A regular meeting of the Rockford City Council was held Monday, January 11, 2016, at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 7 South Monroe Street, Rockford, Michigan.

I. Meeting called to order. The meeting of the Rockford City Council was called to order by Mayor Coon at approximately 7:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call. Present: Mayor Jerry Coon, Mayor Pro-tem Tammy Bergstrom and Council Members Steve Jazwiec, Brien Dews and Gail Mancewicz.

III. Closed Session. On a motion by Council Member Dews, with support by Council Member Jazwiec, and carried by all, Council went into Closed Session at 5:31 p.m. to discuss items related to pending litigation. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – 5; Nays – 0.

IV. Reconvene into Open Session. On a motion by Council Member Jazwiec, with support by Council Member Mancewicz, and carried by all, to reconvene into Open Session at 6:50 p.m.

The Council meeting resumed at 7:00 p.m.

V. City Manager's Report. There was no City Manager's Report.

VI. Approval of the Agenda. On a motion by Council Member Dews, with support by Council Member Mancewicz, and carried by all, the Agenda was approved as submitted.

VII. Public Comments and Presentations

Caleb Sower of 249 N Main Street stated that he has attended all of the Council meetings and missed one Planning Commission meeting since the Tamarack Run proposal was issued to the City and feels as though he has been ignored. Mr. Sower requested Council to defend the citizen's request.

Carl Koivisto of 231 S Main Street stated he would love to have the pollution cleaned up and believes there will be no traffic issues with the development and totally supports the development.

Robert Stegmeyer of Windmill Drive does not like the increased traffic and how close the development is to Rum Creek.

Jim Scales of 225 E Bridge Street expressed approval for the project and stated that there is no Plan B for this property.

Kristine Sower of 239 N Main Street stated that the City should collaborate with all residents.

Christine VanderHart of 8 S Dayton Street stated that the residents do not want this development.

Donna Alexander of 205 N Monroe stated she lives directly across from the proposed drive to the development and does not want to see the development built.

Dave Rasmussen of 80 Riverchase supports the development.

Elsie Wayman Vis of 157 N Monroe Street stated that the signs placed against the development are a voice and some of the signs have disappeared and they would like their signs back.

Tom Matlose of 271 N Monroe Street stated that the project received a no vote, which means it is a no vote and the development should not be built.

VIII. Mayoral Appointments and Proclamations. There were no Mayoral Appointments or Proclamations.

IX. Consent Agenda. On a motion by Council Member Jazwiec, with support by Mayor Pro-tem Bergstrom, and carried by all, the following items were approved as part of the Consent Agenda: A) the December 14, 2015 regular meeting minutes; B) the December 2015 bills and transfers; and C) the Amendment to the Splash Special Events Permit Application.

X. Public Hearing. There was no Public Hearing.

XI. Old Business

A. Consideration of approving a Settlement Agreement between the City and Prime Development. David Otis with Plunkett Cooney provided a detailed explanation of the proposed Settlement Agreement. City Manager Young provided a view of the proposed sites that are set to be cleaned through the Settlement Agreement as well as a map of the property that will remain as wetlands into perpetuity. On a motion by Council Member Jazwiec, with support by Council Member Dews, and carried, the Settlement Agreement between the City and Prime Development was approved. Roll Call Vote: Ayes- 3; Nays- 2 (Bergstrom and Mancewicz).

B. Consideration of approving the purchase of a portion of property located at 4985 Tiamo Lane. On a motion by Council Member Dews, with support by Council Member Mancewicz, and carried by all, Council authorized the expenditure of $35,000 for the purchase of a portion of

property located at 4985 Tiamo Lane, based on a Purchase Agreement approved by City Attorney Dick Wendt.

X. New Business

A. Consideration of approving a contract for replacement of the downtown camera system. On a motion by Council Member Jazwiec, with support by Mayor Pro-tem Bergstrom, and carried by all, Council approved a contract for replacement of the downtown camera system to VTT in the amount of $86.314.

XI. Board and Commission Activities

A. Planning Commission. City Manager Young stated that the Planning Commission will meet in January.

B. Downtown Development Authority. City Manager Young stated the DDA will begin the budget process for projects.

C. Board of Zoning Appeals. City Manager Young stated there were no applications this month.

D. Economic Development Corporation. City Manager Young stated that the EDC will not meet this month.

E. Rockford Area Community Endowment. City Manager Young stated that RACE will meet Wednesday evening to discuss fundraising opportunities and the Sjogren project.

XII. Miscellaneous Items. There were no Miscellaneous Items.

XIII. Council Member Comments

Mayor Coon requested Council to submit goals to City Manager Young.

Council Member Dews thanked Jamie and his crew for all of their work in the City.

XIV. Adjournment. On a motion by Council Member Dews, with support by Council Member Jazwiec, and carried by all, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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Christine M. Bedford, City Clerk