

Mayor Hafften called the council workshop meeting to order at 6:18 p.m. in the council chambers of city hall 6031 Main Street, Rockford, MN. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss financial impacts of the proposed street, sewer, water and event center projects. Notice of the special workshop was posted at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting and the official newspaper was notified.

### **Roll Call**

The following council members were present: Hafften, Graner, Martinson, and Wenz. Council member Kesanen arrived at 6:35 p.m. Also present were: Financial Consultant from David Drown and Associates Shannon Sweeney, Administrator Carswell, Public Works Supervisor D. Peterson and Financial Clerk Huettl.

### **Financial Impact of Proposed Projects**

Shannon Sweeney financial consultant from David Drown and Associates reviewed his report including annual debt for proposed projects, and how they affect the tax levy and the water/sewer rates. Sweeney suggests that the city council prioritize the projects and work on a five year plan. Sweeney reviewed the schedule which shows when existing debt drops off for each fund and noted that would be a good time to take on additional debt for projects. However, if the city council decides to continue with the projects rates will have to be increased and the tax levy will increase an estimated 10%.

### **Priority items**

Dennis Peterson stated that the water main project of 2014 project is a priority, due to the amount of water main breaks and the 24% increase over incremental every 3 years.

2016 PFA loan for phosphorus project \$1,160,000 – 20 year we can lower the bond by \$120,000 for grant funds, there was discussion about going out longer on the debt.

Continue looking at the list of projects and see what needs to be done. Sweeney suggested that the city bundle 2018 and 2020 projects together to save money.

Council asked how the added debt will affect our bond rating. Sweeney replied that the rating will be more affected by local capacity.

The meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.