

Mayor Hafften called the **September 23, 2014** Regular Meeting of the Rockford City Council to order at 6:06 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, Martinson and Wenz. Absent: none. Also in attendance were: Attorney Couri, Engineers Ward, Administrator/Special Counsel Madsen, 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 Martinson, seconded by Kesanen to pull Item 3.E. RES/Approve Developers Agreement – Autumn Oaks 7<sup>th</sup> Development from the consent agenda and add to new business as 4.B, Removed the original 4.B. Kariniemi Litigation from the agenda, and approved the remaining items on the consent agenda 3.A. to 3.F. and set agenda items 4.A to 4.B.

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

**\*Approve Regular Council Minutes/September 9, 2014**

**MOTION** was made by Martinson, seconded by Kesanen to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2014, Regular Council Meeting.

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

**\*Approve Payment of Claims**

**MOTION** was made by Martinson, seconded by Kesanen to approve the payment of claims #23731 to #23777 in the amount of \$206,548.16.

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

**\*Resolution #14-44/Ordinance #14-06 Amendment to Wastewater Rates and Fees Ordinance 401.08**

**MOTION** was made by Martinson, seconded by Kesanen to approve Resolutions #14-44 to amend Ordinance 401.08, Subd. 10, (1), (B) to allow for wastewater rates to be calculated on actual or the averaging method (using water usage between November 15<sup>th</sup> to April 15<sup>th</sup>) and authorizes the staff to publish the ordinance in the official newspaper.

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

**\*Resolution #14-45/Approve 2014 General Election Judges**

**MOTION** was made by Martinson, seconded by Kesanen to establish a slate from which to choose election judges for the General Election November 4, 2014 and establish fess for the same.

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

**Rockford City Center Mall – Façade Finishing Selection**

Kue Construction brought samples to view of the stone veneer and the cement panels, but the stucco samples were not ready in time for the meeting.

Tim O’Brien was present and showed a sketch drawing of the Rockford City Center Mall façade with the proposed finishing selections.

Council called for a recess at 6:13 p.m. to view the samples outside in the daylight. The meeting was called back to order at 6:23 p.m.

Council would like the grout/mortar to be a darker color. They would like extra pieces of the stone veneer for future repairs. And will review the stucco samples when available.

Tim stated the stone veneer and cement panels need to be ordered and was looking for approval from the Council to place the order.

**MOTION** was made by Martinson, seconded by Kesanen to authorize Tim O’Brien to order the Rockford City Center Mall façade finishing selections: stone veneer, cement panels, a darker mortar and extra stone veneer to allow for future repairs if needed.

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

**RES #14-46/Approve Developers Agreement – Autumn Oaks 7<sup>th</sup> Development**

Attorney Michael Couri told Council that staff received a request from a home owner trying to release their land from a development agreement and assessment agreements. An examiner for the title company made the home owner aware of the documents upon a title search and they need a release from the city to approve the title work.

Attorney Couri has checked with Wright County and they are unable to prove the special assessments have not been paid. By signing the release, this does not release the ability to collect the unpaid assessment, the release removes the developer.

**MOTION** was made by Wenz, seconded by Graner to approve Resolution #14-46 hereby releasing the properties that are burdened by said documents recorded as document numbers T11429, T11430 and T11479 (as recorded at the Wright County Recorder’s Office) from the terms of those arrangements.

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

**Administrator’s Report**

Administrator’s update included an update on the mall:

- The landscaping has been removed.

- The façade will be demolished starting tomorrow, the contractor will work east to west and replace the façade with the new façade as they go.
- The deadline to complete the facade is December 15, 2014.
- The drainage ditch in front of the mall has been cleaned up and has improved the visibility.

### **Engineer's Report**

The Engineer's report included the following:

- County Road 33 is closed the intersections at Ash & Maple through Friday of this week. Ash will have one lane open in AM and PM to accommodate buses and parent traffic, but closed the remainder of the day. The water mains are being repaired with the trenchless process as discussed last spring and will be replaced with gravel on Friday.
- 2014 Utility Project – Lateral cleanout installation has started on services being rehabilitated. Watermain work continues with services in Phase 4, and watermain installation in Phase 5.
- The wastewater plant work over the last couple weeks has included routing the flows through the newly constructed UV channel, underground piping, and electrical work.
- The project is on track to be completed prior to the 2015 deadline. Short term deadlines will be tight to have the paved area in front of the plant re-paved this fall. We are working with the contractor to make that happen.

### **Public Works**

John Quirk/Lead Streets stated staff has been busy with many project. The Rockford Mall City Center ditch where they received material from a contractor has been graded and staff will begin working on the Mutterer Park (chip removal and installing the new equipment).

### **Fire Department**

The Fire Department is working on updating their equipment purchase schedule. The fire department is the emergency command station and currently has one phone line. The department has money in their budget and is getting quotes for a phone systems; averaging \$2,000-\$3,000 for four lines.

### **Council Reports**

Martinson – Charter Cable has gone digital and the local city channel is now 180 (formerly channel 12).

Kesanen – nothing to report.

Wenz – nothing to report.

Graner – Rockford High School had a success homecoming winning the game 41-0 and fireworks followed the game.

Hafften – This Friday, September 26h the Rockford-Greenfield Area Chamber of Commerce will be hosting Movie in the Park in Riverside Park starting around 7:45pm. Concession items will be \$1.00 benefiting the Rockford after Graduation All Night Party.

### **Open Forum**

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

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Mayor Hafften adjourned the meeting at 6:42 p.m.

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Renee Hafften, Mayor

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Audra Etzel, Deputy Clerk