

City of Rockford, Minnesota Council Workshop Minutes  
5:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015

All members of the Rockford City Council met with City Administrator / Special Counsel, Dan Madsen; Kelly Frankenfeld, and Steve Nisbet of Wright Hennepin Electric; and Brian Howe, Chair of RiverWorks to discuss the Solar Garden Agreement and a proposal from RiverWorks on a Mall Lease Agreement. No action was taken on any items, as the discussion was only for informational purposes.

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6:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015

The meeting was called to Order by Mayor Renee Hafften at approximately 6:10 p.m. Council members Debbie Buoy, Rick Martinson, Denise Kesanen and Ted Hill were present. No members were absent.

City Administrator / Special Counsel, Dan Madsen; Kelly Frankenfeld and Steve Nisbet, of Wright Hennepin Electric; Jared Ward of Wenck and Associates; and Public Works Director Trevor Brummer were also in attendance..

\*Approve Consent Agenda/Set Agenda

**MOTION** was made by Martinson, and seconded by Buoy, to set the Council Meeting Agenda and approve all items on the Consent Agenda, 3.A. to 3.E as listed:

3A: Minutes from June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Council Meetings

3B: Payment of Claims from Check #24,795 through #24,835 totaling \$238,882.87

3C: Approve Project/Pay Request #12 KHC Construction, Inc. for \$37,654.79

3D: Approve Project/Change Order #2 KHC Construction, Inc.

3E: Approve Stork House HVAC Request for Proposals / Architectural Services

**MOTION CARRIED-VOTING IN FAVOR: HAFFTEN, BUOY, KESANEN, HILL, AND MARTINSON.**

\* Old Business: Wright Hennepin Solar Array Agreement

Administrator / Counsel Madsen explained that the City and Wright Hennepin have been working together for nearly a year to establish and finalize the Solar Agreement

which is a 25 year cooperative agreement between the parties. The Agreement would place approximately 60 solar panels on the Mall roof, with an additional 271 panels at the Water Tower site for a total of approximately 331 solar panels. This project would have the Rockford City Center Mall being 100% solar, and a potential Phase II would add an additional 163 panels making the City of Rockford 100% solar in Wright Hennepin territory. The benefit of the agreement will be a 7% cost savings for the Term of the Agreement from the city's current metered level of electric energy use.

Administrator / Counsel Madsen explained that the benefit of this deal extended beyond the financial, and included the intrinsic values of partnering with, and supporting, our local Energy Co-op and showing our commitment to solar by moving beyond contractual benefits by providing land to house the panels for the benefit of our community.

During discussion, Council Member Hill expressed his support of Wright Hennepin but noted his concern over the 25 year duration of the agreement and the limited ability for the City to terminate without financial burden.

After additional discussion and review, **MOTION** was made by Martinson, and seconded by Buoy, to approve the Wright Hennepin Solar Agreement, directing staff to draft and publish press releases announcing the project with additional Council review being necessary for any material future changes to the Agreement.

**MOTION CARRIED-VOTING IN FAVOR: HAFFTEN, BUOY, KESANEN AND MARTINSON. OPPOSED: Hill.**

Staff and members of the City Council then provided updates including status of the Park Shelter, general updates regarding the 2014 Utility Projects, updates on Movie in the Park and updates regarding the Stork House HVAC project.

**MOTION** was then made by Martinson, and seconded by Hill, to adjourn the Council Meeting at approximately 6:42 p.m.

**MOTION CARRIED-VOTING IN FAVOR: HAFFTEN, BUOY, KESANEN, HILL, AND MARTINSON.**

Typed this 24<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2015.

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