

## ROCKFORD CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

October 8, 2024

7:30 P.M.

1. The Rockford City Council met in regular session at City Hall on Tuesday, October 8, 2024. Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. Present was council Members Schlader, Seibert, and Johnson. Medlin and Enabnit were both absent. Citizens present were Bill Dow, Chris Diggins with NIACOG, Spenser Gruis; Scott Gruis at 7:33 P.M and Rustin Lingbeek with SEH at 7:33 P.M. and Employee's present were Randy Schweizer and Dan Paulus.

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

2. Motion Johnson, sec. Schlader to approve the consent agenda consisting of September 10<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Council Minutes, Monthly Reports, Claims & Expenses. Passed all ayes. Motion carried.
3. Motion Johnson, sec. Schlader to approve Change Orders #5 & #6 for Deduct for city installing power line to tower & contract final quantity adjustments for SRF for the East Water Tower and Well Project. Passed all ayes. Motion carried.
4. Motion Seibert, sec. Johnson to approve processing the Final Payment Certificate No. 3 for the East Water Tower and Well Project and to hold the payment until all necessary paperwork is in. Passed all ayes. Motion carried.
5. Discussion was held with Chris Diggins from NIACOG explaining to the council the City of Rockford's LMI% number came in this last month and the city is now at 51.9% LMI. What that means is that the city's percentage now is above the prior % threshold and that we will now need to do surveys door to door to see if the City of Rockford will be eligible for CDBG funding for the required Sewer Lagoon Project to be updated to DNR standard.
6. Mayor Johnson informed the council that Zimmerman's Digging & Demo who the city hired for building demolition at 109 W. Main Ave will be starting by the end of this month.
7. Councilwoman Seibert discussed with the council that the park committee will hold off on applying this year for the Floyd County Community Grant at West Park for the tennis court. There will need to be planning on additional funding for the project.
8. Motion Johnson, sec. Seibert to approve variance at 705 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave NW for a 6ft fence with the proper setbacks. Passed all ayes. Motion carried.
9. Motion Schlader, sec. Seibert to approve the Rockford Holiday Stroll on Main Street that is on December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024 and to block off streets during this event. Passed all ayes. Motion carried.
10. Motion Johnson, sec. Schlader to approve the Annual Financial Report. Passed all ayes. Motion carried.

11. Motion Johnson, sec. Schlader to approve hiring Public Works Assistant Daniel Paulus to be the new Public Works Director starting January 1, 2025. Passed all ayes. Motion carried.
12. Employee and Benefits committee will be meeting at the end of this week to go over applications for the City's Public Works Assistant position.
13. Public Works Employee Randy Schweizer reported on the Annual DNR inspection, tree removals, stump grinding, getting equipment ready for winter, and needing to purchase a new quick attach for the skid loader.
14. Mayor Johnson informed the council that he talked with DNR about derelict buildings and the different options available to the city. He also would like the Public Works to look into the cost of solar powered flashing speed zone signs.
15. Councilman Johnson discussed with the council that there has been a couple citizens concerned about bats in their attics. The citizens were wondering if the council could look into putting up bat houses.
16. Motion Seibert, sec. Schlader to adjourn at 8:31 P.M.

September Receipts: General \$11,887.47, Library \$2,318.87, Road Use \$12,041.77, Employee Benefits \$120.00, LOST \$6,750.90, Debt Service \$96.74, Water Capital Project \$246,780.70, Water \$24,879.23, Water Deposits \$300.00, Sewer \$15,634.18

September Disbursements: General \$16,941.04, Library \$4,424.38, Road Use \$577.28, Employee Benefits \$2,876.95, Debt Service \$250.00, Water Capital Project \$371,925.70, Water \$14,395.14, Sewer \$12,513.98.

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Scott Johnson  
Mayor

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Pamela Hopper  
City Clerk

