

ROCKFORD CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 8, 2019
7:30 P.M.

1. The Rockford City Council met in regular session at City Hall on Tuesday, October 8, 2019. Mayor Pro Tem Alvin Marth called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Present were Council Members Corey Johnson, Vern Arndt, Alex Hirv and Jason Stokes. Citizen's present were Chris Diggins with NIACOG, Tom Engels, Larry Pump CPA, Dennis Fenton, Rob Hoffman, Ryker Hoffman, Melissa Grundy with Rockford's on Main, Chad Skinner with US Cellular, Deputy Clerk Jessica Dow, Public Works Assistant Dan Paulus, and Public Works Director Randy Schweizer.
2. Motion Johnson, sec. Hirv to approve the posted agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.
3. Motion Arndt, sec. Hirv to approve the consent agenda consisting of September 10, 2019 and September 19, 2019 council minutes with a correction to the September 10, 2019 minutes as follows: Motion Johnson, sec. Arndt to rescind motion of Dissolution of Rockford Municipal Light Plant Board of Trustees and Operation by the City Council. Ayes: Johnson and Arndt. Nays: Marth, Hirv and Stokes. Motion failed. Monthly reports, claims, expenses to include WEX claim and Twin Strikes Emporium Liquor License. All ayes. Motion carried.
4. Motion Johnson, sec. Arndt to approve Larry Pump CPA Independent Accountant's Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures for the period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. All ayes. Motion carried. A copy of the report may be viewed at City Hall during working hours.
5. Motion Arndt, sec. Johnson to approve Resolution 2019-17 Memorandum of Agreement with North Iowa Area Council of Governments. All ayes. Motion carried.
6. Discussion with Chris Diggins of NIACOG was held reviewing the Waste Water engineering proposals. The council will take no action at this time to allow for the treatment facility plan to be presented and approved by the DNR before starting the procurement process if needed.
7. Motion Johnson, sec Arndt to approve Rockford's on Main placing a pop machine on the sidewalk in front of their business. Snow removal must be timely. All Ayes. Motion carried.
8. Motion Johnson, sec. Arndt to approve sewer credit for account at 21 4th Street SW in the amount of 76,000 gallons. All Ayes. Motion carried.
9. Motion Johnson, sec. Arndt to approve sidewalk removal at 602 East Main Avenue at the owners' expense along the west property line parallel to 6th Street NE. All Ayes. Motion carried.
10. Motion Johnson, sec. Hirv to approve Water Operator & Distribution course at Kirkwood College for Public Works Assistant Daniel Paulus with expenses not to exceed \$800.00. All Ayes. Motion carried.
11. Motion Johnson, sec. Arndt to allow ZION Lutheran Church to make improvements to storm sewer at their expense. All Ayes. Motion carried.
12. Motion Johnson, sec. Arndt to approve the purchase of a snow plow not to exceed \$20,000.00 from the General Checking Reserves – Waller Donation Fund. All ayes. Motion carried.

13. Discussion was held on lift station sewer metering.
14. Picnic tables at West Park tabled until next meeting.
15. Garbage cans at Central Park tabled until next meeting.
16. Motion Johnson, sec. Arndt to approve purchasing holiday garlands and bows for the nine new light poles not to exceed \$2000.00. All ayes. Motion carried.
17. Council Chambers white board tabled until next meeting.
18. Discussion with Chad Skinner of US Cellular regarding a possible 30 year lease with the City for use of the West Water Tower for attaching their equipment. The lease will be sent to the lawyer for review and discussed further at the December meeting.
19. Public Works Director Randy Schweizer discussed several lift assists, becoming a reserve officer, and a DNR water complaint being addressed.
20. Mayor Pro Tem Alvin Marth reported on the two engineering firm interviews held on Monday, October 7, 2019.
21. Council Member Corey Johnson reported on his ideas for Wyatt Park Campground improvements. He suggests extending the roads through the campground to meet the old clinic parking lot driveway and installing a dump station on the old clinic site. Also discussed were renovations for the current bathhouse versus building a new bathhouse and the flood plain requirements and regulations for such a project. He would like to expand the campground to include more sites and install sewer for all existing and future sites. A splash pad was discussed for the lot west of the current bathhouse and playground equipment. Further plans will be discussed at the next meeting.
22. Motion Johnson, sec. Stokes to adjourn meeting at 8:55 p.m.

September Receipts: General \$26,143.09, Library \$814.94, Road Use \$12,356.42, Employee Benefits \$3,388.02, Emergency Fund \$521.86, LOST \$7,022.07, Debt Service \$24,948.16, Water \$20,708.83, Sewer \$12,670.14

September Disbursements: General \$39,248.74, Library \$2,217.64, Road Use \$876.72, Employee Benefits \$2,989.67, Water \$10,365.24, Sewer \$35,154.13

Alvin Marth
Mayor Pro Tem

Jessica Dow
Deputy Clerk