

City of Rockford, Minnesota Community Meeting Minutes
5:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 12th, 2016

Mayor Renee Hafften and Council Members Debbie Buoy, Jeannette Graner, Ted Hill and Rick Martinson met with City Administrator / Special Counsel, Dan Madsen; City Engineer Jared Ward; Public Works Director, Trevor Brummer; and Len Prysbylski of Select Senior Housing of Rockford, and Michael Knisley of Distyle Design regarding their request to construct senior housing in an outlot located at 8900 Walnut Street, Rockford, Minnesota. This was not a formal meeting, but instead an open discussion on the proposed development and process to review moving forward. No action was taken on any items, as the discussion was only for informational purposes.

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The meeting was called to Order by Mayor Renee Hafften at approximately 6:00 p.m. Council Members Debbie Buoy, Ted Hill, Jeannette Graner and Rick Martinson were also present.

City Administrator / Special Counsel, Dan Madsen; City Engineer, Jared Ward; Public Works Director, Trevor Brummer; Erik Sorenson and family, Volunteer of the Year; Rob Winge, and Joby Rausch, of the Wright County Assessor's Office; Tamara Anderson, Melissa Janzen and Conrad Anderson of the Hennepin County Assessor's Office and Steve and Linda Voss, residents were also in attendance.

6:03 p.m. Public Hearing and Board of Equalization and Appeal

Mayor Renee Hafften opened the Public Hearing at approximately 6:03 p.m. and representatives from Wright and Hennepin Counties Assessors Offices presented information on property sales and market values supporting the 2016 market valuations of properties in Rockford for taxes payable in 2017.

Linda and Steve Voss of 6511 Maple Drive appeared to request a decrease in the valuation of the market value established for their home for 2016, taxes payable in 2017 to the value established in 2015 for taxes payable in 2016 based upon three non-operating vehicles parked in the backyard of a near-by property. Members of the City Council reviewed comparable sales for like-type properties and discussed that the comparable sales were within three hundred dollars of the Voss property. Members of the Council also discussed that the increase for the Voss property, being slightly over

three percent, was lower than the average increase for properties in Rockford, being slightly over four percent for this same time period.

After additional discussion and review, including review of the impact of a public nuisance on property values and the relationship and proximity of the public nuisance alleged in this instance with the Voss property, **MOTION** was made by Graner and seconded by Hill to leave the Market Value for 2016 applied to taxes payable in 2017 as established and presented.

MOTION CARRIED – VOTING IN FAVOR: Hafften, Buoy, Graner, Hill and Martinson.

After an additional call for public comment, and no one being present or wanting to speak, Mayor Hafften closed the Public Hearing.

Approve Consent Agenda/Set Agenda

MOTION was made by Hill, and seconded by Graner, to set the Council Meeting Agenda and approve all items on the Consent Agenda, 3.A. to 3.D as listed:

3 A: Minutes from March 22nd, 2016 Council Workshop and Regular Council Meeting

3 B: Payment of Claims from Check #25844 through #25926 totaling \$112,989.52

3 C: Approve March Building Permits

3 D: Rockford Area Historical Society HVAC Pay Requests 1 and 2

MOTION CARRIED-VOTING IN FAVOR: Hafften, Buoy, Graner, Hill and Martinson.

New Business: Proclamation – Volunteer Recognition Week

Mayor Hafften read the Proclamation setting this week as Volunteer Recognition Week in Rockford supporting the countless people that offer their time and effort through volunteerism to make our community a better place.

No formal Council action was taken.

New Business: 2015 Volunteer of the Year Award – Erik Sorenson

Mayor Hafften announced that the 2015 Volunteer of the Year is Erik Sorenson based upon his numerous involvements with Thousand Hearts, RiverWorks, the Masons and the Lions organizations in our community. Mr. Sorenson was presented with a plaque expressing thanks for his support to the City of Rockford and greater Rockford community.

No formal Council action was taken.

Staff and members of the Council provided updates from the community including Main Street Project and Lumberyard Development updates , Wellhead Protection planning, the Rockford Lions Greenback Dinner and other happenings and events around the City of Rockford.

MOTION was then made by Martinson, and seconded by Buoy, to adjourn the Council Meeting at approximately 7:10 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED-VOTING IN FAVOR: Hafften, Buoy, Graner, Hill and Martinson.

Typed this 13th day of April, 2016.

Dan Madsen
City Administrator, Special Counsel
City of Rockford Minnesota

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Approved:

Renee Hafften
Mayor

Attest:

Dan Madsen
City Administrator, Special Counsel