

Mayor Beyer called the **November 27, 2012** Regular Meeting of the Rockford City Council to order at 7:00 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, Hafften, Martinson and Wenz. Absent: none. Also in attendance were: Attorney Couri, Administrator Carswell, Engineer Mark Statz and Public Works Supervisor D. Peterson.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was given.

***Approve Consent Agenda/Set Agenda**

MOTION was made by Graner, seconded by Hafften to approve all the items listed on the consent agenda.

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

***Approve Regular Council Minutes/November 13, 2012**

MOTION was made by Graner, seconded by Hafften to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2012, Regular Council Meeting.

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

***Approve Special Council Minutes/November 20, 2012**

MOTION was made by Graner, seconded by Hafften to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2012, Special 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 #21187 to #21228 in the amount of \$104,493.70.

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

Open Forum

The mayor called for open forum, Wright County Deputy Adam F was present and reminded residents that the snow season parking is in effect and vehicles will be towed if they are parked in violation of the ordinance.

Hennepin County Public Safety Communication Antenna/Microwave Dish Site Lease Agreement 8601 Linden Street

Attorney Mike Couri reviewed the Hennepin County Lease noting that the county will not be paying a monthly rent for this 25 year lease since the communication antenna's will benefit the community by filling a gap in our emergency radio communications at the Rockford High School and in the downtown area because there is a very weak and sometimes no signal in this area. The conditions of the contract were reviewed, Hennepin County will also pay our city attorney's fees for reviewing the document, duties of the lessor, and notifications, etc were all discussed. John Gunderson a representative from Hennepin County was present and noted that Hennepin County has their equipment on other towers with wireless equipment and there haven't been any problems with interference.

Mr. Gunderson noted that the city will get better emergency signal from Wright county emergency and fire dispatch with this equipment. The main reason the county looked at Rockford was due to the study they did at the Rockford High School a few years ago and there was no signal in the school building.

Mayor Beyer stated that he wants the agreement to include a clause that waives any future dispatch fees that may be levied to cities in the Hennepin County as this has been discussed recently. John Gunderson stated that he does not have any leases that have an option like this and noted that the equipment provides a benefit to the city and hopes this does not de-rail this project.

MOTION was made by Hafften, seconded by Graner to approve the lease agreement between the City of Rockford and Hennepin County with an amendment that waives any future fees associated with dispatch services for the City of Rockford.

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

Administrator's Report

There was no report.

Fire Chief Report

There was not report

Council Reports

Martinson – reported on the Lions task force meeting – which is planning a veteran's memorial – Blue Balls Golf Tourney Feb 23rd will benefit this project.

Hafften – nothing to report

Graner – Toys for Tots for our local children sponsored by the Rockford Fire department is in gear –boxes for toy drop offs are at local businesses and city hall

Wenz – reported about the Stork House events Dec. 1st 1-4 p.m. horse drawn wagon rides, with hot chocolate and tours of the house, also Dec 8th from 10 -4 p.m. enjoy a family Christmas at the Stork house and Dec 9th 1-4 p.m. is the formal Christmas at the Stork House with refreshments and entertainment – tickets are \$10.

Beyer – had nothing to report

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Mayor Beyer adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Michael Beyer, Mayor

Nancy Carswell, Administrator