

## **City of Rockford, Minnesota Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, June 9, 2020**

The meeting was called to Order by Mayor Renee Hafften at 6:00 p.m. Council Members Hill, Seymour, Buoy and Martinson were in attendance.

City Administrator / City Attorney, Dan Madsen; and Steve Hegland, City Engineer; Deputy Price of the Wright County Sheriff's Department, and Fire Chief, Ben Sanderson were also in attendance.

### **Set Agenda and Approve Consent Agenda Items:**

**MOTION** was made by Hill, and seconded by Martinson, to set the Council Meeting Agenda and to approve the Consent Agenda Items 3A through 3F as listed:

- A. Approve Minutes from the May 26, 2020 Workshop and Regular Council Meeting
- B. Approve Minutes from the June 4, 2020 Special Council Meeting
- C. Approve Payment of Claims, check number: 1208E through 1211E; and check number 31275 through 31313, totaling \$79,663.68
- D. Approve May Building Permits
- E. Resolution #20-18 Approving 2020-2021 Liquor Licenses
- F. Resolution #20-19 Approving Parkwood 3<sup>rd</sup> Addition Street Names

Carried: Voting in favor; Hafften, Seymour, Buoy, Hill, and Martinson.

### **Wright County Sheriff's Update:**

Deputy Price provided an update to the Council regarding the low level of crime lately, and shared the Sheriff's position and statement regarding the murder of George Floyd. Members of the Council and Staff discussed the current tension in the community, and the Council formally asked Sheriff Deringer to attend a future workshop so the Council and Sheriff can discuss safe patrolling in the Rockford community. No formal action was taken, as this matter was set on for discussion purposes only.

### **New Business: 2019 Volunteer of the Year**

Members of the Council discussed the applicants nominated for Volunteer of the Year. Each Council Member voted by sealed ballot, and the Volunteer of the Year was awarded by majority vote to Tom Lemmage. No formal action was taken, as the award will be given at and upcoming Council Meeting.

**Staff Updates:**

Fire Chief Ben Sanderson then gave a presentation regarding department updates and asked the Council how he should dispose of the old air tanks that had minimal or no value. Members of the Council and the Administrator stated that it was the Chief's decision on how to get rid of them, but that they should not be sold as a re-usable item since they are not in compliance.

Administrator / Attorney Madsen provided an update and presented his opinion that these were challenging times, and that the murder of George Floyd was difficult to process. Many residents have reached out to the City to ask what the City is doing to address potential issues in our community, and that the City's response is to meet with Wright County Sheriff Sean Deringer and talk about where we are and how Rockford can help be protected against issues and injustice.

Council Member Scott Seymour discussed his gratitude toward the School and City for putting together the 2020 Graduate Caravan for High School Seniors and the Graduating Class of 2020. Seymour stated it was a proud moment for him and it renewed or refreshed his appreciation for our small community.

**Open Forum:**

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

**Adjournment:**

**MOTION** was then made by Hill, and seconded by Seymour, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion Carried: Voting in favor; Hafften, Buoy, Martinson, Seymour and Hill, and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:35 p.m.

Typed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.

Dan Madsen  
City Administrator, Special Counsel  
City of Rockford Minnesota

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Approved:

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Renee Hafften  
Mayor

Attest:

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Dan Madsen  
City Administrator, Special Counsel