

ROCKFORD CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 10, 2019
7:30 P.M.

1. The Rockford City Council met in regular session at City Hall on Tuesday, September 10, 2019. Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Present were Council Members Johnson, Arndt, Marth, Hirv and Stokes. Citizen's present were Robbie Demaris, Jeff Cornick, Kristi Fullerton, Chris Diggins with NIACOG, Kevin Graves with WHKS, Paul Pearson, Titan Pearson, Matthew Pearson, Carol Hoffarth, Irene Arndt, Monica Murray, Rockford Light Plant Supervisor Cory Murray, Rockford Light Plant Lineman Chay Sonberg, Public Works Assistant Dan Paulus, and Public Works Director Randy Schweizer.
2. Motion Marth, sec. Arndt to approve the posted agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.
3. Carol Hoffarth discussed with the council about a specific dog that has been At Large several different times which has been aggressive towards her and others she has been with on walks. She has spoken with Randy on this matter and it has happened again since then. Council directed Randy to handle this per City Code with the property owner.
4. Motion Marth, sec. Hirv to approve removal of trees on the city's right of way on the east side property of 202 2nd St SE at home owner's expense. All ayes. Motion carried.
5. Motion Marth, sec. Johnson to approve removal of trees on the city's right of way on the west side property of 202 2nd Ave SE at home owner's expense. All ayes. Motion carried.
6. Motion Marth, sec. Hirv to approve Iowa Pump Works invoice of \$14,842.00 for new lift station sewer pump which was \$735.00 more than the original quote approved at July 2019 meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.
7. Kevin Graves with WHKS discussed with the council the proposed solution and the financial cost to the sewer lagoons project. He informed them that Rockford Public Works Department is in agreeance with this proposal to meet the deadline for the DNR requirements needed in 2022. He wanted the council to know WHKS would need their approval to send the report of proposed solution to the DNR which explains the option for this project.
8. Motion Marth, sec. Johnson to approve WHKS to submit proposed solution report to the Iowa DNR for the Rockford sewer lagoons project. All ayes. Motion carried.
9. Chris Diggins with NIACOG spoke with the council about applying for CDBG grant for the sewer lagoon project. He informed them that the City of Rockford falls within the guidelines to apply. He explained to the council the deadlines for the grant and asked to be put on the October agenda to approve Memorandum of Understanding with NIACOG, if they wish to move forward with applying for grant.

10. Lutheran Church Storm Sewer was tabled until next meeting.
11. Motion Marth, sec. Arndt to approve invoice to Young's Tractor Service of \$911.25 for Pallet Forklift attachment. All ayes. Motion carried.
12. Motion Marth, sec. Johnson to approve the purchase of commercial racking in the amount of \$750.00 and fuel cost for delivery. All ayes. Motion carried.
13. Picnic tables at West Park tabled until next meeting.
14. Motion Marth, sec. Johnson to approve quote spraying from Miller's Lawn Care for the Pocket Park & Central Park. All ayes. Motion carried.
15. Motion Marth, sec. Johnson to approve Halloween Parade and Trick or Treat to be held on Sunday, October 27th, 2019. Parade to begin at 5:00 p.m. with Trick or Treat to follow until 7:00 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.
16. Motion Johnson, sec. Marth to donate \$200.00 to the Halloween Committee. All ayes. Motion carried.
17. Discussion was held about Grow's next phase of the main street lighting project that will be on the block just west of the main street bridge and for it to start in October.
18. Motion Arndt, sec. Hirv to reimburse Scott Johnson for aerial maps of the city parks and campground he purchased through Staples in the amount of \$277.03 for upcoming projects. All ayes. Motion carried.
19. Motion Marth, sec. Arndt to approve city clerk to set up water tower reserve fund and to transfer \$2,500.00 a month to that reserve for future project. All ayes. Motion carried.
20. Discussion was held with Robbie Demaris concerning negotiations on the truck that was towed at his property at 209 W. Main Ave. Mayor Johnson advised him he has a meeting scheduled with the city attorney on the matter and that as soon as he meets with him someone will contact him.
21. Motion Marth, sec. Arndt to approve quote from N. Iowa Custom Seamless Guttering for City Hall/Community Center – Capital Improvement contracting for gutters. All ayes. Motion carried.
22. City Hall/Community Center – Capital Improvement landscaping was tabled.
23. Motion Stokes, sec. Hirv to approve Resolution #2019-16 to transfer the remaining balance of the Capital Water Main fund of \$21,557.15 to the Debt Service fund to help pay off the bond loan. Passed all ayes roll call vote.
24. Motion Johnson, sec. Arndt to rescind motion of Dissolution of Rockford Municipal Light Plant Board of Trustees and Operation by the City Council motion died due to the lack of vote. Ayes: Johnson and Arndt. Nays: Marth and Hirv with Stokes Abstaining.

25. Public Works Director Randy Schweizer discussed sewer lagoon projects, dog calls and disturbance calls.
26. Public Works Assistant Dan Paulus reported on the new auto read meters that have been installed.
27. Mayor Johnson reported on meeting set up with city attorney, the informational meeting that was held concerning the ballot measure on the general election dissolving the Rockford Light Plant Board of Trustees. He also asked if council wanted another informational meeting and was informed of one being held by the Rockford Lions Club on this matter. The date set for that is September 25, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Rockford Community Center.
28. Council Member Stokes reported on the memorial stone donated from the Rockford Historical Society and the Freedom Rock Committee helping decide on where to place it in Central Park. He also reported on looking into the plastic recycling garbage cans to match benches in central park. He will have pricing for it to be put on the October agenda
29. Motion Marth, sec. Hirv to adjourn meeting at 9:07 p.m.

August Receipts: General \$13,610.95, Library \$556.29, Road Use \$12,427.24, Employee Benefits \$447.68, LOST \$7,022.07, Water \$15,869.23, Sewer \$112,307.13

August Disbursements: General \$22,339.71, Library \$3,409.14, Road Use \$1,411.18, Employee Benefits \$3,464.00, LOST \$100,000.00, Water \$11,499.33, Sewer \$20,643.23

Scott Johnson
Mayor

Pam Hopper
City Clerk