

# Rockford Community Newsletter

June brings warmer weather along with the first day of summer on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Rockford Spring Clean Up from the 5<sup>th</sup> through the 9<sup>th</sup>. Flag Day on the 14<sup>th</sup> and Father's Day on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

## **ROCKFORD CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING    MAY 14, 2024, 7:30 P.M.**

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. Present were Council Members Seibert, Johnson, Enabnit, and Schlader with Medlin absent. Citizens present were Daniel Tegtmeier with Iowa Northern Railway Company, Chris Kehoe and Dave Hoffman with Jendro Sanitation, Tony & Yolanda Harden, Bill Dow, Fran DeGroot, Spenser Gruis, Rustin Lingbeek with SEH @ 7:46 P.M. and Public Works Employee Randy Schweizer.

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

1. Discussion was held with Fran DeGroot on her concerns with the sound level in the community center room. She asked the council if they would consider adding more sound barriers to the wall or the ceiling.
2. City resident Bill Dow asked the council to share his flyer for the Annual Light UP Wyatt for Christmas event that will run from November 29 to January 6 to the city's website and Facebook page.
3. Motion Enabnit, sec. Seibert to open Public Hearing at 7:34 P.M. for discussing Ordinance #259 to raise water volume rates. Passed all ayes roll call vote. Mayor Johnson asked for any written or oral objections or comments: there being none, Motion Schlader, sec. Enabnit to close Public Hearing at 7:35 P.M.

Motion Johnson, sec. Schlader to put upon its first reading Ordinance #259, Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rockford, Iowa, amending provisions pertaining to water volume rates. Passed by the following roll call vote. Ayes: Johnson, Enabnit, Schlader, and Seibert.

4. Motion Seibert, sec. Enabnit to open Public Hearing at 7:36 P.M. for discussion Ordinance #260 to raise sewer volume rates. Passed all ayes roll call vote. Mayor Johnson asked for any written or oral objections or comments: there being none, Motion Schlader, sec. Enabnit to close Public Hearing at 7:37 P.M.

Motion Seibert, sec. Johnson to put upon its first reading Ordinance #260, Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rockford, Iowa, amending provisions pertaining to sewer volume rates. Passed by the following roll call vote. Ayes: Enabnit, Schlader, Seibert, and Johnson.

5. Motion Enabnit, sec. Schlader to approve consent agenda consisting of both April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Council Minutes, and April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, Council Minutes, Monthly Reports, and Claims & Expenses. Passed all ayes. Motion carried.
6. Discussion was held with Daniel Tegtmeier with Iowa Northern Railway Company to see if the city would be willing to close the railroad crossings on 2<sup>nd</sup> St SE, 1<sup>st</sup> St S, and 3<sup>rd</sup> St SW for safety concerns. Discussion was also held on different options for the railroad depot.
7. Discussion was held on Tree Variance at 501 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave NE.
8. Discussion was held with Rustin Lingbeek from SEH on the water tower project.
9. Motion Enabnit, sec. Seibert to approve Rustin Lingbeek with SEH to submit the Anti Deg Report on the Wastewater Treatment Facility. Passed all ayes. Motion carried.
10. Discussion was held with Rustin Lingbeek with SEH on looking into different finance options for the Wastewater Facility Project.
11. Motion Seibert, sec. Enabnit to approve JC Construction bid of \$12,500 for concrete work in the south side of the Public Works building. Passed all ayes. Motion carried.

12. Street patch for 8<sup>th</sup> Street SE was tabled until the next meeting.
13. Motion Seibert, sec. Enabnit to approve the bid from Federal Fire Equipment for \$1,025.00 for installation of cellular radio to the security alarm at City Hall. Passed all ayes. Motion carried.
14. Discussion was held with Chris Kehoe with Jendro Sanitation and setting up a meeting with the Solid Waste Committee and Mayor for discussions on the garbage contract.
15. Motion Enabnit, sec. Schlader to approve Mayor Johnson's appointment of Mark Reams Library Board Trustee for a six-year term, with the term to expire on June 30, 2030. Passed all ayes. Motion carried.
16. Motion Johnson, sec. Schlader to approve Resolution #2024-11 transfer of Road Use Funds to Capital Street Project Fund. Passed all ayes roll call vote.
17. Motion Schlader, sec. Enabnit to approve Resolution #2024-12 transfer of LOST Funds to Capital Street Project Fund. Passed all ayes roll call vote.
18. Motion Johnson, sec. Seibert to approve Resolution #2024-13 transfer of Water Funds to Capital Improvement Fund. Passed all ayes roll call vote.
19. Motion Seibert, sec. Enabnit to approve Resolution #2024-14 transfer of Water Funds to Capital Water Tower Fund. Passed all ayes roll call vote.
20. Motion Enabnit, sec. Johnson to approve Resolution #2024-15 approving the Designation of SLFRF Funds. Passed all ayes roll call vote.
21. Public Works employee Randy Schweizer reported on the black topping of roads, city tree removal, and the water tower project.
22. Motion Enabnit, sec. Seibert to adjourn at 9:25 P.M.

## What's Happening

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**Grow Rockford Together**-The next meeting will be on Sunday June 30th at 7:00pm at City Hall. Everyone is invited to attend.

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**Rockford Spring Clean Up**-The dump will be open Wed 6/5 and Thur 6/6 from 1-6p, Fri 6/7 1-8p, Sat 6/8 8a-6p, and Sun 6/9 8-5p for Rockford City Residents only. Contact City Hall with questions on what can be dumped at 756-3718. If you do not have the ability to take your items to the dump, Jerry Schalder has volunteered to pick up items on Wed, Thur, and Fri mornings only. Contact him at 641-430-4321.

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**Grant Writing**-Monthly grant writing for June and July is cancelled, next session on Friday, Aug 2nd at 9:00am at the mayor's residence. Anyone interested in applying for a grant of any kind is welcome to attend.

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**North Central Iowa Genealogical Society**- June 8, 2024, program will be presented by Mary Beth (Sartor) Obermeyer. Ms. Obermeyer is the grandchild of Dr. Pierre/Peter Sartor, a country doctor who treated patients in Kossuth County Iowa during the Influenza Pandemic of 1918-1919+. Ms. Obermeyer has written a book titled "WHEN WINTER CAME" detailing her grandfather's service. Ms. Obermeyer will be presenting via Zoom from Minneapolis MN to the NCIGS facility. Meeting at 1:30 p.m., public is invited to attend at: 75 S. Georgia Ave in Mason City IA

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**Floyd County Conservation- Volunteer Day Jun 1** at the riverbend Wildlife Area, Riverside Ave Charles City. **Summer Festival Jun 8 10a-2p** at the Rockford Brick and Tile kiln site in the Fossil & Prairie Park. Discover the history of the Rockford Brick & Tile Co. Activities for the whole family. Food will be available with a free-will donation. **Worm Hunt Jun 8 8p.** Learning Center Tosanak Recreation Area, Marble Rock. Wear shoes that can get wet/dirty and bring a flashlight. **River Float Jun 11.** Begin at the Fossil & Prairie Park and take out at Tosanak. **Women in the Woods with Wine Jun 27 7-9p.** Women 21+ at Tosonak learning Center. Register online. Cost is \$15 Please call 641-756-3490 or email [fpcenter@myomnitl.com](mailto:fpcenter@myomnitl.com) for more information and reservations. Please visit Floyd County Conservation Facebook page and/or floydcoia.org to stay current on events and information.

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**Welcome to Rockford!** Welcome to the community Roger Burnett for making Rockford your new home. We hope you thrive here and are happy you chose Rockford as your home.

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**Rockford Public Library-** Book Club on Thur June 20th at 11:00am. Knitting/Crochet Club Tues June 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:00p and Tues June 25th at 1:00p.

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Donations of paper for printing the Newsletter are appreciated and can be dropped off at City Hall. Monetary donations for the Newsletter can be made at First Security bank to the Grow Rockford account. Note that the donation is for the Newsletter. Thank you!

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**New business-**Rockford welcomes Tate & Millies and Pammie Too Consignment. Located at 17 2<sup>nd</sup> St (across from the Dollar General) opened May 29<sup>th</sup>. Hours are Tues 9-12, Wed 9-5, Thu 9-5, Fri 9-5, Sat 9-12. Check it out.

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**Customer Questionnaire for Lead and Copper Testing of Drinking Water in the City of Rockford-**The City is required to have a minimum number of surveys completed. To date the city is still short of the minimum number of completed surveys. If you have not completed this survey yet, please complete the survey in this Newsletter and return. You will receive a \$5.00 credit on your water bill for completing this survey. Thank you.



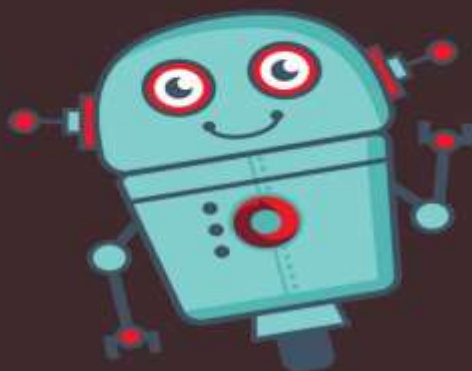
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# Customer Questionnaire for Lead and Copper Testing of Drinking Water in the City of Rockford

The City of Rockford Water Supply is required to do Lead and Copper testing at least every three years at different locations within our distribution system. In order to compile a database of the materials used in our customer's service lines and plumbing required by our sampling plan, please take a few minutes to complete and return this questionnaire. By doing so, we will credit your water utility account \$5.00.

Return to:

City of Rockford  
PO Box 403  
Rockford, IA 50468

Or

City of Rockford Drop Box

We thank you for your cooperation in helping us with this to continue to serve clean and safe drinking water to our customers.

### Contact Information

Name of Person filling out this questionnaire: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number should we have questions: \_\_\_\_\_

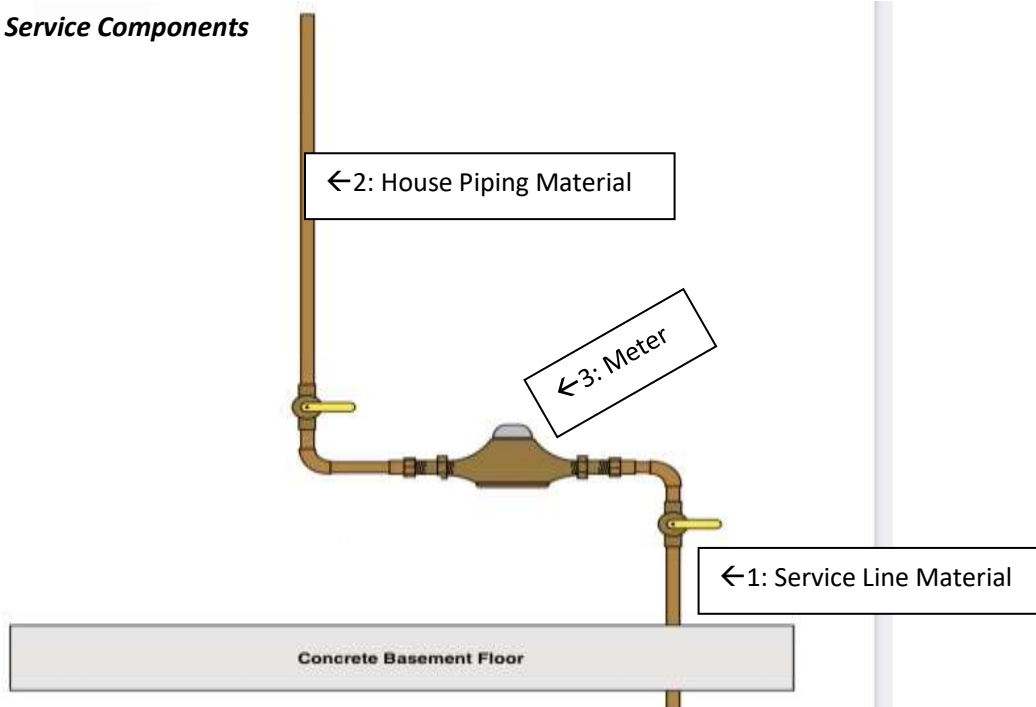
### Property Information

Address (use separate sheet for each property): \_\_\_\_\_

Type:       Single Family                       Multi-Family                       Commercial                       Industrial

Year Built:    Before 1988                       After 1988

### Water Service Components



**USE THIS TEMPLATE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ON BACK OF SHEET.**

**Materials List**

What material is your service line (1) made of? (Check all that apply)

- Lead       Copper       Galvanized steel       P.E. (polyethylene)

When was the service line going into your house or business installed?

- Before 1988       After 1988

What material are the pipes in your house or business made of (2)? (Check all that apply)

- Lead       Copper       Galvanized       PVC       PEX

How old are the pipes inside your house?

- Installed before 1988       Installed after 1988

Do you have a water softener or a whole home water purification system or any other treatment device installed in your house or business?

- Yes       No

If you answered yes to question 5, do you have an untreated, cold water kitchen or bathroom faucet?

- Yes       No

If your home or business meets the criteria for lead and copper sampling, would you be willing to participate in this testing? During testing, a Water Supply Employee would bring an empty bottle to your house, provide you with documentation and instructions on collecting the sample, and pick it up the next morning. Sampling frequency is typically every three years.

- Yes       No

**Thank you for participating in this survey; the data collected will allow us to provide accurate sampling and test results to determine the level of lead and copper found in our homes and businesses and to make appropriate treatment changes to lower or eliminate lead or copper leaching from service lines, plumbing, and fixtures in our customers' homes and businesses.**

**If you have any questions about this survey or need help determining what kind of pipes you have etc., please contact Dan to set up an appointment.**

**Dan Paulus  
(641) 420-8538**

**Or:**

**Randy Schweizer  
(641) 330-0057**

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 Community Meals [\(641-756-3581\)](tel:6417563581)

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**Holy Name Catholic Church**

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**Rockford Public Library**

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