

**ROCKFORD CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING  
& REGULAR MEETING**

**MARCH 10, 2020  
7:30 P.M.**

1. The Rockford City council met in regular session at City Hall on Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Mayor Pro Tem Alex Hirv called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. Present were Council Members Corey Johnson, Carol Hoffarth, Jason Stokes, Vern Arndt. Citizens present were Spencer Gruis, Scott Gruis, Rich Tynan, Seth Hirv, Mac Hirv, Steve Brush with Itron and Keith Emerson with Brown Supply. Employees present were Jessica Dow, Daniel Paulus, and Randy Schweizer.

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

2. Motion Arndt, sec. Stokes to open Budget Hearing at 7:30 P.M. for the purposed 2020-2021 City Budget as published. Passed all ayes roll call vote. Mayor Pro Tem asked for any written or oral objections or comments: there being none, Motion Stokes, sec. Arndt to close Budget Hearing at 7:31 P.M.
3. Motion Arndt, sec. Stokes to approve Resolution #2020-07 adopting the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year ending June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Passed with the following roll call vote: Ayes: Hoffarth, Johnson, Stokes, Arndt, Hirv.
4. Motion Hoffarth, sec. Johnson to open Public Hearing at 7:32 P.M. for discussing Ordinance Adoption of the Proposed “Code of Ordinances of the City of Rockford, Iowa”. Passed all ayes roll call vote. Mayor Pro Tem asked for any written or oral objections or comments. Discussion was held. Motion Stokes, sec. Arndt to close hearing at 7:34 P.M.
5. Motion Hoffarth, sec. Johnson to put upon its first reading of An Ordinance Adopting The “Code of Ordinances of the City of Rockford, Iowa”. Passed with the following roll call vote: Ayes: Johnson, Stokes, Arndt, Hirv, Hoffarth.
6. Motion Johnson, sec. Hoffarth to approve consent agenda consisting of February 11, 2020 Council Minutes, Monthly Reports, Claims and Expenses. Passed all ayes. Motion carried.
7. Steve Brush and Keith Emerson presented their Itron AMR system proposal to the council.
8. Motion Hirv, sec. Johnson to approve Itron AMR System Proposal pending Light Plant joint approval. Payment of approved budget amount of \$20,000.00 will be paid in July 2020. Remaining estimated amount of \$90,000.00 will have the option of financing or payoff to be determined at a later date. Passed all ayes. Motion carried.
9. Motion Johnson, sec. Arndt to approve 5 year contract with Central Tank Coatings, Inc of Elgin Iowa for “General Water Tower Maintenance” as follows: 2020 clean and inspect 85,000 gallon elevated water tower for \$1700.00 and paint water tower for \$70,000.00. 2021: clean and inspect 100,000 gallon water tower for \$1700.00. 2022 clean and inspect 85,000 gallon water tower for \$1700.00. 2023 clean and inspect 100,000 gallon water tower for \$1700.00. 2024 clean and inspect 85,000 gallon water tower for \$1700.00. Passed all ayes. Motion carried.
10. Motion Johnson, sec. Arndt to approve building permit variance for 310 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue NW. Passed all ayes. Motion carried.

11. Motion Hoffarth, sec. Stokes to approve purchase of television with VCR for Public Works Building with a maximum spending limit of \$200.00 for purpose of reviewing sewer line camera footage for maintenance purposes. Ayes: Stokes, Arndt, Hoffarth, Hirv. Abstain: Johnson. Motion carried.
12. Motion Johnson, sec. Hoffarth to approve Rich Tynan with Tynan's Recycling to be the City's appliance recycler for June 2020 Spring Cleanup. Tickets for appliances will be \$10.00 each. Televisions will be \$25-40.00 each. Tickets will be available at City Hall in May. Rich has generously announced that he will be donating all ticket sale fees to the RRMR Summer Recreation Program. Passed all ayes. Motion carried.
13. Motion Johnson, sec. Hoffarth to approve donation of \$200.00 for the Spring Easter Egg Hunt. Passed all ayes. Motion carried.
14. Motion Johnson, sec. Hoffarth to approve event date of April 11, 2020 for the Spring Easter Egg Hunt. Passed all ayes. Motion carried.
15. Motion Johnson, sec. Arndt to approve the replacement of top board and rewording of memorial of Central Park bench not to exceed \$200.00. Passed all ayes. Motion carried.
16. Discussion was held on GROW organizing their first annual GLOW RUN.
17. Discussion was held on Historical Society's request for a donation.
18. Motion Johnson, sec. Arndt to approve extending Marty Ginthers lease agreement for access of easement with no changes. Passed all ayes. Motion carried.
19. Light Plant Board Trustee appointment table until special meeting is called.
20. Public Works reported on 5 ambulance calls, eviction notice, dog call, and filling potholes.
21. Motion Johnson, sec. Arndt to adjourn at 9:10 P.M.

February Receipts: General \$10,416.65, Library \$269.86, Road Use \$10,609.92, Employee Benefits \$340.61, Emergency \$52.46, LOST \$6,071.10, Debt Service \$340.91, Water \$14,059.24, Sewer \$10,823.65

February Disbursements: General \$17,074.89, Library \$2,812.07, Road Use \$4,257.16, Employee Benefits \$3,635.22, Water \$13,474.42, Water Deposit Refund \$400.00, Sewer \$11,169.36

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Alex Hirv  
Mayor Pro Tem

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Jessica Dow  
Deputy Clerk