

ROCKVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
September 21, 2016
ROCKVILLE CITY HALL

Item 1) Call to Order

Item 2) Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jeff Hagen at 5:00 p.m. Roll call was taken and the following members were present: Council Members; Sue Palmer, Don Simon, Rick Tallman, and Duane Willenbring.

Staff members present: City Administrator Martin Bode, City Engineer David Blommel w/SEH, Stearns County Sheriff Representative's Victor Weiss, Planning Commission Chair Bill Becker.

Community members present: Jerry Tippelt, James McDonald, Tудie Hermanutz, Carol Dietman, Vince Schaefer

Recess to Workshop

- a) 156 Broadway St E, Private Water Service Repair
- b) 2017 Budget

Reconvene Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.

Item 3) Pledge of Allegiance

Item 4) Approval/Additions of Agenda

Motion by Palmer, second by Simon, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 5) Open Forum (4) Minute Limit (No Sharing/Allotting of Minutes)

Carol Dietman, 10059 Co Rd 47, wanted to report to the council that Tracy Stevens, property owner of 401 Oak Street, is actively exploring buyers for this property.

Council Member's commented on the Dedication Day for the Rockville Veteran's Memorial Monument. And extended a thank you to everyone on the committee and the superb job on the ceremony. All council members agreed that it was a great day and the positive impact it was for Rockville.

Item 6) Approval Rockville City Council Minutes of August 17, 2016

Motion by Palmer, second by Willenbring, to approve the City Council minutes of August 17, 2016. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 7) Approval of Bills Paid

Council requested clarification on the repairs for the saddle on the water main and would like it separated into (3) line items. Administrator Bode will look into the request.

Motion by Tallman, second by Simon, to approve the bills paid for August and September. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 8) Consent Agenda:

- a) Approve of August/September 2016 Journal Entries
- b) Acknowledge Lions Monument Committee's August 10, 17, 24 and 30th, 2016 Meeting Minutes
- c) Approve Resolution 2016-34 - LG220 Lawful Gambling Exempt Permit for Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church on November 20, 2016

- d) Resolution 2016-36 Acceptance of August/September Donations

Motion by Palmer, second by Tallman, to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 9) Department Reports

- a) Sheriff's Report
Sheriff Deputy Victor Weiss reviewed with the Council the August 2016 written Sheriff's Report of the City of Rockville activity.
- b) City Engineer Dave Blommel (SEH), 2017 Street Project
Engineer Blommel, presented the 2017 Street Project/Feasibility Study. Soil borings were completed on various streets and roads. The majority of the roads would allow for reclaiming and overlays which would be a significant cost savings. There are a few streets that would need to be reconstructed. A Public Improvement Hearing will be scheduled for November. Members of the council discussed assessments, bonding, and probable costs.
- c) Administration

1) 2017 Budget – Resolution 2016-35, Adoption of the Preliminary 2017 Tax Levy

Administrator Bode was asked to summarize the workshop discussion regarding the 2017 Preliminary Budget. Staff presented council the 2017 preliminary budget. If the proposed new items were not included in the 2017 budget, the budget would be approximately \$10,000 less than last year.

New items included in the 2017 Preliminary Budget resulting in a 25 percent increase:

- Transferring \$85,000 in tax dollars from the general fund to the water fund to help pay for the PL operating cost.
- \$200,000 for streets and roads
- Bond cost estimate of \$250,000 for 2017 street project and CIP Items of: Salt shed, Public Works building and Plow truck

Items removed:

- RockFest will stand alone next year and not under the city
- 3rd fulltime employee for Streets and Parks vs Contract Services

Council expressed some concern over the 25 percent increase but acknowledged that this is only a Preliminary Tax Levy and once approved it cannot be raised but can be lowered up and until the December 2016 Council meeting. Council stated that the 25% increase gives them room to work towards a possible 20% by the end of the year.

Motion by Palmer, second by Simon, to approve Resolution 2016-35 Adoption of the Preliminary 2017 Tax Levy. Motion passed unanimously.

2) Random Drug Testing

Discussion regarding the random drug testing pool for the (2) Public Works employees. Annual cost of \$75.00 plus the cost of the drug testing \$150 to \$200. It was agreed, pending confirmation of legal compliance, that they be removed from this testing pool.

3) Skate Shed and Sand

Discussion to remove the (deteriorating) shed and the sand within the ice rink at Community Park. Staff reported that it is difficult to make ice with the amount of sand in the rink. In past years the sand was added to utilize the rink in the warmer months as a volleyball court. Unfortunately there was not enough interest generated with this

endeavor. The Staff recommendation is for shed and sand to be removed and the ice rink will be open to the public this upcoming season.

Motion by Hagen, second by Palmer, to approve to remove the skate shed and sand from the ice rink.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Palmer, Simon, Hagen

NAYS: Willenbring, Tallman

Motion passed on a 3 to 2 vote. (It is noted for the record that Willenbring and Tallman approve of removing the shed but not the sand).

4) Mill Street Water Main

Discussion on the repair for Mill Street water main.

Motion by Palmer, second by Simon, to approve the Mill Street water main repair not to exceed \$8,000.00. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 10) Council Action:

a) Appropriations, Allocations and Transfers

1) Fire Hall Generator

The generator at the Fire Hall needs to be replaced. The estimated cost is \$24,500. Mike Hofmann, provided a brief explanation for the council. The current generator (30 kw) is over 45 years old and has been at the fire hall for the past 10 years. It is in need of repair and unreliable. Council requested additional bids from the Fire Department.

Motion by Palmer, second by Simon, to approve purchase (get additional quotes) of a new generator at the Fire Hall not to exceed \$25,000.00. Motion passed unanimously.

2) Stoney's Bar, 156 Broadway St E, Private Water Service Repair

Council held discussion on the paying a percentage of the invoice for the water service repair at 156 Broadway Street East. Tallman commented that the city should pay more as this has been a problem for years. Council agreed that residents need to contact City Hall first if there are any issues with their water service.

Motion by Hagen, second by Willenbring, to approve paying 50% of the water service repair bill.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Palmer, Simon, Hagen, Willenbring

NAYS: Tallman

Motion passed on a 4 to 1 vote.

3) Approve Resolution 2016-37 Addressing Failed Liquor Compliance Check

Penalty is a one day suspension and a \$500 fine.

Motion by Palmer, second by Willenbring, to approve Resolution 2016-37 Failed Liquor Compliance Check of a one day suspension and a \$500 fine. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 11) Mayor/Council Reports

Nothing to report.

Item 12) Other

Member Tallman provided an update on 25683 Lake Road. The property owner continues to make progress on the remodel.

Member Willenbring inquired on the status of the property on 25814 Lake Road. Administrator Bode stated legal action is being taken on this property.

Item 13) Open Forum (4) Minute Limit (No Sharing/Allotting of Minutes)

Member Willenbring stated that the City of Rockville is hosting the Sauk River Watershed District's/Mill Creek Stakeholders meeting on Friday, September 23, 2016.

Item 14) Adjourn

Motion made by Hagen, second by Palmer, to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted

*Martin M. Bode
City Administrator*