

September 12th, 2017

Village of Rapids City
Rock Island County, Illinois

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

ROLL CALL: Present: Clark, Fowler, Mire, Rankin, Robertson, Schneider
Absent: Feims

Also Present: Missy Housenga-Clerk, Ben Barber-Treasurer, Ryan Bump,
Graham Lee, Teri Engle-HPD, Sarah Ford, Russell Kinkade, Chris
Cooper – MSA, Mark Reinders – MidAmerican Energy Company, Steve
and Donna Enright

A quorum was established.

President Mire read from a proposed Proclamation denouncing violence. All board members voted yes to accept the Proclamation. Mire thanked the Board for approval.

CONSENT “Omnibus” Agenda: Barber explained any equipment and/or capital purchases that need to be made from the Water account they need to be made on an emergency basis only, holding off on any capital improvements until next year. Robertson motioned to approve 08/08/2017 minutes, 09/05/2017 Committee of the Whole minutes, 08/2017 Treasurer’s Report presented by Barber, 09/2017 Monthly bills, Rankin seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carries.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: None.

PRESIDENT-Mire: Prior to this meeting today a Committee of the Whole Meeting was conducted where President Mire presented proposals for Municipal Services Rates. President Mire and Treasurer Barber had studied the municipal service rates based on the financial history of each service. Mire presented a proposal to change the rates for Water services and the Community Center. Water service base rate would increase by \$3.00 per month, bringing the base rate to \$28.00 with incremental changes from \$2.15 to \$2.30, \$1.95 to \$2.09 and \$1.85 to \$1.99. Robertson motioned to approving the water rates presented by the President effective January 1st, 2018. Clark seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carries.

Community Center rates were reviewed by President Mire and Clerk Housenga. President Mire recommended the board approve a change in the rates for major/special events and wedding receptions, all day rental to \$350.00; Non-Profit private events, all day rental \$150.00 with a \$150.00 security deposit; hourly events rate to \$40.00 non-resident, \$30.00 resident per hour with a 4 hour minimum; Non-Profit public events at no charge with a \$150.00 deposit; damage/security deposits for residents \$150.00 and non-residents \$250.00; hourly instructional class rates would change to \$11.00 per hour. No changes would be made to the Liquor Policy or the Clean-up Policy. Robertson motioned to accept the Community Center rates as presented effective January 1st, 2017. Fowler seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carries.

Mire recommended no changes be made to the Sewer rates at this time. Although, with the recommendation a stipulation that this rate could be impacted in the future by the sewer provider, City of East Moline. With no further discussion, no action was need the rates will remain the same.

Waste collection rate recommendation was discussed. At this time the Village is subsidizing the waste collection. Mire recommended to not increasing the current rate continuing subsidizing until after this current contract expires in July of 2019. With no further discussion, no action was need the rates will remain the same.

At the Committee of the Whole Meeting held earlier today Clerk Housenga presented proposed rates for the Tax Levy for review. Clerk Housenga proposed a raise in the tax rate increasing the levied amount to be collected by the Village by \$2297.00. President Mire recommended the same tax rate we collected last year, leaving the amount collected reduced by \$302.00. The reason for the decrease in the collected amount by the Village is because of the reduction of the Village’s EAV. Mire requested the board accept the no change of the collection rate from last year as presented at the Committee of the Whole Meeting. Mire noted in budget meetings with the Treasurer if the run rate remains the same the Village would be looking at a \$75,000.00 surplus being added to the General Fund with all things remaining the same. With no further discussion Rankin

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motioned to keep the tax rate the same. Clark seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carries.

The Illinois Municipal League presented a renewal agreement with the Village. Mire asked the board to approve the acceptance of the contract. Fowler motioned to accept the IML contract. Schneider seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carries.

Travel expense proposal was presented for the annual IML Conference held September 21st to 23rd, 2017 in Chicago. Mire stated he would like to see Clerk Housenga and Trustee Rankin to attend the conference in his place as there are many courses that could pertain to the Village. Mire has asked for Board approval of the travel expense not to exceed \$1250.00 as per ordinance. Robertson motioned to approve the IML travel fees not to exceed \$1250.00 per person. Fowler seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carries.

Mire asked the board to consider a revision to the spending limit for Village personnel. Mire suggested giving a spending limit for the President of \$1500.00, Public Works Director of \$1000.00, keeping the limit for the Clerk at \$500.00. This limit would only be utilized if there were no time to come to Board for approval, such as emergencies. No action was taken at this time.

A revised Utility Service Agreement and Community Center Agreement were presented to the Board with verbiage added from the Village Attorney. Rankin motioned to accept the agreements as presented. Clark seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carries.

POLICE REPORT - Chief Engle: Report as presented. Mire thanked the Police Department for their role in the investigation of a minor in an alleged sexual assault case. Engle reported the Blue and Red Christmas date has been set for December 11th. Engle will be working with local schools seeking children for the event. The Department will be asking local businesses for donations soon. The Police Department will be patrolling the Village during Halloween handing out candy to children.

ATTORNEY- G. Lee : Hampton Police Protection contract previously approved did not include certain details a revision has been sent. Mire will review and discuss at the October regular meeting. Lee reported and presented the deed to land located behind Village Hall containing the old church cemetery. Mire asked if we were responsible for the up keep of the cemetery. Lee thinks we are possibly responsible for the up keep as we are the owners of the property. Robertson will review the trust currently intact for the Rapids City Cemetery to identify if it states the moneys are strictly for the Rapids City Cemetery or if all Village owned cemeteries and report back to the board.

FIRE REPORT- Chief Carey: Report as presented.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT – Bump: Report as presented. Bump reported the department is done with their summer help with hours to spare and under budget. The IRWA Convention is coming up October 24th and 25th in Rockford. This convention is utilized to get water licensing for both Mark and himself for the past 5 years. A one night stay in Rockford, gas and meals are the expenses projected for this convention at approximately \$530.00 total for both employees. Rankin motioned to allow Mark and Ryan to attend the IRWA Conference, total not to exceed \$600.00. Fowler seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carries.

BUILDING, ZONING & Planning – Feims: Mire reported for Feims, 7 general, 1 plumbing and 2 demolition permits were taken out in the month of August.

PERSONNEL & FINANCE - Clark: None.

INFRASTRUCTURE - Rankin: Bids for 15th Street Court project were presented, McClintock Construction at \$34,025.00 and QC Directional Boring Inc. in the amount of \$34,500.00. Due to significant erosion of 15th Street Court the areas of the cul-de-sac and a homeowner's building is being affected. Work to be done for this project would include directional boring along the newly approve easement and new tube all the way from existing catch basin to a different area. This project was not budgeted but this could be a liability. Schneider motioned to accept the bid in the amount of \$34,025.00 from McClintock. Rankin seconded. Clark, Fowler Rankin, Schneider voted yes. Robertson voted no. Motion carries.

The EPA is requiring certain parameters be met for the high service pump project. MSA has presented a new proposal from Advantage Electric to meet the specifications

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required in the amount of \$5,200.00. This new cost proposal is still below what was originally approved. Rankin motioned to approve the Advantage Electric bid of \$5,200.00 for the installation of the VFD. Schneider seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carries.

ELECTIONS - Mire: None.

PARKS, RECREATIONS & CEMETERY- Robertson: Robertson reminded of the Committee Meeting, Tuesday, September 19th at 6:30pm and for Board members to be prepared for recommendations for short term and long term projects. He is also hoping to update all with additional information about the Cemetery Trust. Schneider commented on the Living Lands and Waters project along the I80 exit ramp, feels this would be a good project to support next year.

ORDINANCE & LICENSES – Schneider: The MidAmerican Franchise Agreement was presented by Mark Reinders from MidAmerican Energy. The current agreement in place for electricity was signed in 1992 for 25 years, expiring this year. Rankin motioned to accept the MidAmerican Energy Franchise Agreement allowing the sale of electricity in the Village. Fowler seconded. Clark, Fowler, Rankin and Robertson voted yes, Schneider abstained due to possible conflict. Motion carries. Discussion took place between business owners, residents and board about outage issues within the Village. Mark addressed the concerns stating he will do research to see if there are plans to resolve the ongoing issues.

A revision in the Liquor Ordinance was proposed, the change would bring a balance of services offered within the Village. This change would also affect the number of video gaming establishments allowed as a poor license is required by the state to conduct such a business. Rankin motioned to amend the current Liquor Ordinance to read a total of two Class I Standard Licenses. Schneider seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carries.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS, EVENT PLANNING & PUBLIC SAFTEY - Fowler: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Schneider approved to match the donation given last year to the Hampton Police Department for the distribution of Halloween candy. Schneider motioned to match the previous donation up to \$500.00 for the Hampton Police Department's Red and Blue Christmas Event. Rankin seconded. All present voted yes.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION: Robertson referenced his no vote on concerning the 15th Street Court project. We need to start budgeting for projects as such. Bump noted the extent of the issue was not known when the budgeting process took place.

With nothing further to be discuss, Rankin motioned/ Schneider seconded to adjourn and all concurred, President Mire adjourned this September 12th, 2017-regular meeting at 8:07 p.m...

Clerk