

**City of Rockford, Minnesota Council Meeting Minutes**  
**6:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

The City Council Meeting was called to Order by Mayor Renee Hafften at approximately 6 p.m. Council members Scott Seymour, Ted Hill, Debbie Buoy and Rick Martinson were present.

Wright County Sheriff, Deputy Price; Wright County Commissioner, Michael Potter; City Council Candidate, Denise Willenbring; City Engineer, Steve Helgand; Public Works Director, Trevor Brummer; and Deputy Clerk, Audra Etzel were also in attendance.

**Set Agenda and Approve Consent Agenda Items:**

A **MOTION** was made Hill, and seconded by Seymour, to approve the Consent Agenda Items 3A through 3D as listed and set the Agenda for the Council Meeting:

- 3A. Approve Minutes from the August 12, 2020 Workshop and Special Council Meeting
- 3B. Approve Payment of Claims, Check Number: 31529 through 31583; and Check Number 502533E through 502536E totaling \$65,355.25
- 3C. Resolution #20-31/Certify Delinquent Garbage Bills
- 3D Resolution #20-32/LG214 Gambling Premises Permit Application for 8210 Bridge St

Motion Carried: Voting in favor; Hafften, Buoy, Hill, Martinson, and Seymour.

**New Business: Accept Council Member Hill's Resignation**

Mayor Hafften said she received Council Member Ted Hill's resignation. She and the Council were saddened to learn he was moving out of the city limits. Council Member Hill stated it was a hard decision, they wanted to downsize and their house sold in a day. Ted thanked the citizens and staff for their support the last six years.

**MOTION** was made by Martinson, and seconded by Buoy, to accept the resignation of Council Member Ted Hill, effective August 31, 2020.

Motion Carried: Voting in favor; Hafften, Buoy, Hill, Martinson, and Seymour.

**New Business: Rocktoberfest and Fireworks**

Members of the Council discussed Rocktoberfest planned for September 26<sup>th</sup>. It was with much sadness the Council will cancel the event due to Covid-19 restrictions and

health concern. Council discussed using the fireworks budgeted for Rockford River Days to host a fireworks display at a date to be determined at an upcoming meeting.

**MOTION** was made by Hafften, and seconded by Hill, to host the fireworks budgeted for Rockford River Days on a date to be determined at an upcoming meeting.

Motion Carried: Voting in favor; Hafften, Buoy, Hill, Martinson, and Seymour.

and

**MOTION** was made by Martinson, and seconded by Seymour, to cancel the Rocktoberfest event due to Covid-19 restrictions and safety concerns.

Motion Carried: Voting in favor; Hafften, Buoy, Hill, Martinson, and Seymour.

**Staff Updates:**

Deputy Price reminded residents to lock their vehicles and homes.

Members of the Staff and Council discussed current events and provided updates regarding various matters involving: capital improvements, Parkwood 4<sup>th</sup>, infrastructure issues: storm sewer & sink hole, Kwik Trip opening on 9/24, repairs to Utility Drive, well #5 update, pump #1 and other pumps, budgets, demolition of the playground in Riverside Park, water samples are being driven to St. Paul by staff, new construction and an alternate clean-up day option.

Mayor Hafften stated we will miss Council Member Hill after serving on the City Council these past six years.

**Open Forum:**

Mayor Hafften called for open forum. Wright County Commissioner Potter gave updates on: Highway 55 Collation meeting including: Federal funding, grants, 2010 Census numbers still allows for funding for Highway 55 from Arrow Head to Loretto, also 38% of Wright County voters voted absentee, over 50 plats anticipated, Justice Center opening 10/12, Training Center open, back-up 411 location, \$1.8 Million CARES Funds – looking at offering \$20,000 grants with applications starting 8/26 and the accessors dashboard had \$318 million in new construction.

**Adjournment:**

**MOTION** was then made by Hill, and seconded by Seymour, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion Carried: Motion Carried: Voting in favor; Hafften, Buoy, Hill and Martinson, and Seymour and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:44 p.m.

Typed this 27<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020.

Audra Etzel  
Deputy Clerk  
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