

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
August 12, 2019**

The Common Council of the City of Rensselaer met on August 12, 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 the Pledge of Allegiance.

Answering roll call were: Mayor Stephen Wood; Clerk-Treasurer Frieda Bretzinger; Council Members 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 Chief Matt Anderson; Utility Office Manager Heather Smart; Gas Supt. Carol Lockridge; Electric Lead Line Foreman Lenny Larson; Electric Plant Operations Supervisor Heath Malone; Street Supt. Andy Daniels; Project Coordinator Jerry Lockridge; Nick Fiala with the Rensselaer Republican. Absent were: Council Member Scott Barton; Electric Plant Supt. Claude Grow.

Also in attendance were: Robert Schenk with Rensselaer Adventures; Randy Denton; Stace Pickering with C/I; Eric Allison with CompTech 21; Logan Ritter; Megan Floyd; Justin Bednar; Braeden Bednar; Cristal Bednar; Kelly Cochran; Ty Cochran; Evey Cochran; Scott Nelson; Haylee Walker; Robin Nelson; Roxanne Walker; Bill Walker; Diane Smith; Kevin Smith; Julie Suhr with St. Joseph's Alumni Association; Heather Cooper; Brandon Denton; Mason Walker; Jennifer Knapp; Randy Denton; Gregory Robinson; Brant Schmid; Dawn Steinke; Lewis Hooker; Susan Hooker; Arin Denton; Josh Coulter; Bob Miller; Bill Tryon; Wendy, Todd and Alex Stevens; Debbie Tryon; Archie Risner and his family.

The minutes of the July 24, 2019 council meeting were presented. There was a motion by Odle and second by Hollerman to approve the minutes. The motion passed by majority, with Barton absent.

Citizen Comments and Presentation of Petitions:

Mayoral Commendations: A man collapsed at Smith's True Value and Bill Tryon, Lewis Hooker and Kevin Cochran began high quality CPR. Police Dispatcher Dawn Steinke dispatched the ambulance. Firefighters Brandon Denton, Joshua Coulter, Justin Bednar and Logan Ritter as well as Officer Brant Schmid assisted at the scene. When paramedics Jennifer Knapp and EMT Greg Robinson arrived they provided electric shock and shortly after, the patient had a pulse. The patient was loaded on a helicopter and transported to Chicago. Wood gave out commendations to all of these people.

Swearing in of New Police Officer: Mason M. Walker was sworn in as the newest police officer by Clerk-Treasurer Frieda Bretzinger.

St. Joseph's College Alumni Association Ask Permission to Sell Liquor at the Park 09/28/2019: Julie Suhr asked permission to serve alcohol at the park for its festivities on September 28th. There was a motion by Cover, second by Hollerman, to approve the request. The motion passed by majority, with Barton absent.

St. Augustine Fall Frolic Permission to Close Susan St: Lockridge said they are asking permission to close Susan Street between Weston and McKinley starting at 12:00 p.m. on September 14, 2019. Lockridge said they usually close it from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. There was a motion by Hollerman, second by Odle, to approve the request. The motion passed by majority, with Barton absent.

Public Hearing for Ordinance 07-2019, Additional Appropriation: There was a motion by Odle, second by Watson, to close the regular meeting and open the public hearing. The motion passed by majority, with Barton absent. The public hearing is to allow citizens to comment on the proposed Additional Appropriation Ordinance 07-2019. This ordinance is to re-appropriate \$3,300.00 for the fire department. \$3,131.00 is being requested by the police to be re-appropriated. \$15,675.00 is requested to be re-appropriated in the MVH Fund. \$24,000.00 is requested to be re-appropriated in EDIT from the fund balance. There was a motion by Hollerman, second by Odle, to close the public hearing and open the council meeting. The motion passed by majority, with Barton absent.

Ordinance 07-2019, Additional Appropriation Ordinance: Bretzinger said the additional appropriation ordinance is to add \$3,300.00 to the Fire Department, \$3,131.00 to the Police Department, \$15,675.00 to the Street Department and \$24,000.00 to the LOIT Special Distribution Fund. There was a motion by Cover, second by Watson, to approve the ordinance. The motion passed by majority, with Barton absent.

Resolution 15-2019, Gas Tracker: Lockridge said the tracker reflected a 13 1/4¢ decrease per 100 cubic feet. There was a motion by Hollerman, second by Odle, to approve the resolution. The motion passed by majority, with Barton absent.

Resolution 16-2019, Transfer of Funds: Bretzinger submitted a resolution to transfer \$43,142.00 within the General Fund and \$42,861.00 within the EDIT Fund. There was a motion by Hollerman, second by Cover, to approve Resolution 16-2019 as presented. The motion passed by majority, with Barton absent.

Downtown Alley Resurfacing: Lockridge presented a proposal from Town & Country Paving for \$21,400.00 to resurface the alley North of First Merchants Bank from Front Street to Van Rensselaer Street. There was a motion by Cover, second by Hollerman, to approve the work. The motion passed by majority, with Barton absent.

Permission to Purchase Two Squad Cars: Anderson asked permission to purchase two squad cars from Thomas Dodge. The squads are 2019 models. Each is \$24,842.00. One is to replace the squad that was totaled and the Jeep will be traded in for the other. There was a motion by Hollerman, second by Odle, to approve the purchases. The motion passed by majority, with Barton absent.

New Server Replacement Project: Eric Allison reported to council that three servers need to be replaced. They are at end-of-life. He is looking as two servers and storage. He would like to put them in the map room and would need to also purchase an air conditioner for climate control. He also recommended that since they house sensitive,

personal information that the city should consider securing and control access to the room. He would like to put the servers on a rotation of replacement, replacing one server every four years on a staggered schedule, with every two years replacing them. He offered two purchase options. The first would be an outright purchase cost of \$61,063.41. The second is a Dell fair market value lease and felt this is an attractive option due to the predictable/budgetable annual cost plus it forces the city to rotate the servers as they have to be returned to Dell. This project includes a rack and two UPS backup batteries, two Dell servers and a Dell storage appliance. The infrastructure and storage would be owned by the city in either the purchase or lease scenario. Purchase of the server hardware and software, excluding storage is \$32,749.02 and the purchase cost of the storage is \$16,868.68. Renewal of three year support with a 4 hour response time from Dell for storage at today's price is \$6,000.00. Next day response is \$4,000.00. Purchase cost of the rack and UPS's is \$3,610.71 and estimated labor to install and set up servers is estimated at \$2,600.00. Climate control with installation is \$4,500.00 and the estimate from TKB to migrate Laserfiche to the new server is \$875.00. Option A, to purchase everything is a one-time cost of \$61,063.41. Option B, to purchase long term investments and labor and lease servers is a one-time cost of \$28,414.39. The lease cost for a server is 307.18 per month for two years. The other server on a 48-month lease is \$604.73 per month. Backup software quote was not ready but he's guessing between \$5,000 and \$10,000. Bretzinger asked if we lease we could go on a quarterly or semi-annual schedule. Allison will find out. This will be taken under advisement. Odle and Watson were appointed to a committee along with Bretzinger and Wood. Lockridge said the PLC Controller (it controls the operation of the water plant) at the water plant is also needing to be upgraded.

Permission to Purchase a New Mower: Cochran asked permission to purchase a Grasshopper mower from Claussen Equipment for \$16,858.75. With our trade-in of \$6,658.75 it will bring the price to \$10,200.00. There was a motion by Odle, second by Hollerman, to approve the purchase. The motion passed by majority, with Barton absent.

Administrative Comments:

Cover thanked Smart for her hard work on the city picnic.

Watson had nothing.

Bretzinger had nothing.

Wood said Bretzinger sent out budgets and we will be looking at a meeting.

Hollerman had nothing.

Odle said the sidewalk looks very nice.

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 Barton absent.

Superintendents Reports:

Building Dept.: Haun had nothing.

Utility Office: Smart had nothing.

Cemetery Dept.: Cochran said Practical Tree Service is cutting trees. The Cemetery Walk is scheduled for September 21st. Tickets are on sale at the Willow Switch, Brown's Floral and Jordan's Floral.

Electric Dept.: Larson reported that Black and Welker have completed their apprenticeships. Malone said they had to take Unit 15 out of service. Hopefully they will have it up and running tomorrow or Wednesday.

Fire Dept.: Haun had nothing.

Gas Dept.: Lockridge said the department's truck is in at Gutweins.

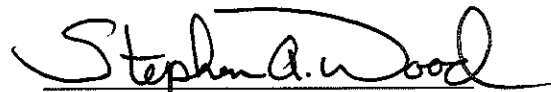
Legal Dept.: Riley had nothing.

Park Dept.: Effinger had nothing.

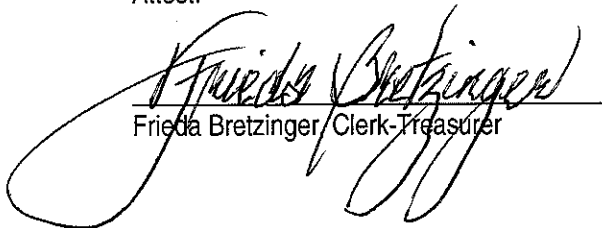
Police Dept.: Anderson thanked council for the squad cars.

Street, Sanitation, Sewage and Water Dept.: Daniels said they took delivery of their two new trucks. Lockridge they are getting bacteria on Well #6 so they are trying to clear that up.

There being nothing more to come before council, there was a motion by Watson, second by Hollerman, to adjourn. The motion passed by majority, with Barton absent and the meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.


Stephen A. Wood, Mayor

Attest:


Frieda Bretzinger, Clerk-Treasurer