

## ROCKFORD CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

September 8, 2020

7:30 P.M.

1. The Rockford City Council met in regular session at the Rockford Community Center to help ensure adequate space for social distancing on Tuesday, September 8, 2020. Mayor Scott Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Present were Council Members Corey Johnson, Vern Arndt, Carol Hoffarth, Alex Hirv & Jason Stokes. Citizens present were Fran DeGroote and Darlene Eaton. Employees present were Randy Schweizer and Jessica Dow.

Motion Johnson, sec. Stokes to approve the agenda as posted. Passed all ayes roll call vote.

2. Citizen's discussion included fixing the library building light and questions regarding the status of the Rockford campground improvement projects.
3. Water consumption at 208 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue SE was discussed and tabled till next meeting.
4. Motion Johnson, sec. Hirv to approve payment method of the new lift station lid and pump. The city will use the sewer utility certificate of deposit that matures 11/11/2020. All Ayes. Motion carried.
5. Sewer/Water Rate Study tabled until next meeting.
6. Motion Johnson, sec. Hoffarth to approve purchase of snowplow blades from Hiway Truck Equipment for \$13,250.00. All Ayes. Motion carried.
7. Motion Hoffarth, sec. Hirv to approve purchase of stump grinder from Mark's Tractor & Imp for \$4,085.00. All Ayes. Motion carried.
8. Motion Johnson, sec. Hoffarth to approve Resolution #2020-16 Stump Removal Fees. Charges will include FEMA equipment rates of current year and hourly wage of employee performing the work. This new service will be available to all persons within Rockford city limits. Passed all ayes roll call vote.
9. Motion Johnson, sec. Stokes to approve Resolution #2020-17 Non-Auto read Service Charge. Customers choosing to not participate in the radio read program will have an added meter reading fee of \$25.00 per month beginning November 1, 2020. Customers choosing to not participate in the radio read program by January 1, 2021 will have an added meter reading fee of \$50.00 per month. Customers who are too late to utilize the services of the contracted installation company may utilize the City of Rockford employees, but will be charged \$100.00. Customers may hire a licensed plumber to install the meter, but will require a City inspection with a \$25.00 inspection fee. Passed all ayes roll call vote.
10. Motion Hoffarth, sec. Johnson to close 6<sup>th</sup> Street SW from Main Ave to 1<sup>st</sup> Ave NW on September 24, 2020 and 1<sup>st</sup> Street N from Main Ave to 1<sup>st</sup> Ave NW on September 26, 2020 for the Rockford Booster Club. All Ayes. Motion carried.
11. Motion Hoffarth, sec. Stokes to accept the library board resignation of Carol Burnett. All Ayes. Motion carried.

12. Motion Hoffarth, sec. Hirv to purchase paint and handrails and to have Public Works Director gather quotes for shingling/repairing the roof for the Central Park Band Stand. Tuesday coffee group volunteered to paint the band stand. The handrails will be fabricated by Corey Johnson. Materials and labor capped at \$3,000.00. All Ayes. Motion carried.
13. Motion Johnson, sec. Hoffarth to approve Resolution #2020-15 Street Finance Report. Passed all ayes roll call vote.
14. Discussion was held on the US Cellular Tower lease.
15. Public Works Director Randy Schweizer reported on water meter installations, water tower painting and emergency calls.
16. Mayor Scott Johnson reported that he has been searching for park grants for the Wyatt Park campground projects.
17. Motion Stokes, sec. Hirv to adjourn at 8:49 P.M.

August Receipts: General \$13,995.81, Library \$4.82, Road Use \$9,100.18, LOST \$7,061.01, Water \$19,109.37, Water Deposit \$100.00, Sewer \$12,564.18.

August Disbursements: General \$14,139.78, Library \$2,615.69, Road Use \$615.52, Employee Benefits \$3,649.38, LOST \$5,405.02, Capital Water Project \$75,121.55, Water \$10,355.71, Water Deposit Return \$200.00, Sewer \$9,753.84.

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Scott Johnson  
Mayor

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Jessica Dow  
Deputy Clerk