

May 12th, 2020

Village of Rapids City
Rock Island County, Illinois

This Regular Board meeting was called to order by President Mire at 7:00p.m.

Roll Call:

Physically Present – None.

Telephonically Present - Rankin, Fowler, Clark, Robertson, Mire

Absent – Schnieder, Fiems

Others Physically Present –Treasurer Barber, Clerk Housenga

Others Telephonically Present - Public Works Director Bump

A quorum was established via phone as per Governor Pritzker's Executive order.

CONSENT "Omnibus" Agenda: Robertson motioned to approve the Committee of the Whole Minutes from 04/14/2020, Regular Meeting Minutes 04/14/2020, Monthly Bills 05/2020 and Treasurer's Report presented by Barber 04/2020. Rankin seconded. All teleconferenced members voted yes; motion carries.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: None.

PRESIDENT –Mire: Mire engaged the Board in conversation to consider a scholarship to memorialize Chief Terry Engle. Rankin motioned to establish an annual scholarship fund in the amount of \$500.00 to memorialize Chief Terrance Engle for a criminal justice or law enforcement degree further specifications with details of the scholarship are to be determined within 60 days. Fowler seconded. All teleconferenced members voted yes; motion carries.

POLICE REPORT: Report as presented. Ryan Tone is the acting Police Chief. Mire gave a brief update concerning the incident that occurred north of Rt. 84 on the evening of May 9th, 2020.

ATTORNEY – N. Mason: The tax buyer for the property on 17th Street has been identified; the abandonment notification process has begun. Once court restarts the process will move forward.

FIRE REPORT – Chief Carey: Report as presented.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT – Bump: Report as presented.

BUILDING, ZONING & PLANNING – Fiems: Nothing to report at this time.

PERSONNEL & FINANCE – Clark: A request of donation was received from Riverbend Food Bank; a \$100.00 donation will be given at this time. No donation will be given to Wounded Warriors at this time, once revenues are known later in the fiscal year a donation will be revisited. Office computer equipment and needs were then discussed. Two bids were received, Platinum Information Services in the amount of \$727.26 per month plus equipment purchase in the amount of \$5,299.22 and Technology Transfer in the amount of \$1,625.94 plus the purchase of the laptop bundle. Robertson motioned to approve the bid from Technology Transfer. Rankin seconded. Discussion took place concerning each option presented. An additional cost of \$300.00 will be incurred for programming the laptop onto the Platinum network by Platinum. Rankin feels the proposal by Technology Transfer this is an adequate networking solution for 5 to 10 years. All teleconferenced members voted yes; motion carries. Robertson noted this approval to upgrade the network; a separate approval will be needed for the laptop. The laptop will be added to the agenda for the June meeting.

INFRASTRUCTURE – Rankin: Rankin gave grant updates. A check has been received in the amount of \$7,400.36 from FEMA for debris removal during the 2019 flooding. Reimbursement from FEMA for emergency protective measures is expected to be \$34,870.05, this claim is still in the approval stage. An estimated from FEMA for repairs to the boat dock parking area and 1st Avenue are around \$379,000.00, repairs would need to be completed by March of 2021. Grant management expenses may be submitted and reimbursed after all FEMA categories are finalized; up to 5% of the total claims can cover grant management costs. Rankin also updated the storm siren project has been completed with a reimbursement check to be received by mid-June. Clerk Housenga has inquired about an extension of the water loop project grant. Bids for asphalt to repair the intersections of 13th and 18th Streets and 1st Avenue were presented. Seal & Stripe, Inc. bid \$2,840.00 and Affordable Parking Lots bid \$2,420.00 for repairs. Seal & Stripe, Inc. was been disqualified due to not paying prevailing wage. Other municipalities have used and recommend Affordable Parking Lots. Robertson motioned to approve Affordable Parking Lots in the amount of \$2,420.00 to complete repair work on 1st Avenue. Clark seconded. All teleconferenced members voted yes; motion carries.

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Public Works Superintendent Bump updated the Board on status of the 14th Street culvert replacement project. Mire noted the design is based on the dredging of the creek. Rankin reported complaints of discharge of sump pumps on the city streets have been received, worries of algae growing on the streets have been expressed. Rankin read Title VII, Chapter 1, Article 5 Section 1 – 1.5 A permanent installation shall be one which provides for year round discharge capability to the outside of the dwelling, building, or structure. The outlet or discharge point of any sump pump or other authorized discharge shall not be directed so as to cause water flow onto adjacent public or private sidewalk, or onto a public street. Bump explained if the curb and gutter can take the flow of water this has been allowed. Rankin noted this is a vicious cycle if we do not allow residents to discharge into their yards; storm sewer or road residents will make an illegal connection to the sewer system to discharge their sump pumps. Mire asked Bump to talk with home owners to see if they can comply with the ordinance.

Rankin then addressed the complaints of grass clipping being discharged into city streets. Rankin once again referred to the Village Code of Ordinances to prohibit the discharge of debris in village streets. Title VIII, Chapter 1, Article 2, Section 33 - Water Pollution: No person shall, within the Village of Rapids City or water surrounding, abutting the Village of Rapids City, i.e. Mississippi River: 33.5 - Cause, threaten or allow the discharge of any contaminate into the waters of the Village of Rapids City. Contaminates by definition shall include any foreign objects not normally designed for deposit into the waters within the Village of Rapids City or its surrounding river. This shall include but not be limited to yard waste, garbage, sewer discharge, shrubbery, plants, animals, or any other materials of a foreign nature into lakes, rivers and streams of the Village of Rapids City. Title 2, Chapter 1, Article 1, Section 4 Disorderly Conduct. A person commits disorderly conduct when he knowingly: 4.8 - No person shall pile any leaves, straw, hay, limbs or branches of trees, tin cans, cleanings from cellars or other rubbish in any street, alley or public grounds, or carry or throw any ashes upon any sidewalk, or in any ditch to obstruct the same. Fowler elaborated grass clippings can become slick causing a hazard for traffic and pedestrians. Rankin reiterated yard debris can also clog storm drains resulting in flooding.

Clerk Housenga will be sure to address all issues in the upcoming newsletter.

ELECTIONS – Mire: Nothing to report at this time.

PARKS, RECREATIONS & CEMETERY – Robertson: Rankin motioned to purchase Toro 7000 series 25HP 60 inch, diesel for the price of \$9699.00 from B&B Lawn Equipment. Fowler seconded. The Ferris mower will be replaced by the new Toro mower. All teleconferenced members voted yes; motion carries.

ORDINANCE & LICENSES – Schnieder: Nothing at this time.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS, EVENT PLANNING & PUBLIC SAFETY – Fowler: Fowler would like to revisit scheduling the E-Waste Event in the fall if possible.

OLD BUSINESS: Clerk Housenga reported specifics for the Rebuild Illinois Grant as previously requested by the Board.

NEW BUSINESS: Community Center rentals may be scheduled but with capacity restrictions imposed by the Governor.

Clerk Housenga informed the Board of a new Rebuild Illinois Grant that was released today.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION: None.

With nothing further to be discussed, Rankin motioned to adjourn this Regular Board Meeting; Robertson seconded. All members of the Board concurred. President Mire adjourned this May 12th, 2020 meeting at 8:09pm.

Clerk