A regular meeting of the Rockford City Council was held Monday, April 11, 2016, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 7 South Monroe Street, Rockford, MI 49341.

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. **City Manager Report.** Interim City Manager Jones stated that the MDEQ will be holding a Public Hearing on the Tamarack Run Condo Project at the North Rockford Middle School Tuesday evening at 6 p.m.

Interim City Manager Jones explained the LED lighting that we are hoping to gain a grant from Consumers Energy.

Interim City Manager Jones stated that the contract for Amber Kneibel to handle the social media has been executed and so far, her work has been a success for the City.

Interim City Manager Jones stated that the endowment for Michael has been set and his commitment to public service will continue.

Interim City Manager Jones congratulated Mike Reus on his 30 years with the City.

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

V. **Public Comments and Presentations**

A. **Consideration of recognizing the Public Safety Volunteers in coordination with National Volunteer Month.** Interim City Manager Jones introduced the Public Safety volunteers and presented four of the volunteers with an award for being with the program since its inception.

Linda Southwick of 17 S Monroe stated that the volunteers also staff the Visitors Center, which is a great help to the Chamber and she thanked them for helping.

Linda also stated that on April 16th, the Spring Break Saturday event will take place in the downtown with discounts being provided by many of the merchants along with various other promotions.

Linda stated that possibly the City, in cooperation with the Parkway Tree Program, consider planting a tree in honor of Michael.

Al Pratt of 210 E Main Street stated his support for the LED lights.

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

VII. Consent Agenda. On a motion by Council Member Jazwiec, with support by Mayor Pro-tem Bergstrom and carried by all, the Consent Agenda was opened for discussion. 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) approval of the March 14, 2016 Regular meeting minutes; B) approval of the bills and transfers for March 2016; C) approval of Resolution 16-9 approving the purchase of additional service credit; D) approval of a Special Events Permit Application for the Memorial Day Parade; E) approval of a Special Events Permit Application for Praise in the Park; F) approval of a Special Events Permit Application for the Start of Summer Celebration; G) approval of the Special Events Permit Application for Open Mic and H) approval of the Special Events Permit Application for United Bank Rogue River Blues.

VIII. Public Hearing. There was no Public Hearing.

IX. Old Business. There was no Old Business.

X. New Business

A. Consideration of approving Dixon Engineering to inspect painting of the Wolverine Water Tower. On a motion by Council Member Dews, with support by Council Member Mancewicz, and carried by all, the City approved Dixon Engineering to inspect the painting of the Wolverine Water Tower in the amount of $8,300.

B. Consideration of setting a Public Hearing for May 9, 2016 for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Byrne Electric. On a motion by Council Member Dews, with support by Council Member Jazwiec, and carried by all, Council set a Public Hearing for May 9, 2016, for an IFT for Byrne Electric.

C. Consideration of setting a Public Hearing on the 2016-17 General Appropriations Act and Millage Rate. On a motion by Council Member Jazwiec, with support by Council Member Mancewicz, and carried by all, Council set a Public Hearing for May 9, 2016, for the 2016-17 General Appropriations Act and Millage Rate.

XI. Board and Commission Activities

A. Planning Commission. City Clerk Christine Bedford stated that the Planning Commission has not received any requests.

B. Downtown Development Authority. The DDA will meet April 18th to discuss budget and projects. The DDA will also meet as the Brownfield Development Authority.

C. Board of Zoning Appeals. There were no applications this month.

D. Economic Development Corporation. The EDC is currently not meeting.

E. Rockford Area Community Endowment. RACE will meet Wednesday evening and continue their discussions on fundraising.

XII. Miscellaneous Items. There were no Miscellaneous Items.

XIII. Council Member Comments

Council Member Dews congratulated and thanked Chief Reus for his thirty years of service. He also stated that planting a tree in memory of Michael is a great idea and also thanked Al Pratt for his thoughts on the LED lighting.

Council Member Jazwiec asked staff to check on repairs to the sound system, stated that the Blues schedule is out and discussed the Open Mic event and how it evolved.

Mayor Coon stated that he was happy to see Praise in the Park event approved since it is a great event and thanked Rich Mol for all of his time and effort getting the event approved each year. Mayor Coon stated that the Sjogren project has approximately $50,000 towards the statue. He thanked the Public Safety Volunteers for their service and Mike Reus for his time with the City.

IX. Adjournment. On a motion by Council Member Dews, with support by Council Member Mancewicz, and carried by all, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

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Christine M. Bedford, City Clerk