

ROCKFORD CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 16, 2022

1. The Rockford City Council met in regular session at City Hall on Tuesday, August 16, 2022. Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. Present Council Members Brent Medlin, Carol Hoffarth, Sharon Enabnit, Jerry Schlader; Absent Alexandria Seibert. Citizens present were Karen Schlader, Mike & Pat Sinning, Brett Fenton, Sue VanLaere, Janette Lien, Rick Palmer, Peg Huisman, Dianne Christeson, Sandi Willman, Kathy Carter, Nancy Crowe, Diane Marker, Angie Johnson, Jan Lukes, Lee Dodge, Darlene Eaton, Rustin Lingbeek with SEH, and Employee Randy Schweizer.

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

2. Motion Schlader, sec. Medlin to approve the agenda consisting of July 14, 2022 Council Minutes, Monthly Reports, Claims & Expenses and Liquor License for YESWAY. All ayes. Motion carried.
3. Discussion held concerning Sewer/Lagoon Project. We will continue to monitor the effluent quality.
4. Discussion held concerning Water Tower Project. Motion Hoffarth, second Enabnit to sign tower construction permit. All Ayes. Motion carried.
5. Discussion held concerning 109 W Main Avenue Property owned by City. Estimates for repair need to be obtained to determine further action.
6. Discussion held concerning nuisance at 500 Riverview Drive.
7. Motion Schlader, second Medlin to reject sealed bid for 2000 Chevy Pickup Truck and to take truck to auction. All Ayes. Motion carried.
8. Discussion held concerning signage for the Floyd County Freedom Rock. Randy Schweizer will apply to the IOWA DOT for signs to be placed along Hwy 14 and the Avenue of the Saints.
9. Discussion held concerning the upcoming deadline for Floyd County Foundation Grant applications. Angie Johnson encouraged the council to apply by September 30, 2022 and offered her guidance.
10. Motion Hoffarth, second Schlader to approve Resolution 2022-18 Transfer of Emergency Funds to General in the amount of \$5,822.00. All Ayes. Motion carried.
11. Motion Medlin, second Schlader to approve Resolution 2022-19 Transfer of Water funds to the Capital Water Meter Project Fund in the amount of \$31,326.30. All Ayes. Motion carried.
12. Motion Enabnit, second Schlader to move next meeting date to September 20, 2022 at 7:30 PM. All Ayes. Motion carried.
13. Motion Hoffarth, second Enabnit to approve Resolution 2022-20 setting W.C. Johnson 1st Addition Lots 3 & 4 out for sealed bid. Bids will be due to Rockford City Hall by September 19, 2022 at 4:00 PM. One bid per lot per bidder may be given. A \$5,000.00 minimum bid per lot is set. The council retains the right to refuse any and all bids. Bids will be opened at Public Hearing on September 20, 2022 at 7:30 PM. Cash payments will be required at the close of property transfer. All Ayes roll call vote. Motion carried.
14. Discussion held concerning JC Construction estimate for handicap parking improvements at City Hall. A new estimate is requested to add additional parking spaces.

15. Motion Hoffarth, sec. Schlader that Ordinance #254 Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rockford, Iowa, 2020, by Amending Provisions Pertaining to Streets and Sidewalks for the consideration of vacation portion of 2nd Street S.E. South of Main Avenue and North of the North Line Extended of the East-West Alley in Blocks 1 and 6 in the original plat of the town of Rockford, Floyd County, Iowa be put upon its final passage and officially adopted upon publication. Passed all ayes roll call vote. Mayor declared said Ordinance duly adopted.
16. The following comments were made in reference to the above ordinance amendment addressed to our Mayor and Council: It has been brought to my attention that a business would like to locate in downtown Rockford. What a godsend! We have all wanted this for a long time. Just think of the revenue that would bring to our city and to Floyd County. Our City would receive additional real estate tax revenue, along with the electric, water and sewer utilities. The local option sales tax (LOST) would also be increased. The LOST is distributed to all cities within our county on a monthly basis, ten months out of the year. With the possibility of more sales in Floyd County, we would then be receiving additional funds from this tax. Last year alone, the City of Rockford received over \$90,000 just from LOST. A portion of the new playground equipment placed in Wyatt Park was purchased from LOST funds. Just think of all the benefits we have already received and what the future could bring. With all the organizations and individuals in town that have done such a beautiful job with the boulevard, the flower pots, and Main Avenue lighting projects; what has everyone said?: “We need to bring businesses to town!” and now we have one that wants to come, let us be a part of bringing them here. At this point I wouldn’t be concerned about the cost to the City or Light Plant because we will get it back tenfold in the future. Don’t let small concerns be the factor in letting this opportunity pass us by. You, as Mayor and City Council, should be proud of having been elected by citizens of Rockford to represent them. Be proud you are the ones wearing the hat that does this fantastic thing for Rockford. I know it takes a lot of time and dedication to accomplish such a project. Let’s all get together and GROW Rockford Together! This could be the start of something BIG!! - Diane Marker
17. Employee Randy Schweizer reported that hydrants were flushed and discussed road safety hazards along 7th Street NW and 2nd Avenue NW.
18. Mayor Johnson reported on abandoned buildings, estimates, and that contracts with First Link LLC should be completed by end of month.
19. Motion Hoffarth, sec. Schlader to adjourn at 8:53 P.M.

July Receipts: General \$16,589.38, Library \$6,955.36, Road Use \$8,020.90, Employee Benefits \$435.91, Emergency Fund \$69.27, LOST \$7,471.92, Debt Service \$394.97, Water \$14,522.75, Sewer \$10,854.93.

July Disbursements: General \$45,744.40, Library \$3,334.73, Road Use \$15,103.79, Employee Benefits \$4,406.53, Cap WA Meter Project \$2,241.55, Water \$20,553.15, Sewer \$16,014.72

Scott Johnson
Mayor

Jessica Meyer
Deputy Clerk