

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
June 25, 2018**

The Common Council of the City of Rensselaer met on June 25, 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. Debbie Voss with the Burr Oak Mennonite Church and the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Also in attendance were: Robert Schenk with Rensselaer Adventures; Rev. Debbie Voss with the Burr Oak Mennonite Church; David Buczak; Randy Denton.

The minutes of the June 11, 2018 council meeting were presented. There was a motion by Hollerman, and second by Barton, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed by majority, with Odle and Cover absent.

Citizen Comments and Presentation of Petitions: There were none.

Street Closing Request: Wood had a letter from Pastor John Hostettler with the Trinity United Methodist Church requesting that Angelica Street from Cullen to Weston be closed on September 23, 2018 for its fellowship and fundraising event. There was a motion by Hollerman, second by Watson, to close the street. The motion passed by majority, with Odle and Cover absent.

Resolution 17-2018, Transfer of Funds: Bretzinger said the transfer of funds is for a transfer in Public Works and Safety of \$16,525.00, the Police Department of \$2,175.00, and the Sanitation Department of \$5,000.00 for a total General Fund transfer of \$23,700.00. There was a motion by Barton, second by Hollerman, to approve the resolution. The motion passed by majority, with Odle and Cover absent.

Proposed Changes to Job Classification/Titles: Wood said since Miller wasn't at the meeting Wood asked for this to be tabled. There was a motion by Hollerman, second by Watson, to table this item. The motion passed by majority, with Odle and Cover absent.

Purchase of a New Skid Steer Loader: Lockridge said the 1995 Skid Steer Loader is currently broke down. The last time we repaired it, it cost \$8,000. He is asking to replace it so he asked permission to get quotes and split the purchase price between the four utilities as all departments use it. There was a motion by Hollerman, second by Barton, to allow Lockridge to get quotes for a Skid-Steer. The motion passed by majority, with Odle and Cover absent.

Committee Reports: There were none.

Wood Asked a Meeting Attendee if He was Attending for a Purpose: David Buczak, 201 E. Grace Street, said recently the 25 mph speed limit was changed to 35 mph. State Road 114, is a state highway and the city has no jurisdiction. Then he asked for police to enforce the speed limit. Anderson asked if there is a certain time of day that it's bad and Buczak said they start up about 3:30 in the morning. He asked if there is going to be something done with the drainage in his area. Wood said we've been under an agreed order since 2007 so we have been working on this. We've had to raise the rates for the projects we've done and will have to raise them again for what we still need to do. Buczak asked if the city would go through and make sure nobody's rain gutters are connected to the city system.

Administrative Comments:

Barton had nothing.

Bretzinger had nothing.

Hollerman had nothing.

Watson had nothing.

Wood had nothing.

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

Credit Card Activity Log Approval: The credit card activity log report was presented to council. There was a motion by Barton, second by Watson, to approve the log and allow the mayor to sign it. The motion passed by majority, with Odle and Cover absent.

Superintendents Reports:

Building Dept.: Haun said FEMA is still here until June 30th.

Cemetery Dept.: Cochran had nothing.

Electric Dept.: Larson had nothing.

Fire Dept.: Haun said fireworks are this Saturday at the fairgrounds.

Gas Dept.: Lockridge had nothing.

Legal Dept.: Riley had nothing.

Park Dept.: Effinger said the park board and corporation will meet July 2nd at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of City Hall.

Police Dept.: Anderson reported bathrooms are in and air conditioning is in.

Street, Sanitation, Sewage and Water Dept.: Daniels said we got a new recycling trailer and it was purchased by Six County Solid Waste District. Lockridge said the water main is in and building has been ordered and they expect delivery of that in the next couple of weeks.

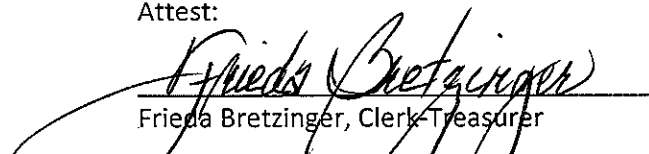
Utility Office: Smart had nothing.

Bob Schenk said the weather station on top of city hall has not worked for months. Nobody was aware that there was a weather station.

There being nothing more to come before council, there was a motion by Watson, second by Barton, to adjourn. The motion passed by majority, with Odle and Cover absent, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.


Stephen A. Wood, Mayor

Attest:


Frieda Bretzinger, Clerk-Treasurer