

## ROCKFORD CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 14, 2020  
7:30 P.M.

1. The Rockford City Council met in regular session and was called to order via Zoom teleconference by Mayor Pro Tem Hirv at 7:42 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 open meeting and was posted. All present in meeting participated remotely via Zoom teleconference. Council Members were Stokes, Johnson, Arndt at 7:51 p.m., Hoffarth & Hirv at 7:42 p.m. Citizens were Andy Achenbach, Kathy Smith, Monica Murray, Rockford Light Plant Board of Trustee Scott Gruis, Rockford Light Plant Supervisor Cory Murray, Rockford Light Plant Lineman Chay Sonberg, Public Works Director Randy Schweizer & Public Works Assistant Daniel Paulus.  
  
Motion Hoffarth, sec. Stokes to approve the agenda as posted. Passed all ayes roll call vote.
2. Mayor Pro Tem Hirv invited citizens wishing to make public comment to address council now during citizens discussion.
3. Motion Stokes, sec. Hoffarth to approve the consent agenda consisting of March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Council Minutes, Monthly Reports, Claims and Expenses. Passed all ayes roll call vote.
4. Motion Hirv, sec. Stokes to approve purchase of lawn mower blades from Mega-Mo Systems. Passed all ayes roll call vote.
5. Motion Johnson, sec. Stokes to grant James Turnbull approval to remove city trees on the west side of his property at 310 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave NW at his expense. Roll Call vote Ayes: Hoffarth, Hirv, Johnson & Arndt, Abstain: Stokes. Motion carried.
6. Motion Johnson, sec. Arndt to approve financing for new water meters with First Security Bank for a 4 year note with interest rate of 3.65%. Passed all ayes roll call vote.
7. Motion Hoffarth, sec. Arndt to approve Bob Engels building permit variance at his property of 205 4<sup>th</sup> St SE. Passed all ayes roll call vote.
8. Motion Arndt, sec. Johnson Adopting Ordinance #252 ‘Code of Ordinances of The City of Rockford, Iowa’ to be put upon its second reading and that the statutory rule requiring said ordinance to be considered and voted on for passage at two council meetings prior to the meeting at which it is to be finally passed, be waived. Passed all ayes roll call vote. Mayor Pro Tem declared motion duly carried.
9. Motion Arndt, sec. Hoffarth, that Ordinance #252, “Code of Ordinances of The City of Rockford, Iowa” be put upon its final passage and officially adopted, upon publication. Passed all ayes roll call vote. Mayor Pro Tem declared said ordinance duly adopted.
10. Mayor Pro Tem appointed Rick Palmer to the Rockford Light Plant Board of Trustees, motion died due to lack of vote. Tabled until next meeting.
11. Motion Stokes, sec. Hoffarth approved to get quotes on the cost of City Budget Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2020 for Annual Exam. Passed all ayes roll call vote.

12. Motion Hoffarth, sec. Hirv to approve the sick time off for self-isolation, for City Clerk, Pam Hopper from March 23<sup>rd</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> to be covered by the City and for her random time she took to be retroacted back to her. Roll Call vote Ayes: Hirv, Johnson, Arndt & Hoffarth. Nays: Stokes. Motion carried.
13. Motion Hoffarth, sec. Hirv approving Resolution #2020-08 Emergency COVID-19 Procedure Policy Proclamation. Passed all ayes roll call vote.
14. Public Works Director Randy Schweizer reported on 3 dog calls, rocking & grading alleys, sweeping City streets and the sidewalk project in front of city hall.
15. Motion Arndt, sec. Hoffarth to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. Passed all ayes roll call vote.

March Receipts: General \$8,895.72, Library \$160.83, Road Use \$4,359.35, Employee Benefits \$908.34, Emergency \$139.92, LOST \$6,071.10, Debt Service \$909.17, Water \$15,325.08, Sewer \$11,890.95

March Disbursements: General \$40,140.75, Library \$2,932.94, Road Use \$3,091.25, Employee Benefits \$4,030.93, Debt Service \$250.00, Water \$20,395.31, Water Deposit Refund \$50.00 Sewer \$17,544.74

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Alex Hirv  
Mayor Pro Tem

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Pam Hopper  
City Clerk