

ROCKFORD CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

**AUGUST 13, 2019
7:30 P.M.**

1. The Rockford City Council met in regular session at City Hall on Tuesday, August 13, 2019. Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. Present were Council Members Marth, Hirv, Stokes, Johnson & Arndt. Citizens present were Pat Sinning, Harry White, Rockford Public Library Director Elizabeth Everts, Gary Schotanus & Toby Beyer with Omnitel Communications and Public Works Director Randy Schweizer.

Motion Marth, sec. Stokes to approve the agenda as posted. Passed all ayes roll call vote.
2. Toby Beyer with Omnitel Communications spoke with the council on the new fiber optic project that is starting this week in Rockford. He explained to them how the project will upgrade internet service to every resident and business in town if they choose that plan. Omnitel representatives plan on meeting with every resident & business owner in town to help encourage hookup of the utility to their property at no cost at all to them. He also reassured the council that they will fix any and all property they disrupt with project back to the normal state, if not better than what it was before the project started. The plan is starting on the whole East side of town for the next 4 weeks and finishing up on the West side of town in the spring of 2020 as soon as weather permits.
3. Motion Arndt, sec. Hirv to approve the consent agenda consisting of July 15th, 2019 council minutes, monthly reports, claims and expenses and Yesway Liquor License. All ayes. Motion carried.
4. Motion Johnson, sec. Arndt to approve Fullerton Excavating bill for cleanup at sewer lagoon of \$8,900.00 and approval of up to another \$10,000.00 for more cleanup to the lagoons for airflow. All ayes. Motion carried.
5. Motion Marth, sec. Stokes to approve Resolution #2019-15 Authorizing transfer of LOST Funds in the amount of \$100,000.00 to the sewer checking account fund to help the deficit and future sewer projects for lagoons and to be paid back with Sewer CD that matures in May of 2020. Passed all ayes roll call vote.
6. Discussion was held with painting and maintenance contract with water towers and with the thought of planning and to budget for a possible new water tower.
7. Library President, Harry White introduced to the council Rockford Public Library Director, Elizabeth Everts.
8. Motion Arndt, sec. Stokes to accept resignation from Susan Marth from the Rockford Public Library Board. All ayes. Marth abstains. Motion carried.
9. Motion Marth, sec. Johnson to appoint Jean Buseman for the vacancy & remainder of the Rockford Public Library Board term. All ayes. Motion carried.

10. Motion Marth, sec. Johnson to accept a donation to be put in Central Park from Historical Society of a memorial monument that pays tribute to all Rockford Veterans that was given to them years ago. All ayes. Motion carried.
11. Motion Marth, sec. Johnson to approve Resolution #2019-13 Street Finance Report. Passed all ayes roll call vote.
12. Motion Johnson, sec. Arndt to approve Resolution #2019-14 Authorizing transfer of Emergency Funds in the amount of \$5,472.61 to general fund account. Passed all ayes roll call vote.
13. Discussion was held with council about having a few public informational meetings on the discontinuance of the Rockford Light Board and the operation of the Rockford Light Plant to be under the City Council. The first meeting is tentatively set for Monday September 9th, 2019 @ 7 p.m.
14. Motion Marth, sec. Arndt to approve sidewalk estimate from J&M Shop & Rentals for \$3,907.00 for concrete sidewalk project at City Hall. All ayes. Motion carried.
15. Gutter estimates tabled until next meeting.
16. Landscaping estimates tabled until next meeting.
17. Motion Johnson, sec. Marth to set public hearing if Ordinance Book is ready for September 10th 2019. All ayes. Motion carried.
18. Public works director Randy Schweizer informed the council that the Signage by Main Ave Bridge ordered from Iowa Prison Industries is in and he would like to tentatively set it and get approval from council on location before it is permanently set.
19. Mayor Johnson discussed setting up a meeting with Robbie Demaris on negotiations with his truck that was towed from his property at 209 W Main Ave. He also discussed nuisance properties and the city's procedures with certified letters in moving forward with enforcing the nuisances.
20. Motion Marth, sec. Hirv to adjourn at 8:52 P.M.

July Receipts: General \$17,425.44, Library \$10,768.40, Road Use \$8,877.56, Employee Benefits \$638.00, Emergency \$114.41, LOST \$7,410.30, Debt Service \$635.96, Water \$16,897.81, Sewer \$12,605.43

July Disbursements: General \$32,627.32, Library \$2,933.25, Road Use \$8,021.66, Employee Benefits \$1,646.27, Water \$21,417.96, Sewer \$36,557.84



Scott Johnson
Mayor



Pam Hopper
City Clerk