

**City of Rockford, Minnesota Council Meeting Minutes  
5:30 p.m., Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

The City Council Meeting was called to Order by Mayor Renee Hafften at approximately 6 p.m. Council members Scott Seymour, Debbie Buoy, Willenbring and Mike Werman were in attendance.

City Administrator / Attorney, Dan Madsen; and Trevor Brummer, Public Works Director, were also in attendance.

**New Business: 2023 Budget and Preliminary Property Tax Levy**

Madsen explained that this Special Council Meeting was set on to discuss and review the 2023 Proposed Preliminary Property Tax Levy and Draft Budget. Madsen explained that as presented, the budget reflected an increase in the property tax levy of approximately \$202,227, or 10.07%, from the levied amount of \$1,804,500 in 2021. Madsen reviewed in detail the Debt Service levy and Ad Valorem levy, and discussed various line items that could be reduced to lower the impact of the levy. Additionally, Madsen explained that based upon new homes being built and contributing to the taxable market value of the City, the impact of the property tax levy would likely be approximately 4% lower than the actual numbers imply. In this additional discussion, it was proposed to reduce the placeholder for employee compensation by 5%, providing roughly \$38,690 that would then be transferred to the Contingency line-item to protect the budgets against cost overruns.

Members of the Council and Staff concluded the discussion reviewing the impact of the Debt Service schedule, Fire Department Capital Improvement Funding and Depreciation, and the overall revenues and expenses of the budget.

Motion was then made by Seymour, and seconded by Willenbring, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion Carried: Voting in favor; Hafften, Buoy, Seymour, and Werman and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:00 p.m.

Typed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022

Dan Madsen  
City Administrator, Special Counsel  
City of Rockford Minnesota

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Approved:

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Renee Hafften  
Mayor

Attest:

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Dan Madsen  
City Administrator, Special Counsel