

A regular meeting of the Rockford City Council was held Monday, February 13, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 7 S Monroe Street, Rockford, MI 49341.

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

**II. Roll Call.** Present: Mayor Steve Jazwiec, Mayor Pro-tem Cheryl Scales, and Council Members Jerry Coon, Terry Konkle and Melissa Young.

**III. City Manager's Report**

Interim City Manager reminded Council of the March 1, 2017 SAW Grant meeting at 5 p.m.; explained that the Creative Arts group is getting ready to file an appeal; we are moving along with IT Right as our website vendor and hopefully we will have a completed site sometime in April; the LED lighting in the downtown has saved the City \$14,000 on our electric bill in approximately nine months; and staff is moving along with the Michael F. Young Riverfront project.

**IV. Approval of the Agenda.** On a motion by Council Member Coon, with support by Council Member Young, and carried by all, the following items were added to the Miscellaneous Items portion of the agenda: A) Resolution 17-4 allowing for the combining of Precinct One and Two for the May 2, 2017 School Election; and B) Resolution 17-5 approving and authorizing execution of a Lease Agreement with Ford Motor Credit Company.

**V. Public Comments and Presentations**

**A. To receive a presentation from Prein & Newhof regarding the Storm Water, Asset Management and Wastewater (SAW) Grant Program.** Mark Prein and Steve Oosting with Prein & Newhof provided information to Council regarding the Storm Water, Asset Management and Wastewater (SAW) Grant Program.

Laura Weld of 201 S Monroe Street stated she is representing the Krause Memorial Library Board and wanted to alert Council to the fact that the KDL will be doing a needs assessment study and possibly looking at additional space and rehabbing the building.

Lynn McIntosh of 139 N Monroe had a question regarding an easement for the benefit of the Tamarack Run Development.

**VI. Mayoral Appointments and Proclamations**

**A. Consideration of the Mayor appointing and Council confirming the appointments of Chuck Boekeloo, Rick VanHorn and Steve Stapleton to the Board of Zoning Appeals.** On a motion by Council Member Coon, with support by Mayor Pro-tem Scales and carried by all, Council confirmed the appointment of Chuck Boekeloo, Rick VanHorn and Steve Stapleton to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

**VII. Consent Agenda.** On a motion by Council Member Coon, with support by Council Member Konkle, and carried by all, Council approved the following items: A) approval of the January 4, 2017 Work Session, January 9, 2017 Regular and January 30, 2017 Work Session meeting minutes; B) Approval of the bills and transfers for January, 2017, and C) the Special Events Permit Application for Rock the Color Run with the condition that updated insurance is provided to the City.

**VIII. Public Hearing**

**A. Consideration of holding a Public Hearing for the Community Development Block Grant Funds.** On a motion by Council Member Scales, with support by Council Member Coon, and carried by all, the Public Hearing opened at 7:45 p.m.

Cliff Hill of 592 North Creek Court spoke in favor of the sidewalks along Courtland Drive.

Tammy Bergstrom of 194 Summit discussed the cost of the engineering for the sidewalks and asked if the City would have to maintain them.

Mark Hunt of 111 S. Lincoln spoke in favor of the sidewalks.

On a motion by Council Member Coon, with support by Council Member Konkle, and carried by all, the Public Hearing closed at 7:50 p.m.

**IX. Old Business.** There was no Old Business.

**X. New Business**

**A. Consideration of Resolution 17-2 approving the Community Development Block Grant Funds.** On a motion by Council Member Scales, with support by Council Member Konkle, and carried by all, Resolution 17-2 was approved.

**B. Consideration of Resolution 17-3 approving the Final Plat approval for Heritage Park IV.** On a motion by Council Member Coon, with support by Council Member Young, and carried by all, Resolution 17-3 was approved.

**C. Consideration of approving a contract with Prein & Newhof to conduct a Water Well Siting Study.** On a motion by Mayor Pro-tem Scales, with support by Council Member Coon, and carried by all, Council approved up to \$45,000 to hire Prein & Newhof to investigate for a Water Well Study.

**D. Consideration of approving a contract with Tournesol Siteworks for the downtown recycling bins.** On a motion by Council Member Coon, with support by Council Member Young, and carried by all, a contract was awarded to Tournesol Siteworks in the amount of 12,449 for the purchase of recycling bins for the downtown.

- E. **Consideration of Ordinance 17-1 repealing Section 1.5 C of Chapter 1 of the City Code.** On a motion by Mayor Pro-tem Scales, with support by Council Member Konkle, and carried by all, Ordinance 17-1 was repealed.

#### **XI. Board and Commission Activities**

- A. **Planning Commission.** The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing and consider the new Tamarack Run application.
- B. **Downtown Development Authority.** The DDA will meet in March to discuss upcoming projects.
- C. **Board of Zoning Appeals.** The BZA will meet in March regarding an application from a company in the Industrial Park.
- D. **Economic Development Corporation.** The EDC has not met.
- E. **Rockford Area Community Endowment.** RACE met to continue their work on their recognition dinner.

#### **XII. Miscellaneous Items**

- A. **Consideration of Resolution 17-4 allowing for the combining of Precinct One and Two into one Precinct for the May 2, 2017 School Election.** On a motion by Council Member Konkle, with support by Council Member Coon, and carried by all, Resolution 17-4 was approved.
- B. **Consideration of Resolution 17-5 approving and authorizing execution of Lease Agreement with Ford Motor Credit.** On a motion by Council Member Scales, with support by Council Member Young, and carried by all, Resolution 17-5 was approved for the financing of two 2017 Ford Explorer Vehicles.

#### **XIII. Council Member Comments**

Council Member Coon thanked Mark and Steve with Prein & Newhof for the information they provided on the SAW Grant and thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Mayor Jazwiec thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and congratulated Terry Konkle on the award he received from the Chamber of Commerce.

- XIV. **Adjournment.** On a motion by Council Member Coon, with support by Mayor Pro-tem Scales, and carried by all, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.