

Mayor Beyer, called the February 23, 2010 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 6031 Main Street, Rockford, MN.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was given.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken, the following members were present: Beyer, Graner, Hafften, Martinson and Nichols. Absent: none. Also in attendance were: Engineer Statz, Public Works Employee Quirk and Administrator Carswell.

***CONSENT AGENDA**

MOTION was made by Graner seconded by Martinson to approve all items on the consent agenda.

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

***Approve Minutes/February 9, 2010**

MOTION was made by Graner seconded by Martinson to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2010 Regular Council Meeting.

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

***Approve Payment of Claims**

MOTION was made by Graner seconded by Martinson to approve the payment of claims #17425 to #17465 in the amount of \$97,709.14.

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

***Resolution #10-12 Correct Ordinance #09-04 and Resolution #09-68**

MOTION was made by Graner seconded by Martinson to adopt Resolution #10-12 approving the 2010 appointments.

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

OPEN FORUM

Mayor Beyer called Open Forum. No one from the public was present to address the council.

2010 Proposed Street Improvement Projects

Administrator Carswell presented a memo to the city council outlining the proposed financial obligations if all of the streets were repaired at one time. The preliminary financial information included an annual debt payment at an average of \$90,000. Carswell suggested that the city only improve the streets that are a priority and use cash to save on interest. Mayor Beyer stated that he is not in favor of paying interest on the project. Engineer Statz stated that there are added costs by breaking up the projects into smaller ones, such as advertising, mobilization costs, etc. Carswell noted that the proposed Local Government Aid cuts will affect the street fund and recommends the city council wait to make their decision until the legislative session ends in May.

The city council had requested the streets be prioritized in order of which is most deteriorated and well traveled. The council asked how often street overlay/reconstructs are done in the city. Statz stated that the city did street projects in 1998, 2001, 2004 and 2006. Council questioned how these streets were planned for overlays/reconstruction. Statz stated it was based on visual inspection and in some cases soil borings are taken.

There were questions about why Autumn Oaks Circle was not resurfaced when Woodlawn Drive and Basswood Circle were completed. The improvement of Autumn Oaks Drive was discussed and there were concerns about the Parkwood development bringing heavy equipment on this section of road. Quirk stated

that the streets are already in this development and the equipment that is going on the road now is backhoes that dig basements. Statz stated that Parkwood is planned to be assessed for part of this road improvement.

Nichols suggested an annual budget of \$170,000 be used for street improvements.

Mayor Beyer proposed that the city council go out this spring and visually inspect each one of the streets that are listed as part of the project. The city council concurred that no action would be taken until after the legislative session ends.

RESOLUTION 10-13 /Ordinance #10-02 Personnel

The personnel ordinance 206.09 Vacation With Pay, Section #4 stated vacation could be used in increments of 8 hours; the ordinance was changed so vacation may be used in increments of 1 hour.

MOTION was made by Nichols, seconded by Graner to adopt Resolution #10-13 adopting Ordinance #10-02 Personnel and authorizes staff to publish the ordinance in the official newspaper.

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

Public Works Facility – Rochon Pay Request

Oertel Architects is recommending denying the pay request/change order submitted by Rochon in the amount of \$75,900.34 as these change orders have been denied previously and have not been submitted per the terms of the contract.

MOTION was made by Martinson, seconded by Renee to deny the pay request application #11 in the amount of \$75,909.34 as this amount is erroneous and the change order #8 was denied by council on January 26, 2010, no basis for change order #7 per Oertel Architects.

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

Further discussion about the public works facility included discussion about maintaining Jeff Oertel as project manager of the Public works facility. As this project still has punch list items that need to be completed. Staff has recommended that the city pay Jeff Oertel for his continued service on this project as it is over and above the contracted amount that has already been paid. The city council agreed that staff should discuss payment with Oertel and report back to the city council.

Ongoing Directives

The ongoing directives were reviewed. Staff will provide Hafften and Nichols the cities medical, dental and sick leave information in comparison with other cities.

Administrator's Report

The administrator's report presented included the following information: meeting with the Parkwood Developers is scheduled for February 24th, First Time Home Buyer funding, 2010 CDBG grant application was sent, the State is proposing reducing Rockford's Local Government Aid by an additional \$137,399, goals from 2009/2010 were reviewed, Sherburne/Wright Cable Commission will be giving the member cities three quarters of the franchise fees in 2010, Wright County Highway Department provided five year street improvement plan which includes surfacing County Road 33 in 2013, Wright County dangerous dog ordinance, 2005 dump truck is being repaired, snow removal, rebuilding cherry picker bed, replacing lift station pump at Riverview Estates, Duda medical leave and D. Peterson on vacation until March 2nd.

Crow River

Engineer Statz presented a graph from the NOAA about the proposed levels of the Crow River in Rockford, MN. Statz included on that graph the level of protection the flood levee provides from the old section with an elevation of 911' and the new section with an elevation of 914'.

Council discussed the wastewater discharge monitoring report and noted that there were two violations.

Adjournment

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

Mayor Beyer adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Michael Beyer, Mayor

ATTEST:

Nancy Carswell, Administrator