

**ROCKFORD CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**

**MAY 12TH, 2020  
7:30 P.M.**

1. The Rockford City Council met in regular session and was called to order via Zoom teleconference by Mayor Scott Johnson at 7:30 p.m. Due to heightened public health risks surrounding the spread of the COVID-19 virus, Federal, State and Local public health requirements of social distancing, it was determined that holding a ‘normal’ meeting was impracticable. The agenda displayed instructions for the public to participate in this meeting and was posted. All present in meeting participated remotely via Zoom teleconference. Council Members were Hoffarth, Hirv, Stokes, Johnson and Arndt @ 7:36 P.M. Citizens were Angie Johnson, Bobbi Arndt, Jeremy Schlader @ 7:36 P.M., Alvin Marth @ 7:41 P.M., Jon Day @ 7:41 P.M., Joel Yunek with Yunek Law Firm, P.L.C. @ 7:41 P.M., Light Plant Board of Trustee Scott Gruis, Rockford Light Plant Lineman Chay Sonberg, Rockford Public Works Director Randy Schweizer & Public Works Assistant Daniel Paulus.

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

2. Mayor Johnson invited citizens wishing to make public comment to address council now during citizens discussion.
3. Motion Stokes, sec. Hirv to approve the consent agenda consisting of April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Council Minutes, Monthly Report, Claims and Expenses & Rockford’s on Mains Liquor License. Passed all ayes roll call vote.
4. Motion Johnson, sec. Hoffarth to approve building permit variance at property of 707 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave N.W. Passed all ayes roll call vote.
5. Motion Hoffarth, sec. Johnson to deny building permit variance at property of 206 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave S.W. Passed all ayes roll call vote.
6. Motion Johnson, sec. Stokes to approve contract with Mosquito Control of Iowa for 2020 season in the amount of \$4,280.00. Passed all ayes roll call vote.
7. Motion Stokes, sec. Arndt to publish in paper the sale of City’s International Dump Truck to be up for sealed bids to be opened at the next City council meeting on June 9<sup>th</sup>. Passed all ayes roll call vote.
8. Motion Johnson, sec. Arndt to approve a \$600.00 donation to the disc golf tournament % Jeremy Schlader set for 2020 Rockford Fun Days with the

- stipulation for the donation to be carried over to the 2021 disc golf tournament if the 2020 Rockford Fun Days were to be canceled with the COVID-19 pandemic. Passed all ayes roll call vote.
9. Angie Johnson with Grow spoke with the council about the purchase on the rest of the light poles this year. Grow did decide they will hold off until next year to finish up the lighting project to ensure the rest of the funds are available to finish lighting project for the infrastructure.
  10. Motion Hoffarth, sec. Stokes to approve Resolution #2020-09 Authorizing transfer of Water Capital Improvement Funds in the amount of \$16,750.00 to the debt service account. Passed all ayes roll call vote.
  11. Motion Johnson, sec. Hoffarth to approve Resolution #2020-10 Authorizing Financing in the amount of \$100,000.00 for 4 years with 3.65% interest for New Water Meters with First Security Bank and Trust. Passed all ayes roll call vote.
  12. Motion Hoffarth, sec. Stokes to approve bid from Larry Pump, CPA of \$3,100.00 for City of Rockford annual exam. Passed all ayes roll call vote.
  13. Motion Hoffarth, sec. Johnson to approve Mayor Johnson appointment of Scott Gruis to the Rockford Municipal Light Plant Board with his term to expire April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026. Roll Call Vote Ayes: Arndt, Hoffarth, Stokes & Johnson Nayes: Hirv
  14. Motion Arndt, sec. Hirv to approve U.S. Cellular Lease Contract. Passed all ayes roll call vote.
  15. Public Works Director Randy Schweizer reported on cleaning out the stumps on the east side of the lagoons and getting grass seed put in, the black top being laid and getting the campground open and welfare checks.
  16. Joel Yunek requested a closed session to discuss litigation of Demaris v. Rockford, et al  
  
Motion Hoffarth, sec. Stokes to enter into closed session at 8:03 P.M. Passed all ayes roll call vote.  
  
Motion Arndt, sec. Stokes to return to open session at 8:15 P.M. Passed all ayes roll call vote.
  17. Motion Johnson, sec. Arndt to adjourn at 8:16 P.M.

April Receipts: General \$66,696.92, Library \$12,102.77, Road Use Taxes \$10,015.67, Employee Benefits \$11,660.75, Emergency \$1,796.20, LOST \$6,071.11, Debt Service \$11,671.23, Water \$13,278.33, Water Deposit \$200.00, Sewer \$9,841.55

April Disbursements: General \$18,257.82, Library \$2,158.42, Road Use \$2,612.44, Employee Benefits \$3,615.55, Water \$20,410.10, Water Deposit \$100.00, Sewer \$13,428.85

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Alex Hirv  
Mayor Pro Tem

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Pamela Hopper  
City Clerk