

Mayor Beyer called the July 26, 2011 Regular Council Meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 6031 Main Street, Rockford, MN.

Roll call

Roll call was taken and the following members were present: Beyer, Graner, Hafften, Martinson and Wenz. Absent: none. Also in attendance was: Administrator Carswell, Engineer Mark Statz of Bonestroo, and Public Works Doug Duda.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was given.

***CONSENT AGENDA/SET AGENDA**

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

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

***Approve Regular Council Minutes/July 12, 2011**

MOTION was made by Graner seconded by Hafften to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2011 Regular 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 #019365-#019403 in the amount of \$54,871.25.

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

***RES #11-32/Approve 2011 Revised Appointments**

MOTION was made by Graner seconded by Hafften to approve Resolution #11-32 to appoint Justin Hensley to the Planning and Zoning Commission for the term 2011-2013, and Karen Fuller to the Planning and Zoning Commission for the term 2011-2012 as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission

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

***Schedule the 2012 Budge Workshop Meeting**

MOTION was made by Graner seconded by Hafften to schedule the 2012 Budget Workshop Meeting for Tuesday, August 16th at 5:30 pm at the Public Works facility – 6551 Utility Drive.

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

Open Forum

No one was present to speak at open forum. Deputy was present to report that things have been slow.

Employee Recognition

Mayor Beyer presented a certificate and thanked employee Doug Duda the Water/Wastewater employee for his years of service. Doug has been employed by the city since June 14, 1999.

Mayor Beyer presented a certificate and thanked employee Darcy Desens for his years of service as the Parks Department Employee. Darcy has been employed by the city since June 19, 2006.

RES #11-33 /Ordinance #11-06 All Terrain Vehicles

Staff was directed by Council at the July 12th meeting to prepare an ordinance amendment to allow All Terrain Vehicles – Type II on City road ways. An ordinance was prepared as directed.

MOTION was made by Graner, seconded by Wenz to approve Resolution #11-33 adopting Ordinance #11-06 All Terrain Vehicles and authorizes staff to publish a summary ordinance.

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

RES #11-34/Ordinance #11-07 Secondhand Stores

Carswell explained that the only difference is there does not have to be a public hearing for Secondhand Stores.

MOTION was made by Hafften, seconded by Graner to approve Resolution #11-34 adopting Ordinance #11-07 Secondhand Stores and authorizes staff to publish a summary ordinance.

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

2012 Sewer & Water Improvements Along TH55

Engineer Statz reviewed the proposed water and sewer improvements that could be completed at the same time as MNDOT completes the mill and overlay of Trunk Highway 55 in 2012. The MNDOT project also includes: upgrade pedestrian ramps, upgrade traffic signals, and repair the concrete medians.

Statz noted that the 1998 comprehensive plan identified a number of improvements to the sanitary sewer needs to be upsized along the south side of TH 55 between Main and Maple Street. This is a 500 ft section of pipe which would be upsized from 8” to 12”. The estimated costs for this improvement is \$70,000. Mayor asked if we would use PVC or ductile iron for these upgrades and Statz said it depended on the cost. There was discussion about upsizing to 12” that will connect to a 10”.

Water main upgrades discussed in the report could include all or some of the following:

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| Across Highway 55 at Main Street & Along Highway 55 from Main to Bridge Streets: | \$30,000 |
| Water Main between east edge of Bridge and County Road 50 | \$50,000 |
| Water Main on County Road 50 between Highway 55 & County Road 10 | \$45,000 |

The city could complete this work during the MNDOT project and take advantage of their traffic detour on Highway 55.

Council asked Administrator Carswell how the city would fund these improvements. Carswell will check out the sewer fund and let council know if cash will be an option for financing the proposed \$70,000 sewer upgrade or we may need to borrow money. Staff will submit financial options for these upgrades at the next council meeting.

Administrator's Report

Council reviewed the administrator's report including the following items: LGA amount, staff working on 2012 general fund budget, chamber sponsoring Movie in the Park July 29th, National Night Out August 2nd needs a DJ, city slogan has 57 votes so far and LMC land use training. The council asked staff to find out more information on the training from the LMC how much time is involved before they register and send that information to them.

Engineer's Report

Council reviewed the engineer's report including the following items: levee improvement, Parkwood 3rd Addition, downtown master plan, 2010 final pay request next meeting, Parkwood Park master plan will be reviewed by the park commission. Do we want to continue to plant in the rain garden and Carswell suggested that we can use the plants from Walkers site the city owns at 6240 Main Street.

Council Updates

Martinson wants the park commission to review the plan for replacing **Freedom Park**. Lions are interested in installing a veteran's memorial and are working on a plan for the park.

Now that Rockford has been notified we are a **Heart Healthy Community** two signs will be presented to the city. Allina Clinics and Hospitals who sponsor the program suggest the city plan a "celebration" to mark this event. Carswell suggested the celebration of becoming a Heart Healthy Community take place on August 2nd at Riverside Park while many residents are present for National Night Out. Staff will contact the newspaper, email those who participated in the CPR training and other aspects required to become a Heart Healthy Community.

Mayor Beyer will not be present to ride in the **River Days Parade** Hafften will ride in the parade on behalf of the city council.

Mayor requested that staff first get bids from the **local contractor's** for city projects.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by Graner, seconded by Hafften to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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

Mike Beyer, Mayor

Attest:

Nancy Carswell, Administrator