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1. The Rockford City Council met in regular session at City Hall on Tuesday, October 10, 2023. Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. Present was Council Members Hoffarth, Enabnit, Schlader, Medlin and Seibert absent. Citizens present were Scott Gruis, Spenser Gruis and Elizabeth Enabnit with Farm Bureau Financial Services. Employee present was Randy Schweizer.

Motion Enabnit, 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 September 12, 2023 Council Minutes, Monthly Reports, Claims & Expenses. All ayes. Motion carried.
3. No action was taken on the Water Tower Project.
4. No action was taken on the Sewer Lagoon Project.
5. Motion Enabnit, sec. Medlin to approve purchase of a V-Plow for \$10,500.00 from Stellar Truck & Trailer for the public works Ford Pickup. All ayes. Motion carried.
6. Elizabeth Enabnit with Farm Bureau Financial discussed with the council her concerns about the property of 109 W. Main Ave. She informed the council that she has turned in several complaints about the condition of the property over the last couple years. She told the council that she had done some remodeling this spring to the inside of her office and that there were some ceiling tiles ruined due to water from the roof leaking. She also had her roof inspected to be replaced this fall and was told in order to have it done correctly the roof would need to be terminated in the adjacent walls to the East and West and that any termination of the structure would not be eligible for any kind of manufacture or workmanship warranty because of the disrepair of 109 W Main Ave building. The council briefly reminded her of the inspection the city had done in October 2021 from SEH Engineering for the property and that they were looking into the complaint. The council discussed with her that they hired Iowa Wall Sawing Company in November 2022 for the removal of the unstable bricks on the west side of the property to ensure it was stable for her to be able to fix her roof immediately. The council discussed their concerns about the shared common wall between her property and 109 W. Main Ave. They would like to research grants to offset expenses and to plan a scheduled timeframe to budget for the removal of the building in the future.
7. Motion Enabnit, sec. Schlader to approve moving forward with the planning of a timeframe to budget expenses and to apply for grants to help pay the cost to demolish the property at 109 W. Main Ave. All ayes. Motion carried.
8. Motion Hoffarth, sec. Enabnit to approve the Rockford Holiday Stroll on Main Street on December 9th, 2023 and to block off streets during the event. All ayes. Motion carried.
9. Discussion was held on different options where the Rockford Historical Society can store some of their items.

10. Motion Schlader, sec. Hoffarth to approve the Annual Financial Report. All ayes.
Motion carried.
11. Motion Schlader, sec. Enabnit to approve Resolution #2023-37 setting standard mileage rate at 65.5 cents per miles. Passed all ayes roll call vote.
12. Discussion was held with Mayor Johnson getting quotes from Jendro on going to garbage carts for garbage rather than using their orange garbage bags. Council mentioned to look into Red Can as well to see what their cost would be as well.
13. Public Works Employee Randy Schweizer reported on calls, waterline work by the property of the Dollar General Store, spraying of weeds, filling in the sides of the new sidewalks with dirt at Central Park, fixing the storm sewer on 4th St. S.E., and that First Link with the Dollar General Store plans to have material here and to start on the outside frame of building around October 16th.
14. Mayor Johnson reported on the 109 W. Main Ave property, the garbage rates with Jendro, and working with Pappa Johns on some different grants.
15. Council member Schlader discussed with the council his thoughts on helping offset expenses for the Senior Center. Before any further discussions the council would like to see their revenue & expense financials. Council members Enabnit and Hoffarth informed the council that they have the paperwork turned into the Floyd County Community Foundation for the Rockford West Park Improvement Phase II project.
16. Motion Hoffarth, sec. Enabnit to adjourn at 8:35 P.M.

September Receipts: General \$14,994.53, Library \$1,680.56, Road Use \$11,842.66, Employee Benefits \$681.72, Emergency \$84.80, LOST \$7,953.49, Debt Service \$515.47, Water Capital Project \$829.80, Water \$23,620.63, Water Deposits \$500.00, Sewer \$14,934.13

September Disbursements: General \$19,059.50, Library \$2,437.12, Road Use \$2,022.44, Employee Benefits \$2,728.16, Debt Service \$250.00, Water Capital Project \$30.00, Water \$15,971.49, Water Deposit Refunds \$200.00, Sewer \$11,414.60.

Scott Johnson
Mayor

Pamela Hopper
City Clerk

