

ROCKVILLE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

November 6, 2019

Rockville City Hall

Item 1) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m. by Mayor Duane Willenbring.

Item 2) Roll Call

Roll call was taken and the following members were present: Duane Willenbring, Bill Becker, Brian Herberg, Don Simon, and Jerry Tippelt.

Staff members present: City Administrator, Martin Bode and Public Works Director, Gene Van Havermaet.

Others present: various members of the public.

Item 3) Approval of Agenda

Motion by Simon, second by Herberg, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Item 4) 2019/2020 Budget

- a) Fire
- b) Emergency Management
- c) Highway/Streets/Gravel/Seal Coat/Equipment
 - Council suggested reducing the street/road improvement from \$700,000 to \$500,000 thereby reducing the proposed percent of budget increase over the 2019 levy from 37.84 down to 23.46.
 - Council discussed the City of Rockville applying for legislative authority to impose a ½ percent sales tax to generate additional funds to help with street/road improvements.
 - Council discussed applying for State Bonding Aid.
- d) Mayor/Council
- e) Elections
- f) Administration
- g) Police
- h) Parks
- i) Planning/Zoning
- j) EDA/RoCoRi Trail
- k) Debt Service
- l) Capital Improvement Funds
- m) Enterprise Funds
- n) General
- o) Resolution 2019-50 Fire Department - Part Time/Seasonal - Council/Planning Commission.
Postponed to November 13, 2019, Council meeting. Add to consent agenda.

Item 5) Fee Schedule

- a) General Fees
- b) Fire Department calls
- c) Water/Sewer Rates

Item 6) Stickney Hill

Administrator Bode reported to the Council, for the record, that this past summer Stickney Hill Dairy Inc. had filed a lawsuit against the City of Rockville as it relates to the City's billing practice for Stickney's industrial sewer waste and further relating to stipulations that the City of Rockville had outlined to Stickney in a letter drafted by City Attorney Susan Kadlec dated September 6, 2018.

Following the City receiving the notice of the lawsuit, the City agreed to attempt and settle the dispute by the use of mediation and further agreed (status quo) not to shut off Stickney's water service for nonpayment of the disputed amount during this period of mediation, noting that Stickney was not dumping their industrial wastewater into the City's system, but rather they were trucking/hauling their industrial wastewater out.

On October 14, 2019, the City received an email from Glenn Wood, General Manager for Stickney Hill expressing his desire to start discharging Stickney industrial wastewater into the City of Rockville's wastewater system.

On October 25, 2019, the City received an email from Eric Borchardt, Plant Manager for Stickney Hill, notifying the City that Stickney as of October 24, 2019, 1 p.m., had opened their wastewater valve.

On October 25, 2019, immediately after receiving Mr. Borchardt email and after consulting with City of Rockville's Attorney Susan Kadlec and LMC appointed attorney James Thompson, the City replied to Mr. Borchardt of Stickney Hill email, requesting they immediately shut their wastewater valve off. As of this date, November 6, 2019, Stickney Hill Dairy has refused to comply with the demand that they shut off their industrial wastewater valve.

Item 7) Postal Service

The Council again reviewed a letter the City received from Congressman Tom Emmer dated August 26, 2019, as it relates to mailing addresses for residents of the City of Rockville. Currently the city mailing name and zip codes for residents of the City of Rockville are:

Rockville, MN 56369
St. Cloud, MN 56301
St. Cloud, MN 56302
St. Cloud, MN 56303
Cold Spring, MN 56320
Kimball, MN 55353

If the City desires that all Rockville residents have Rockville as their mailing address it can be accomplished with a letter of request directed to the Address Management Systems USPS, requesting that Rockville be assigned as the city mailing name to all the related zip codes. The Council directed staff to move forward with the process.

Item 8) Department Reports/Request

The Council discussed the idea of giving the old Pleasant Lake City Hall to the Sportsman's Club and allowing the Sportsman's Club to place the building in Eagle Park or arranging for the local school to build a meeting hall at Eagle Park for the Sportsman's Club and possibly the Lions Club to use.

Council discussed the idea of using the old hockey rink area at Rockville Community Park as a possible dog park.

Item 9) Future Agenda Items

Item 10) Adjourn

Motion by Becker, second by Tippelt, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Martin M. Bode
City Administrator*