

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
JUNE 10, 2019**

The Common Council of the City of Rensselaer met on June 10, 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. Kenin Smith with the Hope Community Church and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Answering roll call were: Mayor Stephen Wood; Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Linda DeMoss; Council Members Scott Barton, Bill Hollerman, Rick Odle; George Cover, Ernest Watson, Jr; Park Supt. Joe Effinger; 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 Plant Supt. Claude Grow; Street Supt. Andy Daniels, Project Coordinator Jerry Lockridge; Nick Fiala with the Rensselaer Republican. Absent were: Electric Lead Line Foreman Lenny Larson and City Attorney Mike Riley.

Also in attendance were: Sharon Colee with Jasper County Community Services, Kathy Keiser, Bryan Keiser with Rieth Riley, Randy Denton, Adam Lyons, Russell Overton, Jeff Cover, Hannah Redlin, Sarah Redlin, Ken Hickman, Mike Urbano, Noelle Weishaar and Linda Kaufman.

The minutes of the May 28, 2019 council meeting were presented. There was a motion by Odle and second by Hollerman to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments and Presentation of Petitions: Hannah Redlin received a standing ovation for her Discus State Championship win at the Girls IHSAA State Track & Field Meet. Sharon Colee with the Jasper County Community Services is asking for a donation to help pay for a low-rise mini-van that will be used in their fleet of vehicles for the benefit of the community. Colee said Community Services still needs \$546.00 to meet their goal to get the mini-van and asked the city to make a one-time donation of \$500.00 and she would donate the \$46.00. Odle made the motion to donate \$500.00. Cover stated that the city should just give the \$546.00. Odle made an amendment to his motion to donate \$546.00 to Jasper County Community Services with a second by Cover. Wood asked DeMoss if this would come out of the Public Relations Fund. DeMoss said yes. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 12-2019 Gas Tracker-Carol Lockridge: Lockridge said that Resolution 12-2019 was a decrease of 10 cents per 100 cubic feet. There was a motion to approve Resolution 12-2019 by Barton with a second by Hollerman. The motion passed unanimously.

Bid Opening 2019 Preservative Seal-J Lockridge: Lockridge said there was one sealed bid from RejuvTec in the amount of \$17,349.72 and they have included Form 96, non-collusion affidavit and a bid bond.

Bid Opening 2019 Mill, Patch and Resurface-Jerry Lockridge: Lockridge stated there were three sealed bids for Mill, Patch and Resurface. The first was Rieth-Riley for a total amount of \$1,558,967.00 and they included a Form 96, non-collusion affidavit and a bid bond. The second was Town and Country with a total amount of \$1,136,103.45 and they included Form 96, non-collusion affidavit and a bid bond. The third was from Walsh & Kelly total amount of \$1,297,280.25 and they included a Form 96, non-collusion affidavit and a bid bond.

Bid Opening 2019 Crack Seal-Jerry Lockridge: Lockridge said there was one sealed bid from Pavement Solutions for a total amount of \$7,466.50 and they included Form 96, non-collusion affidavit and a bid bond.

Wood asked for a motion to take the bids under advisement and have the bids reviewed by the city's engineering firm. There was a motion by Barton, second by Cover, to take the bids under advisement and be reviewed by the engineering firm. Lockridge said the bids will be awarded at the next meeting on June 24 because they have deadlines for the Community Crossings Grant. A motion was made to include it being awarded at the next meeting on June 24 by Odle, second by Cover. The motion passed unanimously.

Purchase of a lawn mower for Weston Cemetery-Kevin Cochran. Cochran asked permission to go out and buy a mower from Superior Sales & Service for \$10,706.18. There was a motion by Odle, second by Watson, to purchase the mower. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports: Cover asked if they were still working on the ordinance. (It was never mentioned what ordinance was being discussed.) Odle stated that both attorneys were on vacation so it would have to wait until the next meeting. Wood asked how the remodel was going. Barton and Cover would look into it.

Administrative Comments:

Cover thanked Council Member Watson for getting the barrier moved.

Watson mentioned that Miller was retiring and he would like to look into the possibility of hiring an engineer to replace him since the city always needs an engineer.

DeMoss had nothing.

Wood had nothing.

Barton had nothing.

Hollerman had nothing.

Odle 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 unanimously.

Superintendents Reports:

Building Dept.: Haun felt that the Taste of Jasper County for the Safe Kids Event was well attended.

Utility Office: Smart had nothing.

Cemetery Dept.: Cochran thanked Miller for the flags. Cover asked if the flags would stay up until the Fourth of July. Cochran said yes. Wood said if anyone wished to donate they could donate and it would go towards the flags and the hardware for the flags.

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

Fire Dept.: Haun had nothing.

Gas Dept.: Lockridge had nothing.

Park Dept.: Effinger had nothing.

Police Dept.: Anderson had nothing.

Street, Sanitation, Sewage and Water Dept.: Daniels stated he received an email from NWISWD and the city might have to start paying to get rid of the electronics. Daniels said it could possibly cost fifteen cents per pound plus the \$250.00 for the box truck that would pick it up. Daniels crunched some numbers and said the city has already had 50,000 lbs this year and it would have cost \$9,600 some dollars for the city to get rid of it. He said it is not set in stone and the director is supposed to get back with him. Daniels wanted to give council a heads up about the situation. Lockridge said the fair board has asked for permission to use a garbage truck during fair week July 19th through the 27th. Watson made the motion to approve the use of the garbage truck, second by Barton. The motion passed unanimously.

There being nothing more to come before council, there was a motion by Barton, second by Watson, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Stephen A. Wood, Mayor

Attest:

Linda DeMoss, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer