

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
JUNE 24, 2019**

The Common Council of the City of Rensselaer met on June 24, 2019 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. Marcia Smith-Wood, retired Presbyterian pastor 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 Mile Riley; 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 Manager of Operations Steve Miller; Electric Line Supt. Lenny Larson; Electric Plant Supt. Claude Grow; Street Supt. Andy Daniels; Project Coordinator Jerry Lockridge; Nick Fiala with the Rensselaer Republican. Absent were: Cemetery Supt. Kevin Cochran.

Also in attendance were: Robert Schenk with Rensselaer Adventures; Russell Overton; Rev. Marcia Smith-Wood.

The minutes of the June 10, 2019 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.

Ordinance 06-2019, Amendment to Ordinance Violation Ordinance: Odle and Riley presented the ordinance, which also amends Ordinance 12-2008. According to Odle, this ordinance has more teeth in it than the old one. Riley said the ordinance will go in to effect thirty days after passage. There was a motion by Cover, second by Hollerman, to approve the ordinance. The motion passed unanimously. Odle said it will be posted on the city's website. Bretzinger asked Riley if it had to be advertised and Riley said this does not have to be advertised.

Resolution 13-2019 Electric Tracker: Miller said the tracker was a \$.0063 decrease per kWh so the average household would see a decrease of \$6.30 per 1,000 kWh. There was a motion by Hollerman, second by Odle, to approve Resolution 13-2019 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Award 2019 Mill, Patch and Resurface-Jerry Lockridge: There were three sealed bids for Mill, Patch and Resurface. Rieth-Riley's bid was for a total amount of \$1,558,967.00. Town and Country was a total amount of \$1,136,103.45. Walsh & Kelly bid a total amount of \$1,297,280.25. The engineers recommended that Town and Country be awarded bid. There was a motion by Hollerman, second by Watson, to approve the recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

Award 2019 Crack Seal-Jerry Lockridge: Pavement Solutions bid a total amount of \$7,466.50. Lockridge said the engineer recommended accepting the bid. There was a motion by Cover, second by Hollerman, to accept the recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

Award 2019 Preservative Seal-J Lockridge: RejuvTec's bid was \$17,349.72. Lockridge said the engineer's specifications on the quantities were wrong so RejuvTec's new quote is \$23,708.48 with updated quantities. There was a motion by Barton, second by Odle, to accept the new quote. The motion passed unanimously.

Bid Opening for MicroSurface: One bid from Pavement Solutions was received for MicroSurface. Lockridge opened the bid and declared that the Bid Bond and Form 96 along with the Non-Collusion Affidavit were present. The bid is \$33,404.23.

Award Bid for MicroSurface: Lockridge asked the bid from Pavement Solutions be accepted subject to engineer's recommendation. There was a motion by Cover, second by Odle, to accept the bid subject to the engineer's approval and authorize the mayor to sign. The motion passed unanimously.

Permission to Obtain Quotes for Truck Replacement: Lockridge asked permission to replace two, 2-ton trucks that have over 100,000 miles each. One is for Water and one is for Street. He said the street department truck will be paid with EDIT funds. There was a motion by Odle, second by Watson, to allow Lockridge to get quotes. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Relations Request for Carol Bennett Retirement: Miller asked for up to \$200.00 to pay for a retirement party for Carol Bennett. There was a motion by Hollerman, second by Odle, to allow up to \$200.00 for the party on July 12 from 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. The motion passed unanimously. Smart asked for up to \$1,000 for a city picnic on August 10th at Brookside Park. There was a motion by Watson, second by Odle, to approve the request. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Committee Reports:

Old Police Station Remodel: Barton said painting on the other side of city hall is finished and DeMotte Carpet will be starting on the flooring Wednesday.

Firefighter's Cancer Policy: Haun said he met with Odle and Watson regarding a firefighter's cancer policy. He is talking to the Marion Township Trustee about paying half of the premium. The premium will be around \$12,000.00. Firefighters with no cancer insurance will be eligible. Haun said he will be budgeting this.

Administrative Comments:

Cover had nothing.

Watson had nothing.

Bretzinger had nothing.

Wood had nothing.

Barton was in city hall this afternoon and shared birthday cake. He wished Wood a Happy Birthday.

Hollerman had nothing.

Odle had nothing.

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

Superintendents Reports:

Building Dept.: Haun had nothing.

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

Fire Dept.: Haun said they will have a Boot Drive July 6th.

Gas Dept.: Lockridge had nothing.

Legal Department: Riley said they got the survey for the O'Brien property. They will be closing on the properties soon.

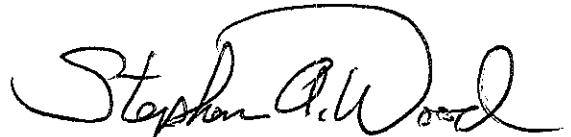
Park Dept.: Effinger said the park board and corporation will meet next Monday at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Police Dept.: Anderson said they are preparing for Cruise Night.

Street, Sanitation, Sewage and Water Dept.: Daniels had nothing. Lochridge said that we, along with some other municipalities are asking that IDEM make regulations the same as EPA.

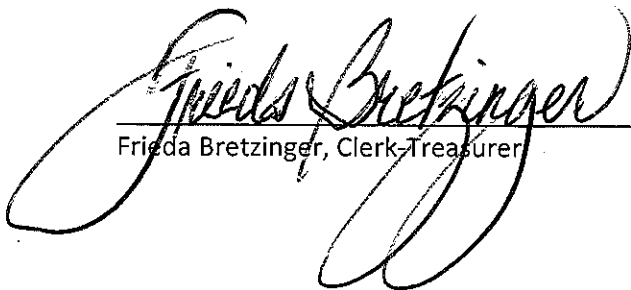
Utility Office: Smart thanked council for the money for picnic.

There being nothing more to come before council, there was a motion by Odle, second by Watson, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:37p.m.



Stephen A. Wood, Mayor

Attest:



Frieda Bretzinger, Clerk-Treasurer