

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
November 9, 2015**

The Common Council of the City of Rensselaer met on November 9, 2015 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.; City Attorney Mike Riley; Park Supt. Joe Effinger; Cemetery Supt. Ron DeMoss; Building Commissioner and Fire Chief Kenny Haun; Police Chief Jeff Phillips; Utility Office Manager Heather Smart; Gas Supt. Carol Lockridge; Electric Manager of Operations Trace Bowles; Electric Lead Line Foreman Lenny Larson; Electric Plant Supt. Claude Grow; Asst. Street Supt. Andy Daniels; Project Coordinator Jerry Lockridge; Caitlin Sievers with the Rensselaer Republican.

Also in attendance were: Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Linda DeMoss; Mayor's Secretary Monica Maienbrook; Robert Schenk with Rensselaer Adventures; Gas Distribution Technician Doug Wilcox; Jean Fredrick; Bill Brickner; Brad Cozza; Bill Wornhoff.

The October 26, 2015 council minutes were presented and approved unanimously with a motion by Barton and second by Hollerman.

Citizen Comments and Petitions: There were none.

Resolution 29-2015, Transfer of Funds: Bretzinger said the transfer consists of transfers for the Building Department of \$1,625.00 and Sanitation Department of \$300.00 for a total General Fund transfer of \$1,925.00. The Street Department transfers total \$6,900.00. There was a motion by Hollerman, second by Cover, to approve Resolution 29-2015 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 30-2015, Gas Tracker: Carol Lockridge told council this tracker reflects a 2¢ decrease per 100 cubic feet. There was a motion by Barton, second by Hollerman, to approve Resolution 30-2015 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

IMPA Meeting Report: Bowles reported that gas prices affect generation. A study shows that gas prices will steadily rise over the next twenty years. He would like to leverage those prices and how they go and see if we can do something with our generation. Right now we generate a few hours at a time but he would like to see us generate more but since we are in a contract with IMPA he would have to check with them.

City Supply Bid Opening: The city accepted bids for supplies for 2016. Bids were requested for the following items:

Item #1: Unleaded Gasoline

Superior Petroleum-\$1.639 Ceres-\$1.577 Boezeman Oil-\$1.765

Item #2: Diesel Fuel

Superior Petroleum-\$1.763 Ceres-\$1.736 Boezeman Oil-\$1.999

Item #3: Tires and Tubes (basic repair)

CTS Tire was the only bidder and following is their bid.

1. Trucks over 1 ton rating: Dismount from truck and install new tire..... \$25.00
2. Trucks over 1 ton rating: Dismount from truck and repair basic failure..... \$38.00
3. Trucks over 1 ton rating: Repair of basic failure when delivered to shop dismantled..... \$30.00
4. Trucks ¾ and 1 ton rating: Dismount from truck and install new tire.....\$20.00
5. Trucks ¾ and 1 ton rating: Dismount from truck and repair basic failure..... \$25.00
6. Trucks ¾ and 1 ton rating: Repair of basic failure when delivered to shop dismantled..... \$18.00
7. Squad cars using speed rated tires: Dismount and repair basic failure by patching from the inside.\$20.00
8. Pickups and passenger cars using passenger type tires: Dismount and install new tire..... \$15.00
9. Pickups and passenger cars using passenger type tires: Dismount and repair basic failure.....\$20.00
10. Pickups and passenger cars using passenger type tires: Repair of basic failure when dismantled and delivered to repair shop.....\$15.00
11. Per hour charge for repairs where applicable for tractors and heavy equipment.....\$79.00
(Minimum 1 hour plus service call.)

A committee of Jerry Lockridge, Andy Daniels and Ernest Watson was appointed to review the bids and make a recommendation at the next council meeting.

Public Relations Request: This request is not to exceed \$600.00 and will be paid from the Public Relations Fund. It is for breakfast in recognition of the RCHS Soccer and Cross Country teams as Sectional Champs.

Quotes for Trucks for the Park and Cemetery Departments: Effinger told council he and DeMoss requested quotes from Fieldhouse Ford, Hendrickson Auto, Thomas Dodge in Highland, White Auto Sales, Charlie Roberts, Wiers, Hubbard Auto Center, and Gutwein Motor Sales. White Auto Sales and Charlie Roberts did not quote. Charlie Roberts referred the quote to Mann Chevrolet. Effinger is recommending the purchase of a 2015 Chevrolet Silverado for \$24,781.75 and with the trade-in of two trucks the cost will be \$22,481.75. DeMoss said he is recommending the purchase of a 2015 Chevrolet Silverado from Wiers Chevrolet for \$24,781.75. There was a motion by Cover, second by Hollerman, to approve the recommendations from DeMoss and Effinger. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports: There were none.

Administrative Comments: Wood said there will be a Veteran's Day ceremony at Weston Cemetery on November 11th at 11:00 a.m. Barton said there will be a Park Board meeting on December 7th at 7:00 p.m. at the Public Library to discuss plans for the park. Overton congratulated Mayor Wood on his win for re-election of the mayor's position. Cover, Watson, Bretzinger and Hollerman had nothing.

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

Supt Reports:

Building Dept.: Haun had nothing.

Electric Dept.: Bowles had nothing. Grow had nothing.

Fire Department: Haun said there were over 1,200 that visited Trunk-or-Treat and 907 went through the Haunted House.

Gas Dept.: C. Lockridge told council they are finishing up service lines and hanging meters.

Legal Dept.: Riley thought it was nice of Overton to congratulate Wood.

Park Dept: Effinger stated the water has been shut off at the park.


Police Dept.: Phillips told council "Coffee with a Cop" will be November 12th beginning at 7:00 p.m. at Ayda's. He asked permission to trade in the 2008 Dodge Charger squad car. There was a motion by Barton, second Cover, to allow Phillips to trade in the Charger. The motion passed unanimously.

Street, Sanitation, Water and Wastewater: Daniels had nothing. J. Lockridge said Grimmer started laying water main today. They have been busy with leaves and recycling.


Utility Office: Smart had nothing

Weston Cemetery: DeMoss also mentioned that after the Veteran's Day ceremony there will be a lunch served at the VFW.

There being nothing more to come before council, there was a motion by Barton, second by Hollerman, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.


Stephen A. Wood, Mayor

ATTEST:


Frieda Bretzinger, Clerk-Treasurer