

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
August 27, 2018**

The Common Council of the City of Rensselaer met on August 27, 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. Kenin Smith with Hope Community 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; City Attorney Mike Riley; Cemetery Supt. Kevin Cochran; Building Commissioner and Fire Chief Kenny Haun; 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 Members George Cover, Ernest Watson, Jr; Park Supt. Joe Effinger; Lead Line Foreman Lenny Larson and Electric Plant Supt. Claude Grow were absent.

Also in attendance were: Robert Schenk with Rensselaer Adventures; Rev. Kenin Smith with Hope Community Church; Mike Morin with BIS.

The minutes of the August 13, 2018 council meeting were presented. There was a motion by Barton, and second by Hollerman, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed by majority, with Cover and Watson absent.

Citizen Comments and Presentation of Petitions: There were none.

BIS Recording Equipment and Software: Mike Morin with BIS did a presentation on recording software and equipment for council chambers. Meetings can be streamed live, and can be posted on YouTube, and on our website. The DCR2 Recording Software, 2 LED Monitors, 4K Presentation Switcher with Wireless Link & HDBaseT Receiver, set up, install and training is \$17,139.52. If we want live broadcasting with IP cameras it will cost an additional \$15,766.68. Web hosting will cost \$4,400.00 which is included in the initial cost but is a yearly fee. There was also discussion to include a PA system. We would need a mixer and an amplifier. Wood asked if this quote stays good for a certain period of time and Morin said he can keep it active.

Chief of Police Request for Job Title Change: Anderson requested a classification change from Dispatch Supervisor to Office Manager/Dispatch Supervisor with a pay increase from \$22.30 to \$22.55. He also asked that the Administrative Assistant pay be adjusted from \$21.56 to \$21.31. Barton asked if this is in his budget and Anderson said he thought it was. Barton is concerned since this is all coming from taxation and the budget is so tight this year. This wouldn't go into effect until the next Board of Works meeting. There was a motion by Hollerman, second by Odle, to move forward with the suggestion. The motion passed by majority, with Cover and Watson absent.

St. Joe Future Well Site: Wood said he and Riley talked to Peerless-Midwest about another well site and they said St. Joseph's College location has another well site. Wood wants to secure the property. Ahler said Steve Fink, St. Joseph's College attorney, asked what the city was thinking about in price and they sent a letter offering \$15,000. It's about .928 acres. Wood asked permission to move forward. There was a motion by Hollerman, second by Odle, to continue negotiations for the property. The motion passed by majority, with Cover and Watson absent.

Public Relations Request for Police Station Open House: Anderson requested up to \$250.00 from Public Relations Fund to host an open house for the new police station on September 12th at 1:30 p.m. There was a motion by Barton, second by Hollerman, to approve the request. The motion passed by majority, with Cover and Watson absent.

Committee Reports: Odle said the Urban Forestry Council is applying for a \$9,500.00 grant in September.

Administrative Comments:

Barton had nothing.

Bretzinger had nothing.

Hollerman had nothing.

Wood had nothing.

Odle had nothing.

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

Superintendents Reports:

Building Dept.: Haun had nothing.

Cemetery Dept.: Cochran had nothing

Electric Dept.: Miller had nothing.

Fire Dept.: Haun had nothing.

Gas Dept.: Lockridge said the city is starting the leak survey.

Legal Dept.: Ahler had nothing.

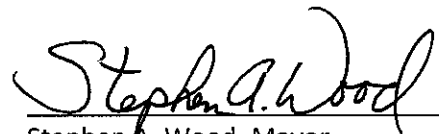
Park Dept.: Effinger had nothing.

Police Dept.: Anderson had nothing.

Street, Sanitation, Sewage and Water Dept.: Daniels had nothing. Lockridge had nothing.

Utility Office: Smart had nothing.

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 Cover and Watson absent, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.



Stephen A. Wood, Mayor

Attest:



Frieda Bretzinger, Clerk-Treasurer