

**City of Rockford, Minnesota Council Workshop Minutes
5:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 23rd, 2023**

The City Council Workshop was called to Order by Mayor Renee Hafften at 5 p.m. Council members Denise Willenbring, Wyatt Gutzke, Mike Werman and Heather Michalik were in attendance.

City Administrator / Attorney, Dan Madsen; and City Engineer, Steve Hegland were also in attendance.

Members of the Staff and Council discussed the RRFB project that could be installed at High Street and County Road 33 and the nominees for the 2022 Volunteer of the Year. No formal action was taken, as these matters were set on for discussion purposes only.

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**City of Rockford, Minnesota Council Meeting Minutes
6:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 23rd, 2023**

The City Council Meeting was called to Order by Mayor Renee Hafften at 7:26 p.m. Council members Denise Willenbring, Wyatt Gutzke, Mike Werman and Heather Michalik were in attendance.

City Administrator / Attorney, Dan Madsen; Deputy Cassidy of the Wright County Sheriff's Department and City Engineer, Steve Hegland were also in attendance.

A motion was made by Werman, and seconded by Michalik, to approve the Consent Agenda Items 2A through 2F as listed and set the Agenda for the Council Meeting:

- 2A. Approve Minutes from the May 9th, 2023 Workshop and Regular Council Meeting
- 2B. Approve Payment of Claims, check number 35162 through 35204 totaling \$179,657.91
- 2C. Approve Draft Fish Dream Brewing Purchase Agreement
- 2D. Approve Draft Fish Dream Brewing Development Agreement
- 2E. Approve Liquor Licenses for 2023-3034
- 2F. Approve Resolution, Rockford Trap Team Raffle
- 2G. Approve Resolution, Wright County Hazard Mitigation Plan
- 2H. Approve Resolution, Hennepin County Speed Reduction, County Road 50

Motion Carried: Voting in favor; Hafften, Willenbring, Werman, Michalik, Gutzke.

Wright County Commissioner, Kevin Anderson, provided an update on the latest happenings from Hennepin County and discussed his priorities on transportation and housing initiatives. Members of the Staff and Council discussed housing and legislative changes, and the Council thanked Commissioner Anderson for his time in appearing before the Council.

Wright County Deputy Sheriff Cassidy shared with Staff and the Council that there were 415 calls for service over the past month, and 183 case reports filed during this same period of time.

Deputy Cassidy reminded people to close their garage doors and lock their cars at night, as there has been a rash of vandalism and theft in the area.

New Business: Rockford Lions Donation and Maintenance of Veteran’s Memorial.

Scott Soukup of the Rockford Lions and Veteran’s Memorial Committee presented a check for \$125,000 to the Rockford City Council as a donation to cover half of the cost of the Memorial construction. The Lions also agreed to provide snow maintenance of the Memorial including clearing the lighting free from snow so the flags could be illuminated during the winter months. After discussion and conversation, members of the Council thanked Soukup and the Rockford Lions for their partnership on the Memorial project and for the donation. Motion was then made by Willenbring, and seconded by Michalik, to approve the Resolution and accept the Donation.

Motion Carried: Voting in favor; Hafften, Willenbring, Werman, Michalik, Gutzke.

New Business: 2022 Volunteer of the Year.

Members of the Staff and Council discussed the 2022 Volunteer of the Year Nominees – the Rockford H.S. Track Team and the Rockford Food Shelf. After review of the applications, members of the Council voted by blind ballot for their preferred Volunteer of the Year. Madsen collected the votes and noted that the votes were unanimous. The winner would be contacted and invited to the next Council Meeting for recognition.

Members of the Staff and Council then discussed other general updates related to the city including updates regarding the upcoming Memorial Day Lions Pork Chop Feed, Memorial Parade and events, and the amount of legislation that was passed and needed to be reviewed.

Motion was then made by Werman, and seconded by Gutzke, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion Carried: Voting in favor: Hafften, Willenbring, Werman, Gutzke and Michalik, and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:59 p.m.

Typed this 6th day of June, 2023.

Dan Madsen
City Administrator / City Attorney
City of Rockford Minnesota

All meetings of the Rockford City Council are video recorded and available for viewing on-line at www.cityofrockford.org. Meeting minutes are intended to be a general synopsis of the meetings of the City Council, and more detail regarding discussions and policy considerations is provided by watching the recording of the meeting.

Approved:

Renee Hafften
Mayor

Attest:

Dan Madsen
City Administrator / City Attorney