

Mayor Beyer, called the March 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.

SET AGENDA

Mayor Beyer added the review of a special event to the agenda as part of new business.

ROLL CALL

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

***CONSENT AGENDA**

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

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

***Approve Payment of Claims**

MOTION was made by Nichols seconded by Martinson to approve the payment of claims #17425 to #17465 in the amount of \$61,484.46.

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

***CDBG Allotment Partial Rescinded**

MOTION was made by Nichols seconded by Martinson to approve the reallocation of \$30,000 of the City of Rockford's CDBG funding to another municipality.

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

OPEN FORUM/RiverWorks

Mayor Beyer called Open Forum. Denise Kesanen from RiverWorks was present and gave an update on the operations of the food shelf. In the first two weeks the food shelf served 4,000 pounds of food to 73 families which translate to 233 people.

RiverWorks is planning a summer program for families to be held on the Schroeder farm just outside of the city. A new task force has been formed and they are planning events for every Wednesday evening throughout the summer.

On behalf of RiverWorks Denise presented the city council with a framed rendering of the building as a thank you for supporting the group and allowing them use of the city building.

Open Forum/Council reports

Council member Nichols thanked the staff and city council for ensuring that the flood levee was rehabilitated last fall as the levee protected the high water from the Crow River this weekend which rose to over 14' and the levee protects up to 19'.

Mayor Beyer reported that the community expo held on Saturday March 20th was well attended. Many people visited the city booth and volunteered to assist the city with sandbagging for the potential flooding if needed. The city also had many sign ups for electronic notices, newsletters, etc. from the city.

Rockford Cub Scouts/Special Event-Carnival

Administrator Carswell reviewed the application submitted to the city for a carnival to be held at the Rockford Mall as a fund raiser for the Rockford Cub Scouts Troop 490 and other non profit organizations soccer and possible Delano Hockey. The event is planned for May 14, 15 and 16th. The carnival owned and operated by Midwest Carnival will be set up in the parking lot of the Rockford Mall at 8900 Walnut Street which will include 14 rides for all ages, a 80' Ferris wheel, games and food booths. The Cub Scouts are selling advance tickets for the carnival on their web site pack490.mn.org. The money raised from the event will be partially used to send Scout Troop 490 to camp this summer. Other organizations have been asked to participate as a fund raiser for their organization. No alcohol will be sold at the event and the carnival will close at 10 p.m. in accordance with the city noise ordinance. The east access to the mall parking lot will be blocked off for the event. Event organizer John Krcil was present and showed the city council where the outdoor toilets, waste receptacles, carnival rides, fencing etc. will be located. Electricity for the event is the responsibility of Midwest Carnival and the Mall must provide water. The city fire chief, public works supervisor and administrator have approved the application for the event and no council action was required.

Public Works Facility/Tiles - Rochon

Administrator Carswell sent a letter on March 8, 2010 to Rochon Corporation's Project Manager Jim Smith regarding unresolved construction issues which included tiles in the restrooms/locker rooms in the Public Works Facility. Rochon responded to the letter stating they would send one of their subs out to take out and replace the tiles at no cost to the City of Rockford.

The city has asked a mechanic to audit the HVAC system including the controls and a report will be presented to council on April 13th.

MOTION was made by Graner seconded by Hafften to approve replacing the tiles in the restrooms/locker rooms in the condition from Rochon that the tiles would be replaced at no charge to the City.

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

Ongoing Directives

The ongoing directives were reviewed.

Public Work's Report

Supervisor Peterson's reported the Public Work's Department had spent many hours watching and preparing for the high water. They have also been monitoring the storm water lift station and keeping an eye on the sanitary sewer system.

A public works employee was injured at home in January and will be out of work at least until May 3, 2010. Supervisor Peterson would like to fill the void by allowing a student who has been working for the City through a jobs program with Wright County, to work up to 40 hours. The program case worker, Jordan Dockendorf, stated there is enough money in the program until June 30, 2010 to allow the employee to increase his hours to full time (40 hours per week) until June 30, 2010.

The Waste Water Department is preparing for spring hauling of biosolids. Samples of the biosolids have been sent and it takes about 30 days to complete all of the required tests. All test results need to be completed before the biosolids can be land applied.

Also noted in the report was: road restrictions went into effect on March 9th and all the City streets were posted 5 tons per axel, street sweeping has begun and once this is done crack filling will begin.

Adjournment

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

Mayor Beyer adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Michael Beyer, Mayor

ATTEST:

Nancy Carswell, Administrator