

ROCKFORD CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

October 19, 2021
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, October 19, 2021. Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Present were Council Members Carol Hoffarth, Alex Hirv & Vern Arndt. Absent Jason Stokes & Corey Johnson. Citizens present were Kevin Tegtmeier, Sharon Enabnit, Jerry Schlader, Kristi Fullerton & Darlene Eaton. Larry Pump with Larry Pump CPA & Rustin Lingbeek with Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc. Employees present were Randy Schweizer and Daniel Paulus.

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

2. Motion Hoffarth, sec. Arndt to approve the agenda consisting of September 14, 2021 Council Minutes, Monthly Reports, Claims & Expenses. All ayes. Motion carried.
3. Discussion was held with Larry Pump reviewing the completed audit report.
4. Discussion was held regarding railroad changes. The railroad will be increasing train speed from 10 mph to 25 mph through town. For the safety of the citizens it has been discussed to implement more safety measures. Items presented were stop signs, gate closures or street closures.
5. Motion Hoffarth, sec. Hirv to approve purchase of cement for memorial lawn swing in West Park to be placed directly south of playground area. The cost of the 4 foot commercial grade steel lawn swing and frame is being donated from Mary Litterer in honor of Patty Engels. Motion carried.
6. Motion Hoffarth, sec. Hirv to approve Halloween activities for October 31, 2021 and a donation of \$100.00 towards treat bags. The parade will begin at 5PM at the old clinic parking lot. Trick or Treat will be from 5 PM - 7 PM. A huge thank you to Kristi Fullerton and the Halloween committee for their time and dedication to the kids. Motion carried.
7. Discussion with Rustin Lingbeek with Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc. about the sewer / lagoon project. An extension of compliance schedule was granted from the DNR to allow for further data collection. Rustin further suggested that the City take advantage of the delay and consider proceeding with the water tower project and apply for American Rescue Plan funds.
8. Motion Hoffarth, sec. Arndt to approve purchase of Band Stand plaque from D&D printing in Mason City. The plaque will be placed above the stairwell and will be made of aluminum with black backing and bronze lettering to mimic the Veteran's memorial design. Motion carried.
9. Darlene Eaton with GROW reported that their first newsletter was sent and hoped everyone enjoyed it. The Main Avenue flowers will be removed on Thursday and the new flower barrels have arrived for next season's planting.
10. Discussion concerning hunting at the City Wastewater Facility was held.
11. Public Works Director Randy Schweizer reported that hydrants were flushed, East Main Avenue sidewalks in the 100 block are finished, City Hall downspouts were repaired and a new driveway is being installed behind City Hall.
12. Mayor Johnson reported that two nuisance vehicles were removed by owner at the City's request. A letter is being drafted by the City Attorney in regards to a nuisance property.

13. Motion Hoffarth, sec. Hirv to adjourn at 8:50 PM

September Receipts: General \$15,372.24, Library \$1,155.85, Road Use \$12,611.95, Employee Benefits \$1,664.33, Emergency Fund \$264.50, LOST \$6,865.03, Debt Service \$1,507.99, Capital Street Projects \$103,098.09, Water \$14,897.13, Water Deposit \$200.00, Sewer \$11,588.65

September Disbursements: General \$34,649.80, Library \$3,804.71, Road Use \$104,297.07, Employee Benefits \$3,845.69, Debt Service \$250.00, Capital Street Project \$103,098.09, Capital Water Meter Project \$2,241.55, Water \$12,501.36, Water Deposit Return \$300.00, Sewer \$10,923.94

Scott Johnson
Mayor

Jessica Meyer
Deputy City Clerk