

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
June 8, 2020**

The Common Council of the City of Rensselaer met on June 8, 2020 electronically by Zoom due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Mayor Stephen Wood called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

Answering roll call were: Mayor Stephen Wood; Clerk-Treasurer Frieda Bretzinger; Council Members Russ Overton; Bill Hollerman, Noelle Weishaar, George Cover, Ernest Watson, Jr; City Attorney Jacob Ahler; Cemetery Supt. Kevin Cochran; Park Supt. Joe Effinger; Building Commissioner and Fire Chief Kenny Haun; Police Chief Matt Anderson; Street Supt. Andy Daniels; Project Coordinator Jerry Lockridge; Gas Supt. Carol Lockridge. Utility Officer Heather Smart began participation after roll call. Absent were Electric Lead Line Foreman Lenny Larson, Electric Plant Supt. Claude Grow.

The minutes of the May 25, 2020 council meeting were presented. There was a motion by Overton and second by Hollerman to approve the minutes as presented. Roll call vote: Overton-aye, Hollerman-aye, Weishaar-aye, Cover-aye, Watson-aye. The motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments and Petitions: There were none.

Resolution 10-2020, Gas Tracker: Carol Lockridge said this gas tracker reflects a 1.5¢ increase per 100 cubic feet of gas. There was a motion by Hollerman, second by Watson, to approve the resolution as presented. Roll call vote: Overton-aye; Hollerman-aye; Weishaar-aye; Cover-aye; Watson-aye. The motion passed unanimously.

Next Council Meeting: Wood announced the next meeting will be in person and will be on June 22, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

Claims Approval: The claims were presented to council for its approval. There was a motion by Hollerman, second by Overton, to approve the claims. Roll call vote: Overton-aye, Hollerman-aye, Weishaar-aye, Cover-aye, Watson-aye. The motion passed unanimously.

Superintendents Reports:

Fire Department: Haun said they've had several fires at the dairy farms over the last two weeks. They will be also backing up the police department during the demonstration on Thursday.

Gas Department: Carol Lockridge said she was at the Parkison property today and Trunkline is doing the first tap.

Park Department: Effinger said they are still trying to get the pool ready for the summer.

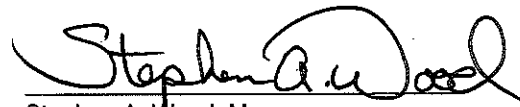
Police Department: Anderson said he received a call of Hillary Hall requesting the 100 block of S. Van Rensselaer Street. He said the businesses will be opened. She asked him to ask council. Cover asked Anderson's opinion. He said with a road closed already he didn't want to close off another road. There was a motion by Cover, second by Watson, to leave the businesses open and the 100 block of S. Van Rensselaer Street open. Roll call vote: Overton-aye, Hollerman-aye, Weishaar-aye, Cover-aye, Watson-aye. The motion passed unanimously. Wood then asked if they were closing half of the street because they would need blockades. Anderson said they weren't closing any of the street.

Street, Sanitation, Sewage and Water Departments: Daniels had nothing. Lockridge said SR 114 is closed through town. The alley behind Embers is to be paved tomorrow.


Utility Office: Smart said June is the start of the condensed billing cycles.

Board of Zoning Appeals and Plan Commission Violation: Cover said we are in violation of the law with elected officials (council members) serving on the Board of Zoning Appeals and Plan Commission.

There being nothing more to come before council, there was a motion by Watson, second by Overton, to adjourn. Roll call vote: Overton-aye, Hollerman-aye, Weishaar-aye, Cover-aye, Watson-aye. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.


Stephen A. Wood, Mayor

Attest:


Frieda Bretzinger, IAMC
Clerk-Treasurer