

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
August 26, 2019**

The Common Council of the City of Rensselaer met on August 26, 2019 in regular session in Council Chambers of City Hall. Mayor Stephen Wood called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. followed invocation offered by Rev. Debbie Voss with the Burr Oak Mennonite 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, Ernest Watson, Jr; Park Supt. Joe Effinger; Building Commissioner and Fire Chief Kenny Haun; Police Chief Matt Anderson; Gas Supt. Carol Lockridge; Electric Lead Line Foreman Lenny Larson; Electric Plant Superintendent Claude Grow;; Street Supt. Andy Daniels; Project Coordinator Jerry Lockridge. Nick Fiala with the Rensselaer Republican arrived after roll call. Absent were: Council Member George Cover; City Attorney Mike Riley; Cemetery Supt. Kevin Cochran; Utility Office Manager Heather Smart;

Also in attendance were: Stace Pickering with C/I; Eric Allison with CompTech 21, the City's IT person.

The minutes of the August 12, 2019 council meeting were presented. There was a motion by Hollerman and second by Watson to approve the minutes. The motion passed by majority, with Cover absent.

Citizen Comments and Presentation of Petitions: There were none.

Bid Opening for Eger Substation Project: Larson said we have been having trouble with the relays and so it was decided to move them inside. Miller sent out three requests for quotes to move the controls inside. Power Construction \$174,586.00. EMT bid \$155,550. IMPA (ISC) bid \$140,000. Larson said he had a chance to look at ISC's and EMT's bid and he recommended accepting ISC's bid. Barton asked how Larson could look at two of the bids when they were sealed. Larson said they were e-mailed to him. Barton verified that they didn't have to have bid bonds and all of the other paperwork. He recommended ISC. He said Miller sent out the specifications. There was a motion by Odle to approve IMPA (ISC) to do the work. Barton asked why we didn't have to advertise this or go through all of the formalities. Wood said he felt we can move forward. Larson said Bretzinger thought it was under the amount of \$175,000.00, the amount that would have to be bid. Bretzinger said she did not get a chance to look it up and she was by-passed through this process. Barton seconded the motion. The motion passed by majority, with Cover absent.

Request to Waive Building Permit Fee: Pickering said they are asking that the building permit fee be waived for the new concession stand and restrooms for the park project. There was a motion by Barton, second by Hollerman, to waive the building permit fee. The motion passed by majority, with Cover absent.

FMLA Request: Wood said he had an FMLA request for a city employee. There was a motion by Barton, second by Watson, to approve the request. The motion passed by majority, with Cover absent.

New Server Replacement Project: Eric Allison reported that he didn't have the figure for the backup software figure and that is \$4,200.00. Watson asked about support and Allison said that would add about \$1,500 over three years. Watson asked what his recommendation would be and Allison said he would go seven years. Bretzinger had asked about paying a lease quarterly instead of monthly and Allison said the lease factor rate which is basically an interest rate, would quadruple. Odle asked if she wanted to pay quarterly instead of monthly because it would be easier. Bretzinger said yes, quarterly or semi-annually but it's not worth it for the fee and we'll pay it monthly. Allison said to summarize, purchasing everything with seven year support on the storage would cost \$68,475.69. If we purchased that along with the storage, the UPS with rack and would be \$28,414.00. That includes 5 years of support on the storage. To lease Server A for twenty-four months it would be \$307.18 per month. To lease Server B for forty-eight months it would be \$691.90. Barton asked if it was better to just purchase everything at once. Allison said it's cheaper but he wants to get the servers on a staggered replacement schedule. There was a motion by Watson, second by Odle, to go with Allison's recommendation to lease the servers to get them on a staggered replacement schedule. The motion passed by majority, with Cover absent.

Flowers for Former City Employee: Wood asked that Public Relations Fund pay for flowers for \$80.00 for a former city employee. There was a motion by Barton, second by Hollerman, to approve payment. The motion passed by majority, with Cover absent.

Credit Card Activity Log: Bretzinger submitted the Credit Card Activity Log to council. Wood asked permission to sign it. There was a motion by Watson, second by Odle, to approve Wood signing the log. The motion passed by majority, with Cover absent.

Administrative Comments:

Watson had nothing.

Bretzinger 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 Odle, to approve the claims. The motion passed by majority, with Cover absent.

Superintendents Reports:

Building Dept.: Haun had nothing.

Electric Dept.: Larson reported that they were having regulator issues at Banet Sub. As of Friday it was fixed. 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 had nothing. Lockridge said they will begin Community Crossings project on September 9th.

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 absent and the meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m..


Stephen A. Wood, Mayor

Attest:


Frieda Bretzinger, Clerk-Treasurer