A regular meeting of the Rockford City Council was held Monday, September 14, 2015, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 7 South Monroe Street, Rockford, MI.

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

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

III. City Manager's Report

City Manager Young stated that the Art in the Park was a great event this year. He received lots of compliments about the City while attending. City Manager Young thanked Ryan DeVries, who is in charge of the event for making it such a successful event with even more artists this year.

City Manager Young stated that Council has in their packet, an amendment to the Harvest Festival Special Events Permit, which also includes Rockford Brewing holding their beer tent Thursday evening.

City Manager Young stated that staff is proposing a "pork chop" at the intersection of River and Ten Mile to prevent the illegal left turn. Discussion took place regarding this addition. It was agreed that staff would investigate possibly placing a kidney-shaped calming device.

IV. Approval of the Agenda. On a motion by Council Member Jazwiec, with support by Mayor Pro-tem Bergstrom, and carried by all, the Agenda was approved as submitted.

V. Public Comments and Presentations

Caleb Sower of 249 N Monroe Street stated that River Street looks nice.

Terry Konkle of 343 N Main and with the Historical Society stated that their fundraising event will be September 26th and will include a silent auction, a grandma's sale and a raffle.

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

VII. Consent Agenda. On a motion by Mayor Pro-tem Bergstrom, with support by Council Member Dews, and carried by all, the following items were approved as part of the Consent Agenda: A) approval of the August 10, 2015 Regular meeting minutes; B) approval of the bills and transfers for August 2015; C) Approval of the Addendum to the Special Events Permit for Harvest Festival; D)

approval of Resolution 15-18 approving the addition of Nelson Township and the Village of Sparta as members of the Grand Valley Metropolitan Council; and E) approval of Resolution 15-19 amending the Consumers Energy Contract for the addition of a street light at 21 N Main Street.

VIII. Public Hearing. There was no Public Hearing.

IX. New Business

A. Consideration of Resolution 15-20 approving a Term Sheet between the City of Rockford and the Rockford Public Schools related to the lease of property located at 250 Sigsbee Avenue. On a motion by Council Member Dews, with support by Council Member Mancewicz, and carried by all, Resolution 15-20 was approved.

B. Consideration of approving an easement with Rockford Brewing. Rockford Brewing is requesting an easement with the City to allow them to bump out their building approximately five (5) feet by sixty-eight (68) feet to facilitate walk-in coolers as part of their restaurant expansion. The proposed easement would be on the west side of their building, basically into the landscape area between the parking lot and the current building. After discussion, on a motion by Mayor Pro-tem Bergstrom, with support by Mayor Coon, and carried, Council approved an easement with Rockford Brewing based on the legal description and survey and a form acceptable to the City. Ayes – 3; Nays – 0; Abstain – 2 (Dews and Jazwiec).

X. Board and Commission Activities

A. Planning Commission. City Manager Young stated that the Planning Commission will not meet this month.

B. Downtown Development Authority. City Manager Young stated the DDA will meet in October to consider a board appointment and begin discussion on the budget.

C. Board of Zoning Appeals. City Manager Young stated the BZA did not receive any applications.

D. Economic Development Corporation. City Manager Young stated the EDC is not meeting this month.

E. Rockford Area Community Endowment. City Manager Young stated the sub-committee for Major Sjogren met and have given approval to the sculptor to begin.

XI. Miscellaneous Items. There were no Miscellaneous Items.

XII. Council Member Comments

Council Member Mancewicz stated she hasn't seen the contamination reports on the Burch property.

Mayor Pro-tem Bergstrom questioned whether Council should have a special meeting to discuss council goals.

Council Member Jazwiec stated that he is happy to see Art in the Park be so successful. Council Member Jazwiec also thanked Ryan DeVries for all of his work.

Mayor Coon thanked Terry Konkle for discussion the Historical Society fundraising event and also thanked Ryan DeVries.

XIII. Adjournment. On a motion by Mayor Pro-tem Bergstrom, with support by Council Member Dews, and carried by all, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.