

VILLAGE OF ROBBINS  
COUNCIL MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
June 22, 2021 7:00 P.M.  
Meeting Location: 3323 W. 137<sup>th</sup> St. Robbins, IL  
Robbins Police Courtroom, 2<sup>nd</sup> Flr

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER (Time): 7:00pm

BY: Mayor Darren E. Bryant

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE and LORD'S PRAYER in Unison

ROLL CALL (TRUSTEES)

\_p\_ David R. Dyson

\_A\_ Ernest Maxey Jr.

\_p\_ George Brewton

\_p\_ Tiffany S. Robinson

\_p\_ Gregory N. Jackson

\_p\_ Michael Collier Sr.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

\_p\_ Mayor Darren E. Bryant

\_p\_ Village Clerk Sharon Dyson

\_p\_ Administrator Todd Stroger

QUORUM ESTABLISHED? \_\_yes\_\_

I. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

June 8, 2021 June 15, 2021 (Special Meeting)

- Trustee Brewton moved for approval of minutes Seconded By Trustee Robinson
- Roll Call Vote:
- AYES: Dyson, Brewton, Robinson, Jackson, Collier
- Absent: Maxey
- Motion Carried

II. COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Village Clerk advised that there are still problems with Wufoo, the electronic bill payment system and per the Water Supervisor, citizens are asked to please come into the village hall or mail in their water payments until further notice.

III. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

A. Mayor's Report-

- a. Mayor thanked the Juneteenth committee for all their hard to make the celebration a success
- b. Please try to send any concerns to the proper department. Citizens can reach out to the mayor's assistant instead of trying to reach him directly. Transition period will be about 6 months as we try to lay a strong foundation for the village.
- c. On Saturday June 26, 2021 at the Community Center there will be a Robbins Resource Fair from 11am-2pm., bring your resume.

- B. Clerk's Report - Water bill electronic payment Wufoo system not operating properly. Per the water supervisor, please bring or mail in your water payments.

- C. Treasurer Report – Mr. Kemp (for Treasurer Newell)- beginning balance of \$417,000- motor fuel- investment acct. – \$450,988.76 Ending balance \$1,115,785.82

It was moved by Trustee Brewton and seconded by Trustee Dyson to approve the treasurer's report

Roll call Vote:

AYES: Dyson, Brewton, Robinson, Jackson, Collier

Absent: Maxey

Motion carried

#### IV. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Public Property: Trustee Brewton--The MWRD project meeting will be scheduled at later date, went over warrant list and treasure report. He spoke about the workshop for newly elected officials and would like the board to have the auditors give regular reports and also to change up auditors (to put fresh eyes on the audits)
- Public safety: Trustee Robinson thanked the Police and Fire departments for their presence and help during the Juneteenth celebration. We are still looking for a Police and Fire Chief, resumes can be sent to the Mayor's email.
  - A) Seeking approval of CSO using own police cadets- have certain (non -emergency) duties. Next meeting for Public safety will be June 29<sup>th</sup> @4:30 pm
- Transportation: Trustee Robinson attended a Zoom meeting on June 10<sup>th</sup> regarding the Pulaski Corridor road study. Evaluation of transportation needs, Pace and Metra safety protocols.
- Public works: Trustee Collier asked citizens to be patient with water dept. Commended public works for all the work they're doing in the village. He thanked Melvin Wells, public works supervisor who stated they are creating a program to address concerns within 24-48 hours. Still need public work employees. Next meeting will be June 29 @3pm

#### V. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS

None

#### VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. It was moved by Trustee Brewton and seconded by Trustee Dyson to accept the warrant list of June 16, \$7,215.11 and June 27, \$86,384.78 .

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Dyson, Brewton, Robinson, Jackson, Collier

Absent: Maxey

Motion carried

It was moved by Trustee Brewton to withdraw his motion because the amount was incorrect and seconded by Trustee Dyson. Withdrawal motion accepted

It was moved by Trustee Brewton and seconded by Trustee Dyson to accept warrant list in the amount of \$86,594.74

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Dyson, Brewton, Robinson, Jackson, Collier

Absent: Maxey

Motion carried

- B. Approval to amend the Appropriations Ordinance year 2021-2022  
It was moved by Trustee Robinson and seconded by Trustee Dyson to approve the amended Appropriations Ordinance year 2021-2022.  
Trustee Dyson commented that although they had a short time to review it, he saw no reason to delay vote. Trustees Collier, Brewton and Robinson agreed. The Mayor stated the attorney said no new publication is needed since it's just being amended and that we're steps away from an actual budget.  
Roll call vote:  
Ayes: Dyson, Brewton, Robinson, Jackson, Collier  
Absent: Maxey  
Motion carried
- C. Discussion and approval of Purchasing Manual  
Mayor stated this item has been on the docket since October and that the Mayor's office can use up to \$2500 for village expenditures, although no ordinance that mandates it.  
It was moved by Trustee Collier and seconded by Trustee Robinson to approve Purchasing Manual  
Trustee Dyson asked how often the Mayor can use this spending power. The Mayor stated common sense expenditures and petty cash items that may be needed to operate the village. Trustee Brewton thanked the Mayor for moving on this issue and for transparency.  
Roll call vote:  
Ayes: Dyson, Brewton, Robinson, Jackson, Collier  
Absent: Maxey  
Motion carried
- D. Adoption of the revised Employee Handbook  
Mayor stated this is the employee handbook from 2008 and he didn't feel the board needed eyes on it, because it had been reviewed by Human Resources. It has been amended and updated  
It was moved by Trustee Collier and seconded by Trustee Brewton to adopt the revised Employee Handbook  
Roll call vote:  
Ayes: Dyson, Brewton, Robinson, Jackson, Collier  
Absent: Maxey  
Motion carried
- E. Approval of Speed Bumps in Kellar School Zone  
Mayor stated this item was deferred from the last meeting to get additional specifications. The speed bumps will be done by engineers and over 50 signatures petitioned to have 4 speed bumps: 2 at McBreen/Hendricks and 2 at McBreen/Glen  
It was moved by Trustee Robinson and seconded by Trustee Dyson to approve speed bumps  
It was asked the size of the speed bumps... 6 inches high and two feet wide (the length of the street)  
Trustee Jackson stated he is excited about the speed bumps by the school but is concerned that we're not addressing the other areas in the village where speeding is a problem. Mayor stated an ordinance is being worked on.  
Roll call vote:  
Ayes: Dyson, Brewton, Robinson, Jackson, Collier  
Absent: Maxey  
Motion carried

F. Swearing in of Police & Fire Commission Board  
Village Clerk Dyson swore in Mayoral appointees to the Police & Fire Commission Board  
The three sworn in are David Bryant, Charles Foster and Romel Jamison and will work to  
serve our retired police, fire, and widows in conjunction with the safety community and help  
with finding the next fire and police chiefs.

G. Approval of Community Service Officers  
It was moved by Trustee Collier and seconded by Trustee Brewton to approve the  
Community Service Officers

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Dyson, Brewton, Robinson, Jackson, Collier

Absent: Maxey

Motion carried

H. Approval of Resolution NO. 6-22-21 authorizing the disposal of certain vehicles

There are some vehicles that are inoperable and needs to be disposed of.

It was moved by Trustee Dyson and seconded by Trustee Robinson to approve Resolution  
No. 6-22-21, authorizing disposal of certain vehicles.

Trustee Collier asked if there is any type of contract for vehicles to be picked up? Trustee  
Robinson said there needs to be a discussion of how to get the most funds for the vehicles.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Dyson, Brewton, Robinson, Jackson, Collier

Absent: Maxey

Motion carried

I. Approval of Street Closure for Grill & Chill BBQ, 3302 W. 137<sup>th</sup> St. Robbins IL 60472 on June  
27, 2021 from 11am-5pm

It was moved by Trustee Robinson and seconded by Trustee Brewton to approve street  
closure for Grill & Chill BBQ at 3302 W. 137<sup>th</sup> St on June 27,2021 from 11am-5pm

The Mayor asked what street is actually being closed for the event. Mr. Holmes said just 100  
feet north of the corner on Spaulding. It's free to the public with about 15 vendors.

Trustee Dyson asked if the motion needed to be amended to specific the exact area.

Trustee Robinson amended the motion to approve the street closure to 100 feet north of the  
corner of Spaulding, seconded by Trustee Brewton

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Dyson, Brewton, Robinson, Jackson, Collier

Absent: Maxey

Motion carried

VI. Closed Session (For any lawful purpose)

Comments from citizens:

Trustee Collier moved to open floor for citizen comments, it was seconded by Trustee Robinson

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Dyson, Brewton, Robinson, Jackson, Collier

Absent: Maxey

Motion carried

- Anthony Washington- Albany, help with leaking water, he has a \$1,300 water bill. Stated there needs to be deer and speed limit sign for safety. Referred to contact Trustee Collier, Mr. Ward and Mr. Stroger
- Charles Foster stated it may be a good idea to start at Grace and Lydia with the speed bumps and work towards McBreen. Trustee Brewton stated there will be a comprehensive plan for the village, needed to address the school area first.
- Mrs. Murphy stated the house off Claire and Trumbull is an eye sore and danger to the community. Asked if this property can be considered to be on the demolition list, especially since it's by the community center. It's privately owned and owner is willing to deed it to the Village.
- Dominick Argumedo – TOD project manager, working with village to develop the area around the Metra station. He's working with a grant from the McArthur Foundation. He has 20 years of experience in comprehensive planning. Said the last comprehensive plan for the village was in 2007.
- Larry Holmes thanked the mayor and board for street closing on Spaulding  
It was moved by Trustee Collier to close citizen comments, seconded by Trustee Robinson at 8:14 pm. It was moved by Trustee Dyson and seconded by Trustee Jackson to adjourn until next regular or special meeting.  
Upon unanimous voice vote in the affirmative, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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Sharon Dyson, Village Clerk

