

MINUTES

Reese Village Council
2073 Gates Street
July 12, 2021
7:00 p.m.

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance: In the Municipal Building, President Keast called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call: President Paul Keast, Trustees Present: Doug Squanda, Brian Weihl, Jeff Skias, Matt Bouvy, Pete Bouvy and Darryl Tafoya.

Absent: 0

Staff Present: Clerk/Treasurer Chris Ranney
Village Manager Thomas Raymond

Guests in Attendance: Deva Weber

Approval/Adjustments to the Agenda: Motion by Weihl, 2nd by Squanda to approve the agenda as adjusted to include Item D under New Business; Funds for employee trailer rental. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Adoption of Minutes from meetings held June 14, 2021: Motion by P. Bouvy, 2nd by Squanda, to adopt the minutes of June 14, 2021, as presented. Councilperson Skias asked Manager Raymond about the information being collected about the UTV request from the previous meeting. Manager Raymond is still collecting information from other municipalities, so this item will not be on the agenda for this meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.**

PUBLIC COMMENT: No Scheduled Comments

Consent Agenda: Motion by M. Bouvy, 2nd by P. Bouvy, to accept the reports from Village Manager, Police Dept., & Reese Fire/Rescue. Councilperson Weihl asked if the village has received the new police vehicle. Manager Raymond spoke with the dealer, and they are having issues with inventory, due to the chip shortage. Manager Raymond confirmed with Chief Hadd, the police department can wait. Councilperson P. Bouvy asked what the plan was for the old Republic Waste containers. Manager Raymond is giving Republic Waste a deadline to pick up the containers. Councilperson P. Bouvy also asked if members of other communities that still utilize Republic Waste for trash collection could take bins from the Village of Reese's collection of used containers, Manager Raymond said yes, if the community currently has Republic Waste for trash collection, they

may take some of the containers the village has collected. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Minutes Received from Boards & Commissions: **Motion** by Skias, 2nd by M. Bouvy to accept the report from Reese Fire Rescue, Blumfield Reese Water Authority, Parks Dept. (2) and Planning Commission. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Letters to the Trustees – None

Approval of Check Listing: **Motion** by P. Bouvy, 2nd by Skias to accept check listing #s 20812 to 20860 totaling \$172,070.63 for fund accounts. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Update Unfinished or Pending Matters:

- A. Streetlights – Nothing new to report
- B. Trash Pickup – Manager Raymond informed the council the transition from Republic Waste to GFL is going extremely well, with a few minor issues regarding the waste bin distributions. GFL has a representative driving within the village while waste is being collected looking for any issues as they happen.
- C. Parks & Rec – Parks Department Liaison Jeff Skias informed the council of a couple projects currently being worked on by the Parks Committee, including a Community Foundation Grant and the committee is choosing a handicap accessible playscape for the Community Park. The committee is also looking to purchase a xylophone designed to be outdoors in a park setting for kid interaction. Liaison Skias then turned the floor over to Parks & Rec. committee member Deva Weber for discussion regarding the area designated to ROVE, previously tennis court area. Deva mentioned that Jacob Dohrmann, founder of ROVE, estimates the ROVE group would need approximately \$4,600 to repair the old tennis court area just to begin erecting an RC Track over the cracked concrete. President Keast reiterated the fact that ROVE was originally given the space for them to raise funds for the RC Track construction. President Keast isn't against helping ROVE with this area if ROVE has a definite plan with shared responsibilities. Councilperson M. Bouvy suggested Jacob Dohrmann come to the council meeting to answer questions. Deva said he will once the parks department and ROVE come together on what is required. Deva was also available to answer questions about the requested xylophone purchase for the Community Park. It was estimated that the xylophone would cost approximately \$1,000, not including the groundwork for it to be placed. **Motion** by P. Bouvy, 2nd by Squanda to authorize up to \$1,500 for

the purchase of a xylophone to be placed in the Community Park. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- D. Hudson St. – Manager Raymond spoke with the engineers on the project, and the engineers believe a topcoat of asphalt is best for Hudson St., as opposed to milling and resurfacing. **Motion** by Squanda, 2nd by Weihl to move forward with the top coating of asphalt on Hudson St. **Motion carried unanimously.**

New Business

- A. Woodruff and Gates St. Storm drain Project – Jim Klein from Axiom was present to discuss the project. After a brief presentation on how this project would reduce the flooding in this area, **Motion** by M. Bouvy, 2nd by P. Bouvy to move forward with the discussed project, with Wellman's bid amount of \$55,510.00, plus 10% for contingency and the asphalt be completed within the following Spring season. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- B. Rapid Info System – The Village of Reese is continually looking at ways to communicate important information to the residents. Manager Raymond and Office Admin. Courtney Owens researched information on mass text messaging services. They've presented 6 examples for the council to review. President Keast reminded the council of the importance of getting information to the village residents as quickly as possible, as many people do not utilize Facebook for information. After a brief discussion on how these systems would work for the village residents, President Keast would like to form a committee of three councilmembers and Manager Raymond to choose what system is best for the village residents. Volunteers should get with Manager Raymond.
- C. Tree Removal – Council was present with a photo of a tree marked for removal on M-81. Councilperson P. Bouvy questioned whether the DPW could do the tree removal, Manager Raymond informed the council there are more trees in discussion for removal, Hudson St. at Center St. and some clean-up work in the parks with dead branches. The plan would be to have Kappen Tree Service come into the village for a day to do this clean-up work and tree removal to get everything done at one time. **Motion** by M. Bouvy, 2nd by Squanda to authorize Kappen Tree Service to remove designated trees in the village. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- D. Employee Trailer Rental – President Keast wanted council to be aware Manager Raymond authorized \$400 for renting a trailer from a village

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employee to assist in the removal of the Republic Waste bins from the residents' properties during the transition from Republic Waste to GFL.

Public Comments

Deva Weber let the council know the park meeting was changed to July 22, 2021, 6:30 pm at the Community Park.

Miscellaneous: None

Items for next agenda:

Streetlights
Reese Community Parks & Rec.
UTV/SXS Information

Meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Chris Ranney, Clerk

Approved By: _____

Chris Ranney, Clerk

Date: 8/16/21