

City of Rockford, Minnesota Council Meeting Minutes  
6:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017

The meeting was called to Order by Mayor Renee Hafften at 6:00 p.m. Council members Debbie Buoy, and Ted Hill were present. Council Member Martinson was absent.

City Administrator / Special Counsel, Dan Madsen; City Engineer, Jared Ward; Alaina Rooker, Crow River News; and Steve Hegland, Wenck and Associates, and Trevor Brummer, Public Works Director were also in attendance.

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

- 3A. Approve Minutes from the June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Regular Council Meeting
- 3B. Approve Payment of Claims, Check Number 27491 through Check Number 27543 totaling \$82,703.79
- 3C. Approve June Building Permits

Motion Carried: voting in favor; Hafften, Hill and Buoy.

**New Business: Deputy Eric Larson**

Sheriff's Deputy Eric Larson provided an update that activity has remained low in Rockford, but that there were recent reports of people throwing mud at cars. No formal action was taken, as this appearance was for informational purposes only.

**New Business: Rocktoberfest II**

Madsen explained that staff had been working on planning for Rocktoberfest II and provided updates that the event could have two stages; six bands featuring Kat Perkins, Jesse Larson, Chris Hawkey and Shane Martin; the F.D. Auxiliary handling food; the Rockford Area Historical Society handling the beer garden; and the potential to have a "midway" area where other nonprofits could have games to help them generate revenue. The Council discussed these options and generally agreed to the format, bands and preliminary plans for the event. No formal action was taken, as this topic was sent on for discussion and informational purposes only.

**New Business: Resolution #17-25, Joint Cooperative Agreement Community Development Block Grant**

Madsen explained that every three years Hennepin County asked partnering cities to re-approve the Joint Cooperative Agreement that allowed the city to take part in the

Community Development Block Grant Program. The State has a Small Cities block grant which cities can belong to that provides grants based upon applications from all small cities in Minnesota; and Hennepin County also has a grant program that provides grants based upon cities that apply in Hennepin County. The City of Rockford cannot be in both programs, and must choose between the State or Hennepin County programs.

Madsen explained that the Hennepin County program applies to all of Rockford, even those portions that are located in Wright County. Additionally, the services and grants are available directly to residents; where under the State program, the city has to apply to the program on behalf of residents and manage the programs through our staff. Finally, there are more offerings in the Hennepin County program than there are in the State program as it relates to Rockford, and some community groups like WeCan already receive funding through this program. Moving to the State program would cost local groups their current funding.

After additional discussion and review, **MOTION** was made by Hill, and seconded by Buoy, to approve the Resolution #17-25 and Joint Cooperative Agreement with the Hennepin County Community Development Block Grant program.

Motion Carried: voting in favor; Hafften, Hill and Buoy.

Members of Staff and the Council then discussed various items of city interest including seal coating, Outlot E of Hurstwoods ownership and pending development, WCAT, Wellhead Protection and other matters. Commissioner Potter also appeared and provided updates on the new County Sales and Use Tax, Courthouse bidding and design process and other transportation related updates.

A **MOTION** was then made by Hill to adjourn the meeting. This motion was seconded by Buoy.

Motion Carried: voting in favor; Hafften, Hill and Buoy and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:20 p.m.

Typed this 17<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2017.

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