

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
COMMON COUNCIL  
November 10, 2014**

The Common Council of the City of Rensselaer met on November 10, 2014 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 Councilman Overton and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Answering roll call were: Mayor Stephen Wood; Clerk-Treasurer Frieda Bretzinger; Council Members Scott Barton, Bill Hollerman, Russ Overton, George Cover, Ernest Watson, Jr.; Park Supt. Joe Effinger; Cemetery Superintendent Ron DeMoss; Building Commissioner and Fire Chief Kenny Haun; Police Chief Jeff Phillips; Gas Supt. Carol Lockridge; Electric Utility Coordinator Donna Cochran; Project Coordinator Jerry Lockridge and Robert Blankenship with the Rensselaer Republican. City Attorney Mike Riley arrived after roll call. Utility Office Manager Heather Smart, Electric Lead Line Foreman Lenny Larson; Electric Plant Supt. Claude Grow and Street Supt. Mike Murphy were absent.

Also in attendance were: Bill Wornhoff; Max Prouty; Stace Pickering with Consolidated Insurance; Robert Schenk; Mayor's Secretary Monica Maienbrook; Kevin Kelly with JCEDO.

The October 27, 2014 regular council minutes were presented and unanimously approved with a motion by Cover, second by Hollerman.

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

**Ordinance 21-2014, Additional Appropriation Ordinance:** Bretzinger explained that this ordinance is to reappropriate FEMA money received to reimburse 75% of qualified city expenses for the January 5, 2014 snowstorm. There was a motion by Hollerman, second by Cover, to approve Ordinance 21-2014. The motion passed unanimously.

**Resolution 29-2014, A Resolution to Reimburse Expenses:** Wood explained that this resolution was needed to allow professional expenses for the fire station to be reimbursed once funding for the project is in place. There was a motion by Cover, second by Hollerman, to approve Resolution 29-2014 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**Resolution 30-2014, Transfer of Funds:** Bretzinger said this resolution transfer consists of \$366.00 within General Fund and \$428.00 within MVH Fund, and \$8,436.34 within CCD Fund. There was a motion by Hollerman, second by Barton, to approve Resolution 30-2014. The motion passed unanimously.

**Resolution 31-2014, Gas Tracker:** Carol Lockridge reported that this tracker reflected a 2¢ decrease. There was a motion by Barton, second by Overton, to approve Resolution 31-2014 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**City Supply Bids:** Bretzinger read the bids and they are as follows:

	Good Oil	Ceres Solutions	CTS Tire
Item #1, Unleaded Gasoline	\$ 2.219	\$ 2.34	
Item #2, Diesel Fuel	\$ 2.639	\$ 3.246/\$3.291	
Item #3, Tire Repair			
Trucks over 1 ton rating: Dismount from truck and install new tire.			\$25.00
Trucks over 1 ton rating: Dismount from truck and repair basic failure.			\$38.00
Trucks over 1 ton rating: Repair of basic failure when delivered to shop dismounted			\$30.00
Trucks ¾ ton and 1 ton rating: Dismount from truck and install new tire.			\$20.00
Trucks ¾ ton and 1 ton rating: Dismount from truck and repair basic failure.			\$25.00
Trucks ¾ ton and 1 ton rating: Repair of basic failure when delivered to shop dismounted			\$18.00
Squad cars using speed rated tires: Dismount and repair basic failure by patching inside.			\$20.00
Pickups and passenger cars using passenger type tires: Dismount and install new tire.			\$15.00
Pickups and passenger cars using passenger type tires: Dismount and repair basic failure			\$20.00
Pickups and passenger cars using passenger type tires: Repair of basic failure when Dismounted and delivered to repair shop.			\$15.00
Per hour charge for repairs where applicable for tractors and heavy equipment. (Minimum One hour plus service call).			\$79.00

There was a motion by Hollerman, second by Watson, to appoint a committee. The motion passed unanimously. Barton, Watson and Lockridge were appointed to a committee to make a recommendation at the next meeting.

**Right-of-Way Permit Fees:** Lockridge asked permission to work with the city attorney to prepare an ordinance to recover costs to review the requests as sometimes it takes days. There was a motion by Barton, second by Overton, to allow the request. The motion passed unanimously.

**Request to Replace 2005 Squad Car:** Phillips asked permission to look at replacing the squad car before the end of the year if the budget allows. There was a motion by Overton, second by Hollerman, to appoint a committee. The motion passed unanimously. Barton Overton, Phillips and Lockridge were appointed to a committee.

**Vehicle Committee Report:** Cochran said the committee recommended purchasing a 2015 GMC Acadia from White's Auto Sales for \$29,499.00. Bretzinger asked what the second lowest quote was and Cochran said it was for a 2015 Ford Explorer from Gutwein Motors for \$32,573.25. There was a motion by Cover, second by Barton, to approve the committee's recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

**Letter of Intent from Gutwein Seed:** Riley said Wood received a letter of intent from Chad Gutwein to purchase the Administration Building. He said we need to have a survey done, have two appraisers appraise the property and then advertise the property for sale and put out for bids. An alternative would be to hire an auctioneer but he thought we should try to sell it ourselves. We can sell it for 10% less than what the property appraises for. There was a motion by Hollerman, second by Cover, to move forward with selling the property.

**Committee Reports:**

**Fire Station:** Haun said the engineers are about 73% complete on the schematic design.

**Administrative Comments:** There were none.

**Claims Approval:** The claims were presented for payment. Bretzinger asked to add an electric claim to CSX for \$900.00 that was turned in late but is due before the next council meeting. There was a motion by Barton, second by Watson, to approve the claims with the addition of the CSX claim. The motion passed unanimously.

**Supt Reports:**

**Electric Utility:** Cochran said they made changes to the sports breakfast. Thursday the breakfast for the girls cross country team and the boys soccer team will be held in council chambers and Friday the breakfast for the football team will be in council chambers.

**Fire Dept:** Haun said they are having trouble with the aerial so it is out of service. The Halloween festivities went well.

**Gas Dept:** Lockridge had nothing. St. Joseph's College is going with a temporary boiler.

**Legal Dept.:** Riley had nothing.

**Park Dept:** Effinger had nothing

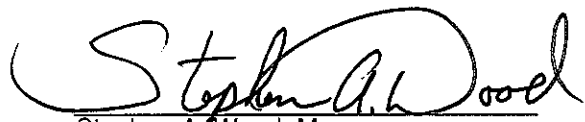
**Police Dept.:** Phillips had nothing.

**Street, Sanitation, Water and Wastewater:** Lockridge said they are staying with the leaf pick up program. They are working with some easements out at I-65.

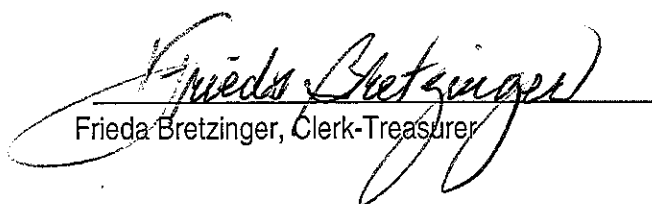
**Weston Cemetery:** DeMoss announced the Veteran's Day Ceremony at the cemetery tomorrow at 11:00 a.m.

Hollerman thanked Maenbrook, Cochran and Phillips for their work on Trunk or Treat.

There being nothing more to come before council, there was a motion by Overton, second by Cover, to adjourn. The motion unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

  
Stephen A. Wood, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Frieda Bretzinger, Clerk-Treasurer