

Mayor Hafften called the **May 27, 2014** Regular Meeting of the Rockford City Council to order at 7:01 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: Hafften, Graner, Kesanen and Wenz. Absent: Martinson. Also in attendance were: Engineer Ward, Administrator/Special Counsel Madsen, Public Works Supervisor Peterson, Lead Streets Quirk and Deputy Clerk Etzel

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was given.

Approve Consent Agenda/Set Agenda

MOTION was made by Graner, seconded by Wenz to approve all items on the consent agenda 3.A to 3.E and set agenda item 4.A.

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

***Approve Regular Council Minutes/May 13, 2014**

MOTION was made by Graner, seconded by Wenz to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2014, Regular Council Meeting.

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

***Approve Payment of Claims**

MOTION was made by Graner, seconded by Wenz to approve the payment of claims #23245 to #23300 in the amount of \$57,913.08

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

***Approve LED Lighting**

MOTION was made by Graner, seconded by Wenz to approve the estimate from R.C. Electric for \$4,061.39 for the LED lighting replacement at Public Works and the WasteWater Lab buildings.

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

***Approve Employee Wage Increase/Duda**

MOTION was made by Graner, seconded by Wenz to approve a 3% pay increase for Doug Duda effective pay period 11.

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

***Approve Employee Wage Increase/Brummer**

MOTION was made by Graner, seconded by Wenz to approve a 3% pay increase for Trevor Brummer effective pay period 11.

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

Walnut Street and Riverside Park Trail Levy Repair Project

John Quirk was present to speak to the Council regarding the Riverside Park levy trail repair and a needed street repair on Walnut Street. The winter was harsh on the streets and Walnut Street was damaged at the intersection of Boulder Ridge. The intersection lost its crown in the road and water is not getting to the curb. Walnut Street is being fog sealed in the near future and Quirk is recommending that Walnut Street be repaired before the fog seal is applied, noting this was not a budgeted item. The Riverside Park levy trail is scheduled to receive a 2" overlay and this was a budget item.

Quirk received two bids for the work:

- Minnesota Roads & Parking Lots Plus: Walnut Street \$5,508 and Riverside Park Levy \$10,824
- County Roads Paving: Walnut Street \$6,925.05 and Riverside Park Levy \$13,540

Minnesota Roads & Parking Lots Plus has not done work in the City before, but staff would like to give them the bid. Staff is recommending Minnesota Roads & Parking Lots Plus do both projects at a total cost of \$16,332.

MOTION was made by Graner, seconded by Wenz to award the bid for the Walnut Street repair and Riverside Park Trail Levy overlay to Minnesota Roads & Parking Lots Plus at a price not to exceed \$16,332 and authorizes staff to sign the contract.

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Administrator's Report

Administrator's update included: County passed participation for road costs, working with county on public transportation within the city, continuing to work on water/wastewater rates, preparing Stork House management agreement, analyzing HVAC costs for the mall, considering a joint powers transportation agreement and the Riverside Park shelter grant.

Engineer's Report

The Engineer's report included the following: gave a brief update on the Maplewood Manor utility project – residents will be notified of temporary water shut-off for about two days and up to 4-8 hours. More work will begin next week.

Public Works Update:

Supervisor Peterson noted: staff is moving forward with projects such as crack filling and jetting, summer help and engineer intern has started, and the temporary street helper will start next week.

Council Reports

Graner – nothing to report

Hafften – nothing to report

Wenz – nothing to report

Kesanen –1000 Hearts Service Day held on Sunday, May 18th went well and many projects were completed around town.

OPEN FORUM

Mayor Hafften called for open forum.

Wright County Commissioner Michael Potter was present to update the City Council regarding transportation issues. River Riders will no longer be providing transportation within Wright County effective June 30th. At this time Trail Blazers is set to start providing transportation services starting July 1st. Trail Blazers is more expensive and Wright County is working with the cities to come-up with an arrangement regarding services, costs and/or a joint powers transportation agreement.

If a city wants to apply for HUD financing for senior housing, a city needs public transportation to qualify.

Commissioner Potter is going to Washington DC in June to discuss transportation issues.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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Mayor Hafften adjourned the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

Renee Hafften, Mayor

Audra Etzel, Deputy Clerk