

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
COMMON COUNCIL  
August 8, 2022**

The Common Council of the City of Rensselaer met on August 8, 2022 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. Doug Harris with the Bridge Church and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Answering roll call were: Mayor Stephen Wood; Chief Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Genny Daniels; Council Members Russ Overton, Bill Hollerman, Noelle Weishaar, George Cover, Ernest Watson, Jr.; Police Chief Matt Anderson; Fire Chief Kenny Haun; Building Commissioner Kevin Cochran; Park Supt. Joe Effinger; Utility Office Manager Heather Smart; Asst. Street Supt. Bryce Black; Project Coordinator Jerry Lockridge; Gas Supt. Carol Lockridge; Electric Lead Line Foreman Lenny Larson; Harley Tomlinson with the Rensselaer Republican. Clerk-Treasurer Frieda Bretzinger; City Attorney Jacob Ahler and Cemetery Superintendent Tony Baltes were absent.

Also in attendance were Robert Schenk with Rensselaer Adventures; Stace Pickering with C/I; Rick Comingore; Caleb DeJong; Rev. Doug Harris with The Bridge Church.

The minutes of the July 25, 2022 regular council meeting were presented. There was a motion by Overton and second by Hollerman to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**Citizen Comments and Petitions:** There were none.

**Ordinance 14-2022, Authorizing Electronic Funds Transfers:** Wood read the ordinance allowing electronic fund transfers. There was a motion by Cover, second by Hollerman, to approve the resolution. The motion passed unanimously.

**Resolution 23-2022, August Gas Tracker:** Lockridge reported that this tracker reflects a 34¢ decrease per 100 cubic feet of gas. There was a motion by Hollerman, second by Watson, to approve the resolution. The motion passed unanimously.

**Ratify Council Poll of Reimbursement of Claims:** Wood said he polled council on July 27<sup>th</sup> to reimburse people for food and drink during storm cleanup. There was a motion by Overton, second by Hollerman, to approve the poll. The motion passed unanimously.

**First Group Engineering Agreement for Community Crossing Matching Grant Program:** Wood said council needed to approve him signing the agreement with First Group for the Community Crossings Grant. There was a motion by Cover, second by Watson, to approve the request. The motion passed unanimously.

**KIRPC Contract for EDA Grant on Downtown Revitalization Project:** Lockridge said this agreement is for KIRPC to manage the grant for the Downtown Revitalization Grant. There was a motion by Weishaar, second by Watson, to approve the request. The motion passed unanimously.

**Certificate of Burial Rights Request:** Wood read a burial rights request for Cheria Lakin. There was a motion by Overton, second by Cover, to approve the request. The motion passed unanimously.

**Committee Reports:** There were none.

**Administrative Comments:**

**Cover** thanked the street department for their work in cleaning up all of the storm debris.

**Watson** thanked the street department and the electric department for their work after the storm.

**Daniels** had nothing.

**Wood** thanked everyone for storm cleanup.

**Overton** said the same.

**Hollerman** echoed Cover's comments.

**Weishaar** also thanked everyone for the cleanup.

**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:** Cochran had nothing.

**Cemetery Dept:** Baltes was absent.

**Electric Dept:** Larson said for the next two days they will be working on Elza Street.

**Fire Dept:** Haun reported that they answered thirty-six calls in July.

**Gas Dept:** Lockridge had nothing.

**Law Dept:** Ahler was absent.

**Park Dept:** Effinger said the tennis courts are about half done. They have almost all of the trees cleaned up.

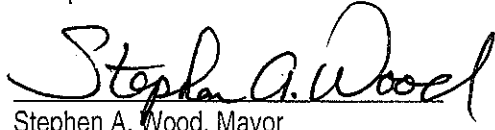
**Police Dept:** Anderson said Rusk and Moore started the police academy today.

**Street, Sanitation, Water and Sewage:** Black had nothing. Lockridge said he would like to hire Practical Tree Service to remove downed trees in the cemetery. The quote is for \$28,000.00 and would be paid from EDIT Fund. There was a motion by Cover, second by Watson, to allow the work. The motion passed unanimously.

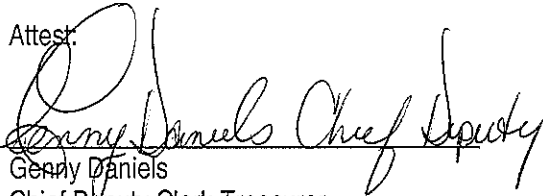
**Utility Office:** Smart reminded everyone of the company picnic this Saturday.

Pickering said the banners look nice.

There being nothing more to come before council, there was a motion by Weishaar, second by Watson, to adjourn.  
The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

  
Stephen A. Wood, Mayor

Attest:

  
Genny Daniels  
Chief Deputy Clerk-Treasurer