

CITY of ROBERTS
March 8, 2022
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

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

Robert (BJ) Berlin.....Mayor
Connie Surerus.....Council
Ben Poston.....Council
Edidt Sanchez.....Council
Shauna Lounsbury.....Council
Gale Scrivner.....Clerk
Ron Grant.....Maintenance
April Galbraith.....Librarian

Also present: Sheriff Anderson with the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, Deputy Dustin Mathie, and Christina "Nikki" Sheppard.

Shauna offered the opening prayer, Mayor Berlin led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approve Council Minutes: Mayor Berlin entertained a motion to approve the minutes for the February 8, 2022 council meeting. Mayor Berlin asked if there were any changes or corrections.

With no corrections, Mayor Berlin entertained a motion to approve the minutes.

Connie made the motion to approve, the minutes for the February 8, 2022 council meeting, seconded by Ben, all ayes.

Mayors Report: Mayor Berlin announced that the City did receive the Fiber Grant money and that the \$5,000 for the administrative portion of the grant will be used to pay for employee training.

Market Lake Day Saturday July 16: Mayor Berlin said that Market Lake Day is July 16th and that vendor have already been calling the city.

Legislative Report: Mayor Berlin said that our city is no longer in District 35 and the city has been moved to District 31. Bill #666, which makes librarians more liable for improper content for the youth, has passed the House and headed to the Senate. There is an overhaul tax bill that has come out of committee and would eliminate certain property taxes and replace them with an increase in sales tax.

Sheriff's Report: Deputy Mathie read the report from 2/05/22 thru 3/4/22, 59 hrs, 19 complaints, 0 arrests, 0 DUIs', 2 citations, and 24 traffic contacts.

Sheriff Anderson gave the Clerk a copy of the Sheriff's signed contract.

Appointment and Confirmation Vote of April Galbraith: Mayor Berlin said that at the last council meeting he had announced Gale's retirement and had expressed that he had someone in mind to fill the position but would advertise the position. After the last meeting Mayor Berlin put out an ad for the City Clerk/Treasurer position and had no applicants. He said he would have liked to have seen some interest.

Mayor Berlin said he would like to appoint April Galbraith to the position of Deputy Clerk/Treasurer, whom will become City Clerk/Treasurer upon Gale's retirement and would require a conformation from the council.

Mayor Berlin asked for a motion to confirm April as the Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer.

Connie asked how the appointment would work with the library. Mayor Berlin said that April would continue to be the librarian until a new librarian could be hired. Once April is confirmed as the Deputy Clerk/Treasurer then Mayor Berlin will post an advertisement to fill the librarian position, in the meantime, April will train with Gale. When the new librarian is hired, April will be able to train that person and be available for any questions the new librarian may have.

Mayor Berlin and the Council discussed part-time versus full-time employment of the Clerk/Treasurer, the Friday closure of city hall being changed to open Friday from 8:30am to 12pm, and training events that Mayor Berlin would like to send April to, if she is confirmed.

Ben made the motion to confirm April Galbraith to the position of Deputy Clerk/Treasurer, whom will become City Clerk/Treasurer upon Gale Scriver's retirement, seconded by Connie, all ayes.

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

Council and the Mayor congratulated April and she will be sworn in at next month's council meeting.

With April's appointment and confirmation City Hall will be open Fridays from 8:30am to 12:00pm until the new librarian is trained.

Discussion Draft of Demolition and Mobile Home Ordinance: Mayor Berlin addressed the portions of the draft that had been changed and/or added after last month's council discussion regarding the Demolition and Mobile Home Ordinance draft. Penalties for violations were added. In section 4, regarding moving mobile homes in or out of the mobile home parks, was changed to include mobile homes that are not in mobile home parks.

Mayor Berlin asked if there were any questions, concerns, or comments regarding the draft ordinance.

With no questions, concerns, or comments Mayor Berlin asked the council if they would like to move this ordinance forward to a public hearing next month.

Council moved the ordinance to a public hearing.

Discussion and Vote on Ordinance #559 Recreational Vehicle Ordinance: Mayor Berlin entertained a motion to dispense with the second and third reading of Ordinance ##559 and read it once in full, having the recorded record it as being read three times.

Ben made the motion to dispense with the second and third reading of Ordinance ##559 and read it once in full, having the recorded record it as being read three times, seconded by Edidt, all ayes.

With no opposition, Mayor Berlin read Ordinance #559 aloud.

ORDINANCE NUMBER #559

AN ORDINANCE REGARDING PROVISIONS AND REGULATIONS REGARDING RECREATIONAL VEHICLES DEFINING REREATIONAL VEHICLES, WHERE AND HOW LONG THEY MAY BE PARKED, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION.

WHEREAS, The City of Roberts has the responsibility and authority to adopt regulations to promote public health, safety and general welfare of its citizenry;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, The City of Roberts zoning ordinance be amended as herein contained:

SECTION 1 DEFINITIONS

RECREATIONAL VEHICLE: Motor Homes, Travel Trailers, Camping Vehicles and Tents

R.V. PARK A designated and regulated area where recreational vehicles and tents are set for the purpose of domicile for a fee.

RECREATIONAL VEHICLE STORAGE FACILITY: A designated and regulated business for the storage of recreational vehicles

SECTION 2.

2-A Storage on residential properties

Only recreational vehicles owned by a resident may be stored at their residence. No more than one recreational vehicle may be stored in plain sight from a public street.

Recreational vehicles shall have current licenses and registration.

2-B VISITING FAMILY OR FRIENDS CLAUSE

No more than one visiting recreational vehicle shall be permitted on residential property.

Recreational vehicles shall be completely parked on private property, not on any public right of way.

Said vehicles shall have current license and registration.

Said vehicles may stay for no more than 30 days.

No recreational vehicle may be connected to or use city sewer services

Water and electrical connections shall be temporary in nature and safe.

SECTION 3 R.V. PARK ZONING: A new zone shall be created to facilitate R.V. park development

SECTION 4. R.V. STORAGE FACILITIES: R.V. Storage, and other storage facilities may be located in commercial zones, subject to a site plan and approval by the City Council or their designated agent.

SECTION 5. R.V. VEHICLES SHALL NOT BE LIVED IN AS A RESIDENCE IN ANY RESIDENTIAL ZONE. ANY R.V. PARKED ILLEGALLY ON A CITY RIGHT OF WAY MAY BE SUBJECT TO PARKING FINES AND OR TOWING AND IMPOUNDMENT AT THE OWNERS EXPENSE.

SECTION 6. PENALTIES: Penalty for violation shall be an infraction on the first and second violation with a fine of \$100. Per occurrence. Upon a third violation, the owner shall be charged with a misdemeanor with a fine of up to \$1000 per occurrence and or up to 6 months in jail.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE: This ordinance shall take full effect upon final passage by the Roberts City Council and advertising of its passage

Mayor Berlin entertained a motion to pass RV Ordinance #559.

Edidt made the motion to pass RV Ordinance #559, seconded by Ben, all ayes.

RV Ordinance #559 passes and will be advertised.

Discussion Proposed Animal Ordinance: Mayor Berlin gave Council a copy of the Lewisville, Idaho animal ordinance, as an example. Discussion defining what would be considered dedicated ground solely for animals, regarding the number of animals per acre, and cleanliness of animals being kept on a property.

Mayor Berlin said that there was a patron whom wanted to know if something could be add to ensure that animals are treated well. State and federal laws regarding the treatment of animals could address this concern.

Work on the draft will continue.

Discussion Regarding Waste Water System Project: Mayor Berlin said that at this time there is no new news. He asked if there were any thoughts or concerns regarding the project, there were none.

With no thoughts or concerns, Mayor Berlin moved on to the next item.

Appointment and Confirmation of Nikki Sheppard to the Library Board: Mayor Berlin introduced Nikki Sheppard and thanked her for being willing to serve on the library board.

Mayor Berlin entertained a motion to appoint Nikki Sheppard to the Library Board.

Edidt made the motion to approve the appointment of Nikki Sheppard to the Library Board, seconded by Shauna, all ayes.

The Mayor and Council thanked and welcomed Nikki.

Discussion Regarding Water Conservation Ordinance: Mayor Berlin said that we are entering into a third drought year. With this in mind and that last summer we had an extremely hot spell that caused our water system to be taxed, that the City had a water call last year, and with the population increasing, it is time to address water conservation. He presented Council with an ordinance draft that would restrict water use.

Discussion regarding what kind of watering systems would be exempt, times of day that watering would not be allowed, what the best to way to schedule who waters when, that the ordinance would give the mayor power to restrict water use further only in emergency drought situations, and determine provisions for violations.

Council made changes to the draft ordinance. With no further changes, Mayor Berlin asked the council if they would like to move this ordinance forward to a public hearing next month.

Council moved the ordinance to a public hearing.

Maintenance Report: Mayor Berlin said that Ron has been working on a lot of odds and ends. Jeff will return to work on April 1st. The city will be hiring a part time seasonal worker to help maintain the city grounds over the summer. Connie voiced concern about the walking path at Mustang Park, Mayor Berlin said they would look into the problems there. The gentlemen that built the water feature at Community Park wants to improve the feature, so water will not be in it until he has completed the improvements The sidewalks will be done when money is available. The ADA corners have not been inspected but will be having that done soon.

Pay Bills: Mayor Berlin asked the city council if they had looked at the bills and had any questions.

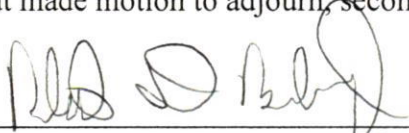
With no questions, Mayor Berlin entertained a motion to pay the bills.

Edidt made the motion to pay the bills, seconded by Shauna, all ayes.

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

Adjourn: Mayor Berlin entertained a motion to adjourn.

Edidt made motion to adjourn, seconded by Ben, all ayes.



Mayor Robert (BJ) Berlin



Clerk