

City of Rockford, Minnesota Council Meeting Minutes
6:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 27, 2018

The meeting was called to Order by Mayor Renee Hafften at 6:00 p.m. Council members Debbie Buoy, Ted Hill and Rick Martinson were present. Scott Seymour was absent.

Also in attendance were Street's Supervisor Quirk, Deputy Clerk Etzel, Members of the Thousand Hearts Annette Tryon and Laura Franklin, and Crow River News Reporter Alina Rooker.

Set Agenda and Approve Consent Agenda Items:

A **MOTION** was made by Hill, and seconded by Buoy, to set the Agenda for the Council Meeting as listed and approve the Consent Agenda Items 3A and 3B as follows:

3A. Approve Minutes from the March 13, 2018 Regular City Council Meeting

3B. Approve Payment of Claims, Check Number: 28468 through Check Number 28512 totaling \$49,657.09.

Motion Carried: voting in favor; Hafften, Buoy, Hill and Martinson.

New Business: Thousand Hearts Crow River Serve Day – Saturday, May 19, 2018

Annette Tryon and Laura Franklin from Thousand Hearts Crow River Serve Day played the 2017 Thousand Hearts video and then highlighted on some of the events.

This year will be the sixth year since the program was started. New this year: Kindness Kits for distribution to those appearing in need, opioid disposal bags with the sheriff's department and clean-up of senior citizen's yards in Riverview Estates. Some projects will fall into the Thousand Hearts 365 program: Our Father's Community Garden, Elmwood Cemetery, Stork House and more.

Laura Franklin from BANKWEST will be the Coordinator for the City of Rockford. She will work with staff to coordinate the activities: Riverside Park clean-up, flower pots, fire hydrants, Stork House and other projects. Darcy Desens in the Parks Department has already been coordinating with Laura on the upcoming projects.

Those participating are invited to attend: breakfast, lunch, a program at the Rockford High School Commons and dinner.

Annette asked the Council to consider waiving the fee for the use of the building in Riverside Park on Saturday, May 19, 2018.

MOTION was made by Martinson, and seconded by Hill, to waive the fee for the use of the building in Riverside Park on May 19, 2018 for Thousand Hearts Crow River Serve Day.

Motion Carried: voting in favor; Hafften, Buoy, Hill and Martinson.

Annette and Laura thanked the City for their support. Sign-up will be available soon thru their website: www.thousandhearts.weebly.com. A link to their site is available on the city's website.

New Business: 2018 Fog Seal Project

Streets Supervisor Quirk presented the 2018 Fog Seal Project to the Council. The project is estimated to cost \$69,500, with an additional \$841 for the trails. The streets are recommended to be fog sealed every 7-10 years for regular maintenance. The 2018 budget included \$39,000. The additional funds will come from the Capital Improvement Plan – Street Budget 401.

MOTION was made by Martinson, and seconded by Buoy to approve the plans and specifications for the 2018 Fog Seal Project as presented and authorizes staff to obtain quotes.

Motion Carried: voting in favor; Hafften, Buoy, Hill and Martinson.

New Business: 2017 Volunteer of the Year Nominations

Deputy Clerk Etzel noted there were two nominations for the 2017 volunteer of the year. The council reviewed the nominations and then took a vote to select the candidate. Staff will contact the candidate for their availability to attend the April 10th or April 24th meetings to be presented their plaque as the 2017 Volunteer of the Year.

Staff Reports:

Staff and members of the Council then discussed various updates including the upcoming Local Board of Appeal and Equalization hearing scheduled for April 10th, 2018 fog seal bids will be reviewed at the April 24th, staff is busy getting equipment ready for spring, storm sewer thawing, Lion's Greenback Dinner is April 14th, 2017 Recognition of the MPCA Award and RiverWorks food donation drive.

Open Forum

Mayor Hafften called for open forum, no one from the public spoke.

Adjournment:

A **MOTION** was then made by Hill to adjourn the meeting. This motion was seconded by Martinson.

Motion Carried: voting in favor; Hafften, Buoy, Hill and Martinson, and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:31 p.m.

Typed this 5th day of April, 2018.

Audra Etzel
Deputy Clerk
City of Rockford Minnesota

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Approved:

Renee Hafften,
Mayor

Attest:

Audra Etzel,
Deputy Clerk