

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
July 9, 2018**

The Common Council of the City of Rensselaer met on July 9, 2018 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. Lisa Ulrich with the Church of the Nazarene and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Answering roll call were: Mayor Stephen Wood; Clerk-Treasurer Frieda Bretzinger; Council Members Scott Barton, Bill Hollerman, Rick Odle; George Cover, Ernest Watson, Jr; City Attorney Mike Riley; Cemetery Supt. Kevin Cochran; Building Commissioner and Fire Chief Kenny Haun; Police Chief Matt Anderson; Utility Office Manager Heather Smart; Gas Supt. Carol Lockridge; Electric Manager of Operations Steve Miller; Electric Lead Line Foreman Lenny Larson; Electric Plant Supt. Claude Grow; Street Supt. Andy Daniels; Project Coordinator Jerry Lockridge. Nick Fiala with the Rensselaer Republican arrived after roll call. Park Supt. Joe Effinger and Utility Office Manager Heather Smart were absent.

Also in attendance were: Robert Schenk with Rensselaer Adventures; Stace Pickering with C/I; Rev. Lisa Ulrich with the Church of the Nazarene; Caleb, Lenny Larson's grandson.

The minutes of the June 25, 2018 council meeting were presented. There was a motion by Barton, and second by Hollerman, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments and Presentation of Petitions: There were none.

Resolution 18-2018, Gas Tracker: Lockridge said the tracker reflected a 16¢ decrease per 100 cf. There was a motion by Hollerman, second by Cover, to approve Resolution 18-2018. The motion passed unanimously.

Proposed Changes to Job Classification/Titles: Miller is requesting that we line our Electric Line job classifications in our salary ordinance to the Indiana Municipal Electric Association's Apprentice Program. The program is a four year program (8,000 minimum hours, 2,000 hours each year); four Instructor-led workshops (Pole Climbing Workshop-10 days, Basic Workshop-5 days, Intermediate Workshop-5 days, Advanced Workshop-5 days); four study guides, one for each year (10-12 lessons per guide); four textbooks. Journey Final Top Out Test-A comprehensive 100 question closed book test that covers everything the apprentice has covered over the previous 4 years. They will also go through five different scenarios in the field, during which they will be given a problem and they must explain how they would solve it. Each apprentice must maintain at least a 70% rating in each workshop as well as the final top out test. The classifications request is as follows:

Current:	1 st Class Lineman A	To:	4 th Year Apprentice Lineman
	1 st Class Lineman B		3 rd Year Apprentice Lineman
	1 st Class Lineman C		2 nd Year Apprentice Lineman
	Apprentice Lineman A		(no comparable class)
	Apprentice Lineman B		1 st Year Apprentice Lineman

Watson said they can pass that Journeyman Lineman position but there's still room to work on improvement if needed. Bretzinger asked if he had job descriptions for these. He said it's the same job descriptions as those that currently exist. So Bretzinger said you aren't actually changing the titles. Miller said the job titles being changed will continue with the old job descriptions and that he will provide the changes. There was a motion by Cover, second by Watson, to approve the changes. The motion passed unanimously.

Weston Cemetery Road Sealing: Cochran asked if council wanted him to get quotes to have the roads in the South section of the cemetery resealed. Wood asked if he talked to somebody. Cochran talked to Town and Country and they are under what he budgeted. There was a motion by Hollerman, second by Watson, to approve the quote from Town and Country. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Police Station: Anderson said today they were pouring cement and doing the sidewalks. Most everything inside is done and working on a punch list. August 7th is the tentative date for dispatch to move. This week they are starting to move small things. Haun thought we'd get possession of the building on July 20th.

Administrative Comments:

Barton had nothing.
Bretzinger had nothing.
Cover had nothing.
Hollerman had nothing.
Odle had nothing.
Watson had nothing.
Wood had nothing.


Bob Schenk announced that the weather station is not on top of city hall. It's privately owned and is located at Scott and Angelica. The Jasper County Historical Society will be having a Cemetery Walk on September 22nd at 2:00 p.m. They will feature seven or eight graves of people and have a reenactor talk about the life of that person and what they did and how they contributed to Rensselaer.

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

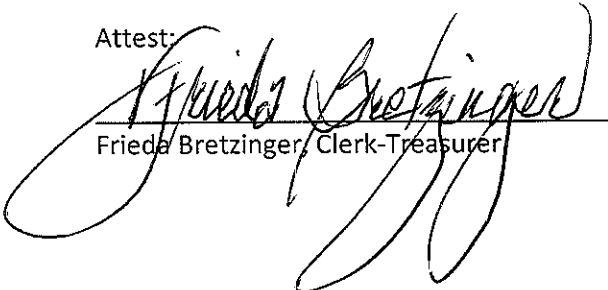
Superintendents Reports:

Building Dept.: Haun had nothing.
Cemetery Dept.: Cochran had nothing
Electric Dept.: Miller had nothing. Larson had nothing. Grow had nothing.
Fire Dept.: Haun had nothing.
Gas Dept.: Lockridge had nothing.
Legal Dept.: Riley had nothing.
Park Dept.: Effinger had nothing.
Police Dept.: Cruise Night went well. There were more people attending than usual.
Street, Sanitation, Sewage and Water Dept.: Daniels had nothing. Lockridge had nothing.

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


Stephen A. Wood, Mayor

Attest:


Frieda Bretzinger, Clerk-Treasurer