

June 14, 2016

Village of Rapids City
Rock Island County, Illinois

This Regular Board meeting was called to order by President Protem Corson at 7:00p.m. All present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Present – Corson, Clark, Fowler, Mire, and Bertelli.

Absent – Rankin and Schneider.

Also Present – Clerk Price, Clayton R. Lee, Cindy Bisby, Daniel Ernst, and Glenda Gall.

A quorum was established.

CONSENT “Omnibus” Agenda: Clark motioned to approve 5/10/16 minutes, 5/16 Treasurer’s Report, 6/16 bills. Also, to include closed session minutes for 12/9/14, 2/11/14, 2/18/14, 10/13/15, 11/10/15, and 12/8/15/ Mire seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carries.

PRESIDENT-Rankin: No report.

POLICE REPORT - Chief Engle: Report as presented.

FIRE REPORT- Chief Carey: No report.

ATTORNEY - : No report. The village has received three applicants for the attorney position. Clayton Lee spoke to the board. He has 15 years municipal experience. He is the attorney for Colona, Silvis, East Moline, Hampton, Cordova, and Port Byron. Scheduling is not an issue for his firm as his Father, Graham Lee also fills in. Mire felt there may be a possible conflict because of East Moline issues. Clayton said this is not a problem; they have a separate attorney for East Moline. Corson said that the board will talk with Mayor Rankin and set up a special meeting to discuss the three applicants.

BUILDING & ZONING –Mire: One plumbing permit. 11 General permits.

CEMETERY –Clark: No report.

ELECTIONS –Rankin: No report.

FINANCE -Corson: No report.

ORDINANCE & LICENSES –Corson: QC Mart, Bisby wants to be on the agenda for July to discuss gaming. Ernst gave a short presentation about gaming and feels the village would receive \$11K a year from the gaming. He feels it is basically free money to the village. They are requesting that the village change the ordinance to allow gaming within the village of Rapids City. Mire stated he is in the gaming industry. If it came to a vote on this matter he would have to recuse himself from voting. He is not anti-gaming however VGT’s are not required to follow the same requirements or standards in the industry. Mire said that there was a suit with Excel Entertainment which was upheld in district and appellate court that entities can charge \$1K per terminal. It was established that QC Mart went around the village and received 78 signatures in favor of gaming within the village. Mire said these numbers fell significantly short to be put on the ballot. The previous board voted no to gaming within the village. Other board members have an issue with minors coming into a gas station with gaming conducted there. Addiction is another big problem. The village may not be able to control addiction but may make it an inconvenience for people with this problem. Mire encouraged Bisby and Ernst to contact an addiction center and they may have a different opinion on the subject. QC Mart said they would not be adding additional employees if they were allowed to do gaming. They don’t feel it is an issue and many people have said they are in favor of the gaming. Corson said money is not the big issue. It just may not be what the board wants for our village. He feels there is a place for gaming in an adult atmosphere but not in a gas station. Bisby and Ernst said their intent is to come to the next board meeting in July and request the board pass an ordinance allowing gaming in the village.

PARKS & RECREATION –Clark: The new signs are up in the parks and look good.

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PERSONNEL –Corson: No report.

PLANNING –Mire: No report.

PUBLIC SAFETY - Bertelli: Bertelli said the lot the village owns at the end of 19th Street has become a motor cross track. There is scrap on this property and he is afraid someone is going to get hurt. Clerk Price will contact the police and ask them to patrol this area to keep everyone off of it. No Trespassing signs need to be posted, and the scrap needs to be cleaned up on this property. The village needs to investigate selling this property. Bertelli informed the board he will be having a plack made for a memorial site to be erected at the village hall. Bertelli is donating the plack. He will get with Bump about putting up a stone base for it and pouring the concrete pad. This will be erected around the flagpole. Price will do a spell-check on the saying and get it back to Bertelli.

PUBLIC WORKS – Fowler: No report.

SEWER –Schneider: No report.

WASTE MANAGEMENT – Fowler: Fowler said there was a terrible recycling issue two weeks ago. The garbage truck lost glass all over the city. Allied was notified, however it has not been resolved. Price said they have been contacted by email and phone concerning problems. Frontier Court and South Shore are skipped all the time. We have a performance Claus in our contract with them and it needs to be addressed.

WATER –Schneider: No report.

OLD BUSINESS: Price will contact Bump about the light pole at the city hall parking lot and will follow up with Mayor Rankin. Price will contact the police concerning the property on 14th Avenue with all the vehicles etc there.

NEW BUSINESS: The current building permit is anything over \$500 a permit is to be taken out. Mire questioned the labor part of the permits. Mire wants to raise permits to \$1000. Currently permits are for work over \$500 a permit is required. If a resident does the work themselves, labor is not included in the permit. If a contractor does the work, then labor is included in the permit. Corson said if it is not specifically in our ordinance book, we then follow Rock Island County. Mire is going to propose at the next meeting that permits get raised to \$1000.

Fowler said that a resident on 12th Street recently hooked a hose to the village fire hydrant and was filling a pool. Some people spoke to Fowler concerning this because they were not aware that you could fill a pool from a hydrant. Fowler called Moline for information on their procedure with fire hydrant usage. Fowler also talked to Missy in the office and was told the resident was being charged for the water usage. The hose was left on the hydrant for several days before she observed the hose was inflated and water going through it. She said that water pressure in Country Garden went down. Fowler referenced Rapids City Ordinance Title VIII, Ch.1, Article 6, and Section 3. Fire Hydrants-Generally and Article 2 Water Service Section 26. 26.1. Fowler questioned why the hose was left on the hydrant for five days and why village ordinance was not followed. Mayor Rankin said if this was discussed that the board was to defer it to Rankin.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION: None.

With nothing further to be discussed Bertelli motioned to adjourn and all concurred, President Protem Corson adjourned this June14, 2016-regular meeting at 8:13 p.m.

CLERK

