Two years 12/31/2019
Marsha Gratner	Two years 12/31/2019
INSURANCE COMMITTEE (INACTIVE)	
William Hollerman	Two years 12/31/2013
Stephen A. Wood	By Virtue of Office as Mayor
Ron DeMoss	Two years 12/31/2013
Frieda Bretzinger	Two years 12/31/2013
Ernest Watson, Jr.	Two years 12/31/2013
SIDEWALK MAINTENENACE & CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE	
Rick Odle	Two years 12/31/2019
Ernest Watson, Jr.	Two years 12/31/2019
Jerry Lockridge	By Virtue of Office of Project Manager
Michael Riley	By Virtue of Office as City Attorney
Stephen A. Wood	By Virtue of Office as Mayor
TAX ABATEMENT COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE	
Bill Hollerman	Two years 12/31/2019
Rick Odle	Two years 12/31/2019
Kenneth Haun	Two years 12/31/2019
Frieda Bretzinger	By Virtue of Office as Clerk-Treasurer
Stephen A. Wood	By Virtue of Office as Mayor
TREE CITY USA-RENSSELAER URBAN FORESTRY COUNCIL	
Karen Stanley	Four years 12/31/2018
Rick Odle	Four years 12/31/2018
Kevin Cochran	Four years 12/31/2020
Heather Smart	Four years 12/31/2018
EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION COMMITTEE	
Lenny Larson	Two years 12/31/2019
Jerry Lockridge	Two years 12/31/2019
Kenneth Haun	Two years 12/31/2019
Monica Trump	Administrative Representative
SAFETY COMMITTEE	
Carol Lockridge	Four Years 12/31/2018
Stephen A. Wood	By Virtue of Office as Mayor
City Dept. Representatives	Pam Sayler, Jenny DeWees, James Wisley, Riley Cook, Lenny Larson, Jim Hurd, Jason Shireley, Bret Mattocks, Marcia Mathew, Matt Anderson, Andy Daniels.

Mutual Aid Request: Miller had a request from APPA to send help to the Virgin Islands to help restore electricity. Another conference call will be tomorrow to finalize details. We are shipping three work trucks (2 bucket trucks and a pickup) there via ship and said they will be in the belly of the ship so they won't be exposed to the sea salt water. They need an approval from the council. There will be four linemen (himself, a journeyman lineman and two apprentice linemen). Bretzinger asked how long they will be gone and Miller said 36 to 43 days. Barton asked if we will have enough coverage if something comes up. Miller said they have agreed to fly them back if need be. FEMA and the utility will be reimbursing us our expenses. There was a motion by Cover, second by Odle, to approve the aid. The motion passed by majority, with Watson absent.

Committee Reports: There were none.

Administrative Comments:

Barton had nothing.

Bretzinger had nothing.

Cover said for Daniels to thank his employees that were picking up trash in the frigid weather.

Hollerman had nothing.

Odle had nothing.
Wood had nothing.

Claims Approval: The claims were presented for payment. There was a motion by Odle, second by Hollerman, to approve the claims. The motion passed by majority, with Watson absent.

Superintendents Reports:

Building Dept.: Haun said they found termite damage so they removed all of the wood. They got some conduit in and the gas dept. ran the line for the generator. They got some footings poured and some columns up.

Cemetery Dept.: Cochran had nothing

Electric Dept.: Miller asked approving them going also included the work agreement. Wood said it did. They are testing today at Watt Substation and energizing has been pushed back again to January 22nd. Larson had nothing. Grow had nothing.

Fire Dept.: Graves tomorrow they are starting their first annual testing of the SCBA equipment. January 15th they are having a cancer awareness program being put on at the station. They are inviting all of the other departments.

Gas Dept.: Lockridge had nothing.

Legal Dept.: Riley had nothing.

Park Dept.: Effinger said park board and corporation will meet tomorrow at 6:00 p.m. in the conference room of city hall.

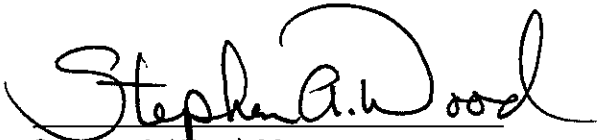
Police Dept.: Anderson will be starting the application process as they are now short one officer. Barton asked how the police station remodeling is going. Wood said the floor's been torn out.

Street, Sanitation, Sewage and Water Dept.: Daniels said they are hoping to finish the project behind the library tomorrow. Lockridge said in February there will be a one-year completion meeting for the High Rate Treatment Plant. We also are working on the Long Term Control Plan. There's four phases and we just completed Phase One.

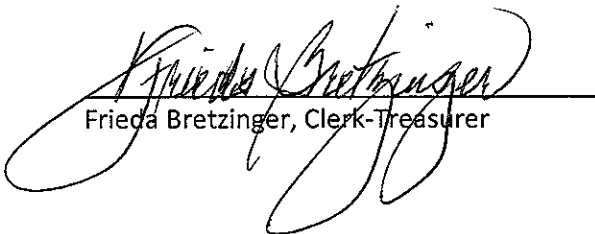
Utility Office: Smart had nothing.

Pickering reminded everyone of the Downtown Revitalization public meeting next Tuesday, January 16th at 4:30 p.m. at Embers.

There being nothing more to come before council, there was a motion by Barton, second by Odle, to adjourn. The motion passed by majority, with Watson absent and the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.


Stephen A. Wood, Mayor

Attest:


Frieda Bretzinger, Clerk-Treasurer