

Mayor Beyer called the March 13, 2012 Regular Council Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the council chambers of city hall, 6031 Main Street, Rockford, MN.

Roll Call

Roll call was taken and the following members were present: Beyer, Graner, Hafften, Martinson and Wenz. Also in attendance were: LMC Attorney Patricia Beety, Administrator Carswell, Engineer Mark Statz and Public Works Supervisor D. Peterson.

The pledge of allegiance to the flag was given.

***Set Agenda/Consent Agenda**

Mayor Beyer added item 4-C to the agenda /Schedule Event Center Open House.

MOTION was made by Graner, seconded by Hafften to set the agenda with no changes and to approve the consent agenda.

MOTION CARRIED-VOTING IN FAVOR: BEYER, GRANER, HAFFTEN, MARTINSON AND WENZ.

***Approve Minutes/February 28, 2012**

MOTION was made by Graner, seconded by Hafften to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2012 council meeting.

MOTION CARRIED-VOTING IN FAVOR: BEYER, GRANER, HAFFTEN, MARTINSON AND WENZ.

*** Approve Payment of Claims**

MOTION was made by Graner, seconded by Hafften to approve the payment of claims #020224-#020236 in the amount of \$66,543.67.

MOTION CARRIED-VOTING IN FAVOR: BEYER, GRANER, HAFFTEN, MARTINSON AND WENZ.

***Approve building permits**

MOTION was made by Graner, seconded by Hafften to approve the issuance of building permits #12-04 to #12-07 with a valuation of \$19,655.

MOTION CARRIED-VOTING IN FAVOR: BEYER, GRANER, HAFFTEN, MARTINSON AND WENZ.

***Resolution 12-20 Re-establish Precincts and Polling Place**

MOTION was made by Graner, seconded by Hafften to adopt Resolution 12-20 Re-establish Rockford's precincts and combined polling place as part of the recent state redistricting.

MOTION CARRIED-VOTING IN FAVOR: BEYER, GRANER, HAFFTEN, MARTINSON AND WENZ.

Highway Traffic Light Painting

Dennis Peterson explained that painting the traffic signals is the city's responsibility and the cost for this maintenance is in the budget for 2012. The reason for the cost is due to the lead based paint that needs to be contained as it is removed before the new application of paint is installed.

MOTION was made by Martinson, second by Wenz to contract with B&L Utility Maintenance to perform the sand blasting and painting of the traffic lights at the interception of State Highway 55 & Main Street at a cost not to exceed \$11,110

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2012 Trunk Highway 55 Utility Improvement Project/Review Bids/Award Contract

Engineer Mark Statz of Stantec presented the results of the bids received for the Highway 55 Utility Improvement Project. This project originally included upgrading the sanitary sewer main from Maple Street to Main Street along Highway 55 and across Highway 55 at Main Street as well as replacing the cast iron water main under Highway 55 from the south side of Main Street to the north side and then on either side of the bridge. The total estimated costs of those improvements were \$150,000.

Since that time things have changed, MNDOT will not allow open cut in the paved section of the highway. Also after looking at the connection of water main at the bridge it became clear that continuing to utilize the water main hanging from the bridge did not fully resolve the issue of having water main under the highway. Therefore, the option of directional drilling the main under the river and abandoning the hanging water main became more practical. This adds 400 feet of water main to the project for \$80,000. Also the public works crew felt it was a good time to replace water main along Highway 55 between Maple and Main Street which added another 450 feet of water main to the project. The combination of these factors increased the project costs to an estimate of \$350,000.

Mayor asked why when the plans and specs were approved by the council they should have been told that the plans included more to the project at additional costs. Martinson was surprised at the total costs of the bids it was more than twice what was expected. The scope of the project was expanded.

The low bid for the project was from GM Contracting for \$397,044 or if they can reuse the casings the bid for that is \$345,557.

Carswell submitted information about financing this project fully which would include a midi-bond for \$400,000 including issuance costs of \$12,000 with annual payments over a seven year period which are \$63,100 which would be shared by the water and sewer enterprise funds. Mayor Beyer asked about an earlier call date and Carswell noted that she will invite Shannon Sweeney from David Drown and Associates to attend the next council meeting.

MOTION was made by Hafften, seconded by Graner to award the bids for the Highway 55 utility project to GM Contracting in the amount of \$397,044 including alternates 1, 2 and 3 and to get further information about financing the project at the next council meeting.

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VerTech Payment Plan

Previously the city council had approved assessing Ver-Tech for the administrative costs associated with their Significant Industrial Users agreement. Since that time staff sent Ver-Tech a letter giving the company 30 days to pay without certifying the amount. Ver-Tech has agreed to pay the city a monthly amount until the balance is paid off. The city council agreed with staff to allow the company to make the monthly payments instead of assessing the costs as long as the payments are received in a timely manner.

Event Center

The city council scheduled an open house for May 1st for the purpose of receiving input from the public opinion on the event center. The council authorized the engineers to complete drawings for the building to be moved to the south on block 6. Hafften will prepare a power point presentation and the engineer will prepare some boards of the site plan for the meeting. The meeting will be held at the 6 p.m. with a brief presentation by the council and engineer.

Administrator's Report

The administrator's report was reviewed including a status report of the following items: legislative information, employee insurance, business expo, library community art project, Crow River Food Co-op, HRA meeting March 27th, status of old water/sewer mains project, MCFOA conference and goal setting for 2012.

Council Reports

There were no council reports.

Closed Session

Mayor Beyer closed the regular council meeting at 8:00 p.m. for Attorney Client discussion. Attorney Patricia Beety was present.

The regular council meeting was re-opened at 9:15 p.m.

Adjournment

MOTION was made by Graner, seconded by Hafften to adjourn the meeting.

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The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Michael Beyer, Mayor

Attest:

Nancy Carswell, Administrator