

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
September 10, 2018**

The Common Council of the City of Rensselaer met on September 10, 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 Council Member Scott Barton 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, Ernest Watson, Jr; City Attorney Mike Riley; Cemetery Supt. Kevin Cochran; Park Supt. Joe Effinger; Building Commissioner and Fire Chief Kenny Haun; Police Dispatcher Supervisor Dawn Steinke; Utility Office Manager Heather Smart; Gas Supt. Carol Lockridge; Electric Manager of Operations Steve Miller; Electric Plant Supt. Claude Grow; Street Supt. Andy Daniels; Project Coordinator Jerry Lockridge, Nick Fiala with the Rensselaer Republican. Police Chief Matt Anderson and Electric Lead Line Foreman Lenny Larson were absent.

Also in attendance were: Robert Schenk with Rensselaer Adventures.

The minutes of the August 27, 2018 council meeting were presented. There was a motion by Barton, and second by Odle, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments and Presentation of Petitions: There were none.

Eagles Fish Fry Street Closing: Since the Eagles had to postpone its annual fish fry on September 8th due to bad weather, Wood suggested closing the street for the rescheduled fish fry on September 29th. There was a motion by Barton, second by Hollerman, to close Harrison Street from Front to Van Rensselaer on September 29th. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearing on Ordinance 16-2018, 2019 Budget: There was a motion by Odle, second by Hollerman, to close the regular meeting and open the public hearing. The motion passed unanimously. Wood asked if there was anyone present to address the proposed budget. It is as follows:

General Fund	Budget \$4,369,262 with a Tax Levy of \$2,538,735.
MVH Fund	Budget \$580,591 with a Tax Levy of \$235,075.
LR&S Fund	Budget \$47,850 with a Tax Levy of \$0.
EDIT Fund	Budget \$456,413 with a Tax Levy of 0.
Red General Fund	Budget \$27,800 with a Tax Levy of \$10,932.
LECE Fund	Budget \$5,500 with a Tax Levy of \$0.
Riverboat Fund	Budget \$90,000 with a Tax Levy of 0.
Public Safety LOIT	Budget \$580,843 with a Tax Levy of \$71,494.
LOIT Special Distribution	Budget \$233,325 with a Tax Levy of \$0.
Debt Service Fund	Budget \$109,425 with a Tax Levy of \$50,000.
CCI Fund	Budget \$26,908 with a Tax Levy of \$0.
CCD Fund	Budget \$166,000 with a Tax Levy of \$102,701.

Total budget of \$5,932,302 with a Tax Levy of \$2,251,511.

There was a motion by Odle, second by Watson, to close the public hearing and open the regular meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance 15-2018, Appropriation Reduction: Bretzinger presented Ordinance 15-2018, an Appropriation Ordinance Reduction. This will reduce several appropriations in General Fund by a total of \$213,661.00 which was decided by council at its budget workshop. There was a motion by Cover, second by Watson, to approve the ordinance. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 20-2018, Transfer of Funds: Resolution 20-2018 is to transfer \$\$8,300 within the General Fund. There was a motion by Watson, second by Cover, to approve Resolution 20-2018 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 21-2018, Gas Tracker: Carol Lockridge presented Resolution 21-2018 as an increase of 3 ½ ¢ per 100 cubic feet. There was a motion by Hollerman, second by Barton, to approve the resolution. The motion passed unanimously.

Approve Credit Card Activity Log: The August credit card activity log was presented. There was a motion by Hollerman, second by Odle, to allow the mayor to sign the activity log. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Relations Fund Request: There was a request to purchase flowers for an employee whose mother passed away. There was a motion by Barton, second by Hollerman, to allow \$60.00 to send flowers on behalf of the city. The motion passed unanimously.

Cemetery Deed Requests: Bretzinger submitted cemetery deed requests for Jeffrey Kruithof, and Lyle and Connie Bollin. There was a motion by Hollerman, second by Watson, to approve the requests. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports: There were none.

Administrative Comments:

Barton had nothing.

Bretzinger had nothing.

Cover had nothing.

Hollerman had nothing.

Odle had nothing.

Watson had nothing.

Wood had nothing.

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

Superintendents Reports:

Building Dept.: Haun had nothing.

Cemetery Dept.: Cochran had nothing

Electric Dept.: Miller had nothing. Grow had nothing.

Fire Dept.: Haun had nothing.

Gas Dept.: Lockridge had nothing.

Legal Dept.: Riley had nothing.

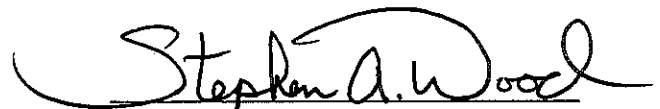
Park Dept.: Effinger had nothing.

Police Dept.: Steinke had a street closing request on September 29th for Susan Street from Weston to McKinley for St. Augustine's Fall Frolic. There was a motion by Barton, second by Hollerman, to approve the street closing request. The motion passed unanimously.


Street, Sanitation, Sewage and Water Dept.: Daniels had nothing. Lockridge has been busy working on a Community Crossings Grant which is due August 28th.

Schenk was looking forward to the Police Station Open House on Wednesday.

There being nothing more to come before council, there was a motion by Cover, second by Barton, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.


Stephen A. Wood, Mayor

Attest:


Frieda Bretzinger, Clerk-Treasurer