

City of Rockford, Minnesota Council Workshop Minutes 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 22nd, 2022

The City Council Workshop was called to Order by Mayor Pro Tem, Debbie Buoy, at approximately 5 p.m. Council members Debbie Buoy, Scott Seymour, Denise Willenbring and Mike Werman were in attendance. Mayor Renee Hafften was absent.

Members of the Staff and Council discussed the 2023 Proposed Final Budget and Property Tax Levy. Members of Staff and the Council also briefly discussed the Stork House Garage and potential new building in that location. No formal action was taken, as this matter was set on for discussion and informational purposes only.

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The City Council Workshop was called to Order by Mayor Pro Tem, Debbie Buoy, at approximately 6 p.m. Council members Debbie Buoy, Scott Seymour, Denise Willenbring and Mike Werman were in attendance. Mayor Renee Hafften was absent. City Administrator / Attorney, Dan Madsen; and City Engineer, Steve Hegland; Council Member Elect, Wyatt Gutzke; Bonnie Maue, Kevin Koehler, Tom Lemmage, Jan Lammege, Annette Tryon, Mishelle Bartlett and Jeff Nute were also in attendance.

A motion was made by Willenbring, and seconded by Seymour, to approve the Consent Agenda Items 3A and 3E as listed and set the Agenda for the Council Meeting:

- 3A. Approve Minutes from the November 9, 2022 Workshop and Regular Council Meeting
- 3B. Approve Minutes from the November 15, 2022 Special Council Meeting
- 3C. Approve Payment of Claims, Check Number: 34596 through 34634 totaling \$131,595.83
- 3D. Approve Resolution Assessor Service Rate Agreement
- 3E. Approve Parkwood 6th Addition Letter of Credit Reduction

Motion Carried: Voting in favor; Buoy, Seymour, Willenbring and Werman.

New Business: RAHS Stork House Garage

Kevin Koehler and members of the Rockford Area Historical Society presented information and plans for a replacement building they hoped to have built now that the Stork House garage had been removed from the property. Members of the Staff and Council discussed what may work best for that location and what they thought the Community would want built at that location. No formal action was taken, as the matter was set on for informational purposes only. It was discussed that the groups would again meet in the New Year to continue the discussion.

New Business: 2023 Expense and Project List

Administrator / Attorney Madsen reviewed a partial list of all of the projects that had been discussed in 2022, reminding the Council that funding for those projects was not included in the 2023 Budget. Members of the Staff and Council discussed the 2023 Budget and acknowledged that funding was not available for many or most of those projects discussed. Members of the

Staff and Council discussed deficit spending and how that was not a favored policy or practice, and talked about opportunities towards the end of 2023 to review budgets and see if additional purchases or projects could be added. No formal action was taken, as this matter was set on for discussion purposes only.

New Business: 2023 Expense and Project List

Administrator / Attorney Madsen and Engineer Hegland discussed the DNR grant application, and in general other potential grants, for construction of a fishing pier in Riverside Park. Members of the Staff and Council reviewed the process and plan for a fishing pier and agreed to continue the discussion as spring approaches.

Members of the Staff and Council then presented general updates regarding general happenings from around the city, including the Assistant Fire Chief interview process, the 2023 Budget process and snow plowing in Rockford.

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

Motion Carried: Voting in favor; Buoy, Seymour, Willenbring and Werman and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:35 p.m.

Typed this 8th day of December, 2022

Dan Madsen
City Administrator, Special Counsel
City of Rockford Minnesota

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Approved:

Debbie Buoy
Mayor Pro Tem

Attest:

Dan Madsen
City Administrator, Special Counsel