

Mayor Beyer called the **May 22, 2012** Regular Meeting of the Rockford City Council to order at 7:03 p.m. The meeting was held in the Council Chambers of City Hall at 6031 Main Street, Rockford, MN.

Roll Call

Roll call was taken. The following council members were present: Beyer, Graner and Martinson. Absent: Hafften and Wenz Also in attendance were: Attorney Couri, Engineer Statz, Administrator Carswell, and Acting Public Works Supervisor Quirk.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was given.

Approve Consent Agenda/Set Agenda

MOTION was made by Graner, seconded by Martinson to approve all items on the consent agenda and to remove item 4-B Fire Department compensation/2013 due to absence of the two council members.

MOTION CARRIED-VOTING IN FAVOR: BEYER, GRANER and MARTINSON.

***Approve Regular City Council Minutes/May 8, 2012**

MOTION was made by Graner, seconded by Martinson to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2012, Regular City Council Meeting.

MOTION CARRIED-VOTING IN FAVOR: BEYER, GRANER and MARTINSON.

***Approve Payment of Claims**

MOTION was made by Graner, seconded by Martinson to approve the payment of claims #20478 to #20532 in the amount of \$132,380.98.

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

***Approve Pay Request #1/TH55 Sanitary Sewer & Water Main**

MOTION was made by Graner, seconded by Martinson to approve Pay Request #1 to GM Contracting in the amount of \$157,645.76 for the TH55 Sanitary Sewer & Water Main Project.

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

***RESOLUTION #12-25/Appoint Lori Gusse to Park and Recreation Commission**

MOTION was made by Graner, seconded by Martinson to approve Resolution #12-25 appointing Lori Gusse to the Park and Recreation Commission for a term beginning on June 4th until December 31, 2013

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

***Re-Name Parkwood Park -Jim Thome Park**

MOTION was made by Graner, seconded by Martinson to approve Resolution #12-26 naming the Parkwood Park "Jim Thome Field" if approved by the Twins team.

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Open Forum/Wright County Deputy

Mayor Beyer called for open forum. A Deputy was present and gave an update on what is happening in town.

TH55 Sanitary Sewer & Water Main/Change Order #3

Mark Statz was present to review the change order for the Trunk Highway 55 utility which was due to a sanitary sewer that burst on the SE quadrant of Main Street and Highway 55. The contractors found that the existing sanitary sewer had a ground rod protruding through the pipe which was installed with the control cabinet for the traffic signals at the intersection. Council requested staff contact MNDOT about this cost since it was due to the traffic signal they installed and ask them to reimburse the city for the amount of the change order.

MOTION was made by Martinson, seconded by Graner to approve Change Order #3 for the TH55 Sanitary Sewer & Water Main project not to exceed \$3,450.00 for a sanitary sewer pipe that burst in the SE quadrant of the State Highway 55 and Main Street.

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Fire Department Wages 2013

This was tabled due to two of the city council member's absence at the meeting.

Event Center

Martinson reviewed the event center brochure and stated that staff had assisted with it. The council stated they did not want to mention anything about city hall as it may cause confusion. Graner suggested more questions such as: Do you visit the park now? Do you rent the building? Will you rent the new building and how often? What would you use it for? The event center committee will meet next week on May 29th at 4:30 p.m. and make some changes to the brochure.

Attorney's Report

Attorney Mike Couri stated that he had talked with the LMCIT adjuster in regards to the sewer backup that took place on May 10th prior to the city council meeting. The adjuster feels that the city has done a good job maintaining the sanitary sewer and provide documentation to her office. After the sewer backed up the city staff found a piece of asphalt in the pipe and clean sand which seems to be due to the contractors the were working on installing larger sewer mains. It was jetted that day and worked fine, and was jetted one month prior to the back up, but not enough to cause a backup. Couri stated that the city does not have a claim against GM Contractor however, if resident's whose homes were affected by the sewer backup file a claim against the city we may want to file a claim against the contractor.

The mayor and Graner expressed their concern about the residents having to pay any costs fighting to get their homes cleaned and damages paid. Council asked staff if the homeowners have provided any costs for damages and cleanup to the city and Carswell responded that the staff has not received this information. Administrator Carswell will contact all of the homeowners and provide them with an update on what they need to do to submit a claim to the adjuster of GM Contracting. Mayor asked that staff keep it personal when contacting the residents because this was not any fault of their own.

Administrator's Report

The administrator's report included the following items: fire department training with staff, sanitary sewer back-up on Main Street south of State Highway 55, fire at Cowboyz Bar & Grill, drainage plans for Hurst Woods, event center brochure, and bank fees being investigated.

Engineer's Report

The engineer's report included the following items: storm sewer repair on the south end of the levee, Parkwood 3rd Addition, TH55 Utility Improvements, event center design, 2030 Capital Improvement Plan, and WWTF Plan. Martinson asked about the water valves on the east side of the city that were not working and were not able to shut off

the water supply and wondered when those will be replaced. Assistant Engineer, Jared Ward stated that staff will have to identify these areas as part of the CIP plan for replacement. Martinson stated that he noticed the swale behind the public works building that washed out during the recent rains. John Quirk stated that they are looking into larger rock but noted that the building wall did not leak. Martinson also noted the lights were on in the public works building and at 1:30 p.m. on a Sunday afternoon and suggested the timer should be checked.

Fire Chief

Chief Sanderson noted that the fire department did a great job at the recent fire at 6030 Main Street (Cowboyz Bar and Grill).

Council reports

Martinson – thanked the fire department and staff for the great job they did at the recent fire at Cowboyz Bar and Grill at 6030 Main Street.

Graner – Thanked the fire department for doing such a great job at the recent fire at 6030 Main Street and noted even the younger members kept busy cleaning up and managing the crowd of onlookers. Domino’s Pizza, Jimmy’s Pizza, and Casey’s General Stores were thanked as they delivered pizzas and water to the fire fighters on the scene. There were nine (9) fire departments from the area that provided mutual aid.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION was made by Graner, seconded by Martinson to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

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Michael Beyer, Mayor

Nancy Carswell, Administrator