

City of Rockford, Minnesota Council Meeting Minutes 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 11th, 2023

The City Council Meeting was called to Order by Deputy Mayor Werman at 6:00 p.m Council members Wyatt Gutzke, and Heather Michalik were in attendance. Mayor Hafften and Council member Denise Willenbring were absent.

Deputy Clerk, Amy McNellis; Finance Director, Viktoriya Montik; and City Engineer, Steve Hegland were also in attendance.

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

- 2A. Approve Minutes from the June 27th, 2023 Workshop and Regular Council Meeting
- 2B. Approve Payment of Claims, check number 35330 through 35367 and check numbers 503221e through 503330e totaling \$93,404.35

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

New Business: RRFB County Road 33 and High Street Progress Update

The pedestrian crossing at High Street and County Road 33 had previously been discussed at the June 13th meeting. City Engineer Hegland began his update to notify the council that the Wright County SHIP funds that were to be used to help fund the project are fully allocated for 2023 calendar year, however, the project would be a priority for 2024 Ship funds. Furthermore, Stantec has been working with Excel Energy to relocate the power pole at the intersection. Excel holds the standpoint that it is not their expense to pay to relocate the pole as they only relocate poles part of roadway projects, and they consider this a trail improvement. The City of Rockford has an Electric Franchise Ordinance, that interrupts this differently. Staff and Council discussed the project and next steps involved. After discussion and review, Motion was made by Michalik, and seconded by Gutzke, to approve relocating the pole but press at Excel's expense to be on target for 2024 SHIP funds and to have Stantec move forward with the design process for bidding the project.

Motion Carried: Voting in favor: Werman, Gutzke and Michalik

Members of the Staff and Council then discussed other general updates related to the city.

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

Motion Carried: Voting in favor: Werman, Gutzke and Michalik, and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Typed this 12th day of July, 2023.

Amy McNellis
Deputy Clerk
City of Rockford Minnesota

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Approved:

Renee Hafften
Mayor

Attest:

Amy McNellis
Deputy Clerk