

CITY of ROBERTS
March 14, 2023
City Council Meeting

The Roberts City Council met for a hearing at the regular place of meeting, after having been notified of said meeting of said council.

Robert (BJ) Berlin..... Mayor	April Galbraith..... Clerk/Treasurer
Connie Surerus..... Council	Ron Grant..... Maintenance
Ben Poston..... Council	Julie Garcia..... Library Director (Absent)
Edidt Sanchez..... Council	Sean Coletti..... City Attorney
Shauna Lounsbury..... Council	Dustin Parkinson..... Certified Operator

Also present: Sheriff Anderson with Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, Ursula Benkenstein, Karol Poston, Jaden Jackson with Keller Associates, Rebecca Gullett, Payton Gullett, Tim Jones, Dani Larsen, Valentine Larsen, Mr. & Mrs. R.V. Golbert, Kathy Payan, Richard Payan, Robert Loftis and Matt Foster with Mountain West Environmental, and Craig Sturman with Idaho Rural Water Association.

Mayor Berlin opened the meeting and welcome everyone.

Connie gave the opening prayer.

Mayor Berlin lead the Pledge of Allegiance

Sheriff's Report: Sheriff Anderson read the report from 2/04/23 thru 03/03/23, 82 hrs, 14 complaints, 4 arrests, 0 DUIs', 0 citations, and 16 traffic contacts.

Mayor Berlin said that our community has had a difficult month and during that time there has been some ugliness towards the city employees in the form of harassment and threats. Staff have not filed any reports with the sheriff's office but from here on city staff is instructed to call the sheriff's office and file reports. Mayor Berlin said that everyone has been working hard, putting in overtime, and that the employees are appreciated and the behavior towards the staff will not be tolerated.

Sheriff Anderson said that the staff is to call them and file a report and it will be handled by the sheriff's office.

Mayor Berlin voiced his appreciation to the sheriff's department for the hard work that they do.

Sheriff Anderson excused himself.

Vote to Approve City Council Meeting Minutes for February 21, 2023, February 27, 2023, and March 2, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes: Mayor Berlin asked if there were any questions regarding the draft minutes in the council's packets.

Connie said she did have some questions: February 21, 2023 Minutes page 5 under *Discussion Regarding Ordinance 491 & 491-A (Placement of Mobile Homes)*, the line "He said that in the past there were ordinances that," was incomplete. Mayor Berlin said that the line should be completed with "prohibited mobile homes but are no longer in effect."

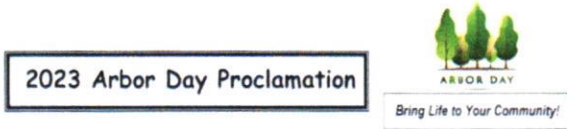
Connie said that there was a spelling error on February 21, 2023 and a spelling error on March 2, 2023 that she would get with the Clerk for.

Mayor Berlin entertained a motion to approve the minutes for the February 21, 2023, February 27, 2023, and March 2, 2023 council meetings with corrections.

Ben made the motion to approve the minutes for February 21, 2023, February 27, 2023, and March 2, 2023 council meetings with corrections, seconded by Edidt, all ayes.

Agenda Amendment: Mayor Berlin said that there was an error on the agenda, review and pay approve the bills was left off due to a clerical error.

Connie made a motion to add a line item to review and approve the bills after the Update on the Mustang Park Project, seconded by Ben, all ayes.



Whereas In 1872 J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and
Whereas the holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and
Whereas Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and
Whereas trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water; lower our heating and cooling costs; moderate the temperature; clean the air; produce oxygen; and provide habitat for wildlife; and
Whereas trees are a renewable resource giving us paper; wood for our homes; fuel for our fires; and countless other wood products; and
Whereas trees in our city increase property values; enhance the economic vitality of business areas; and beautify our community; and
Whereas trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal

NOW THEREFORE I Robert (BJ) Berlin
Mayor of the City of Roberts do hereby proclaim
May 1st 23 as Arbor Day in the City of Roberts
and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands; and
Further I urge all citizens to plant and care for trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations
Dated this 14th day of March in the year 2023
Mayor Robert (BJ) Berlin

Mayor's Report: Mayor Berlin said that the city has been working on projects. Arbor Day is coming up and the city has applied for a grant from the Idaho Nursery Landscape Association. The Association asks the mayors to do an Arbor Day Proclamation. Mayor Berlin has proclaimed Arbor Day for the City of Roberts be May 1, 2023.

Mayor Berlin said during all that has been going on in our city, there has been a tremendous amount of people that have come to the aid of the city and its citizens. Volunteers have helped with water distribution, snow removal, on streets and sidewalks, answered phones at city hall, and all are greatly appreciated.

Mayor Berlin thanked all that have stepped forward to help out.

Mayor's Appointment of Sean Coletti as City Attorney: Mayor Berlin said that he asked Sean Colette to be the City's legal counsel and he has agreed. Mr.

Coletti is also the Mayor of the City of Ammon.

Confirmation of Sean Coletti: Edidt made a motion to confirm Sean Coletti as the City Attorney for Roberts, seconded by Ben, all ayes.

Discussion and Vote on Attorney Contract: Council was provided a copy of the contract in their council packets. The contract with the law firm that Sean Coletti works for is *Hopkins Roden Crockett Hansen & Hoopes* in Idaho Falls, Idaho. The contract is for a fee of \$500.00 per month with an additional \$200.00 per hour.

In regards to the contract, on page one (1), *"This rate is subject to change in January of each year. By execution of this engagement letter, you agree to pay the increased rate when it is increased,"* Connie voiced her concern that the city would be bound by contract to pay whatever amount the law firm increased. Mr. Coletti said he would be sure to give the city ample amount of notification and that he understands that the city has to budget for attorney services.

Connie asked for clarification on what services fell under the monthly retainer fee and the hourly fee. Mr. Coletti clarified that the services covered by the monthly retainer would be for all legal counsel except; civil or criminal litigation matters and attending city meetings.

Mr. Coletti said that the contract could be severed by the city at any time.

Mayor Berlin asked if there were any other questions.

With no questions, Mayor Berlin entertained a motion to accept the contract legal services of Hopkins Roden Crockett Hansen & Hoopes, PLLC.

Ben made the motion to accept the contract legal services of Hopkins Roden Crockett Hansen & Hoopes, PLLC, seconded by Connie, all ayes.

Roll call vote was taken by the Clerk, Connie-aye, Ben-aye, Edidt-aye, and Shauna-aye.

Motion Carries.

Mayor Berlin swore in Sean Coletti as City Attorney. Mayor Berlin administered the oath of office. Sean stood and raised his right hand as Mayor Berlin read the oath of office. Sean, "I do."

Discussion and Vote on Jensen Poulson Letter of Engagement: Council was provided a copy of the contract in their council packets. Mayor Berlin said Jensen Poulson & Company has been auditing our budget for years.

Discussion regarding fees was had.

Mayor Berlin asked if there were any other questions or concerns.

With no other questions or concerns, Mayor Berlin entertained a motion to accept the letter of engagement for Jensen Poulson & Company.

Edidt made the motion to accept the letter of engagement for Jensen Poulson & Company, seconded by Shauna, all ayes.

Roll call vote was taken by the Clerk, Connie-aye, Ben-aye, Edidt-aye, and Shauna-aye.

Motion Carries.