

City of Rockford, Minnesota Council Meeting Minutes 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 28th, 2023

The City Council Meeting was called to Order by Mayor Renee Hafften at 6 p.m. Council members Denise Willenbring & Wyatt Gutzke were in attendance. Council member Mike Werman and Heather Michalik were absent. Council Heather Michalik arrived around 6:07.

Deputy Clerk, Amy McNellis; Finance Director, Viktoriya Montik; Wright County Deputy Cassidy; Annette & Chuck Tryon with Thousand Hearts Serve Day, City Engineer Steve Hegland; Public Works Director Trevor Brummer were also in attendance.

A motion was made by Willenbring, and seconded by Gutzke, to approve the Consent Agenda Items 2A through 2D as listed and set the Agenda for the Council Meeting:

- 2A. Approve Minutes from March 14, 2023 Workshop & Regular Council Meeting
- 2B. Approve Payment of Claims
- 2C. Approve Resolution, Liquor License Tacos La Chule Mexican Restaurant
- 2D. Approve 2022 Pay Equity Report

Motion Carried: Voting in favor; Hafften, Willenbring, Gutzke.

Wright County Update: Deputy Cassidy

Deputy Cassidy of the Wright County Sheriff's Department provided a general update that they had 100 calls for service and 19 case reports. Deputy Cassidy reminded members of the community to be cautious of other people's dogs & their own as there has been an increase in animal bites with more people out walking. Deputy Cassidy has been working on speed enforcement on Maple Street and reminded people to slow down.

New Business: Thousand Hearts Presentation - Mural

Annette Tryon with Thousand Hearts Serve Day presented material on the re-painting of the Rockford Mural on the side of ABC Lettering. The deteriorating condition of the mural has been an item of concern and importance to update for quite some time for Thousand Hearts considering it is a focal point for people as they come over the Bridge. The street would be blocked off for 4 days in June (days to be determined depending on weather & volunteers) for the work and an official unveiling of the mural would occur during Rockford River Days. Annette Tryon explained that Thousand Hearts Serve has \$700 towards the project but is looking for other donations to cover the expected max cost of \$3,600. Council Member Willenbring made a motion to contribute up to \$2,900 towards the restoration project and seconded by Michalik.

Motion Carried: Voting in favor; Hafften, Willenbring, Gutzke & Michalik.

Members of the Staff and Council then discussed other general updates related to the city. Deputy Clerk McNellis mentioned Spring Clean Up Day set for Saturday May 6th from 8am to

Noon at public works where members of the community can drop off items for a small fee. Finance Director Montik gave an update that by the end of April will have a first quarter financial report for the council to review. City Engineer Hegland gave updates including working on updated road maps for the fire department, gathering more info on the RRFB for County Road 33 crossing for council discussion, and prepping for the cleanup of the 2022 project where curbs and gutters need replacement. Public Works Director Brummer gave updates regarding patching road holes, monitoring river levels and other general updates. Council Member Willenbring gave updates regarding the Rockford Veterans Memorial Dedication and Flag Raising Event on April 22 at 10 AM at Riverside park.

Motion was then made by Gutzke, and seconded by Michalik to adjourn the meeting.

Motion Carried: Voting in favor; Hafften, Willenbring, Gutzke and Michalik, and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:39 pm.

Typed this 29th day of March, 2023.

Amy McNellis
Deputy Clerk
City of Rockford Minnesota

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Approved:

Renee Hafften
Mayor

Attest:

Amy McNellis
Deputy Clerk