

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
October 26, 2020**

The Common Council of the City of Rensselaer met on October 26, 2020 in Council Chambers of City Hall, 124 S. Van Rensselaer Street, Rensselaer, Indiana. Mayor Stephen Wood called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. followed by invocation offered by Rev. Lisa Ulrich of the Church of the Nazarene and the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Also in attendance were Robert Schenk with Rensselaer Adventures, Rev. Lisa Ulrich of the Church of the Nazarene; Stace Pickering with C/I Insurance.

The minutes of the October 12, 2020 council meeting were presented. There was a motion by Hollerman and second by Weishaar to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 24-2020, Transfer of Funds: Bretzinger said this resolution transfers \$26,500.00 within the General Fund, \$8,000.00 within the MVH Fund and \$766.59 within the CCD Fund. There was a motion by Hollerman, second by Watson, to approve the resolution as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Cemetery Deed Request: Bretzinger read a cemetery deed request from Cindy Burns. There was a motion by Hollerman, second by Watson, to approve the deed request. The motion passed unanimously.

Credit Card Activity Log: Wood asked council's permission to sign the credit card activity log. There was a motion by Watson, second by Cover, to allow the mayor to sign the log. The motion passed unanimously.

Gas Regulator Station Pressure Recorder: Carol Lockridge said the city has eight pressure regulating stations and each station is supposed to have a pressure recording device. The cost of the eight units will be \$20,819.00. Four units are down and Watson asked how long they've been down. Lockridge said for a year. There was a motion by Cover, second by Overton, to approve the purchase. The motion passed unanimously.

Veteran's Day November 11th: Wood said he's working to arrange a Veteran's Day celebration at Weston Cemetery.

Public Relations Fund. Wood said the city has two employees that have lost in-laws. He asked for up to \$90 each for flowers. There was a motion by Overton, second by Hollerman, to approve. The motion passed unanimously.

Cemetery Mower: Cochran asked for a new Grasshopper mower. It will be purchased from Claussen Equipment and with the trade-in will cost \$8,500.00. There was a motion by Hollerman, second by Overton, to approve the purchase of the mower for \$8,500.00. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports: There were none.

Administrative Comments:

Weishaar had nothing.

Hollerman had nothing.

Overton had nothing.

Wood had nothing.

Bretzinger had nothing.

Watson had nothing.

Cover had nothing.

Claims Approval: The claims were presented to council for its approval. There was a motion by Overton, second by Hollerman, to approve the claims. The motion passed unanimously.

Superintendents Reports:

Building Dept: Haun had nothing.

Cemetery Department: Cochran had nothing.

Fire Dept: Haun had nothing.

Gas Dept. Lockridge had nothing.

Legal Department: Ahler had nothing.

Park Department: Effinger said the park board and corporation will meet next Monday at 6:00 p.m. They are hoping to meet at the new press box at Brookside Park.

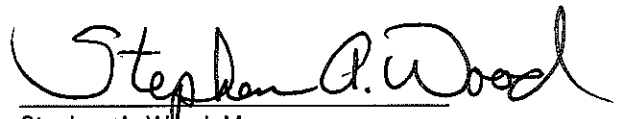
Police Department: Anderson had nothing.

Street, Sanitation, Sewage and Water Departments: Daniels had nothing. Lockridge had nothing.

Utility Office: Smart had nothing.

Pickering said they have thirteen tournaments scheduled for next year.

There being nothing more to come before council, there was a motion by Cover, second by Hollerman, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.


Stephen A. Wood, Mayor

Attest:


Frieda Bretzinger, IAMC
Clerk-Treasurer