

May 8, 2012

Village of Rapids City

Rock Island County, Illinois

This Regular Board meeting was called to order by President Rankin at 7:02 p.m.

All present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Present – Corson, Hemm, Eggers, Dopler, Bird, and Lack.

Absent –

Also Present – President Rankin, Clerk Price, Ryan Bump, Attorney Fuller, Chief Fuller, Nicole with Allied, Don Carey, Don Clark, Chris Frey, R.J. Dopler, Elaine Pease, Diane Lambert, Mrs. Hansen, and Sarah Ford.

A quorum was established.

PRESIDENT RANKIN: Rankin stated there would be a 5 minute limit to address the board for audience and must wait until they get to public discussion to speak. The village received a letter that said the IKE Disaster Recovery Grant information was received and the city will be notified in July if we get the grant money. Fire Chief Carey reported that the fire department has done some interventions and learned some basic techniques. The department has located some land for the fire department.

CONSENT “Omnibus” Agenda: Dopler motioned/ Eggers seconded to approve 4/12 Regular Minutes, 5/12 Monthly Bills, 4/12 Treasurers Report, and 4/17/12 Personnel Committee Minutes. All present voted yes. Motion carries.

POLICE REPORT - Chief Fuller: Report as written.

ATTORNEY - Fuller: Michael and Sheila Price were served papers pertaining to their property. They have 30 days to respond. Fuller is going to put a lien on Susan Meyer’s property. She owes \$660.35 for mowing and unpaid water bills.

BUILDING & ZONING – Hemm: 4 permit.

CEMETERY – Eggers: No report.

ELECTIONS – Rankin: No report.

FINANCE - Corson: Corson motioned to accept the Appropriation Ordinance and the Operating Budget for the fiscal year 2012-2013/Bird seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carries. Dopler motioned to accept the pay increases/bonuses as present in the personnel minutes/Corson seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carries. Eggers motioned to accept the three year contract, year ending April 30(2012-\$8200, 2013-\$8300, 2014-\$8400) with Kent Klauer/Corson seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carries.

ORDINANCE & LICENSES – Eggers: Eggers had some sewer ordinances for the board to review. The board wants it put on the RC website that if there is a problem with the sewer, residents are to call the village office during regular business hours. If a problem occurs during after hours, residents are to call the police department. They will contact the appropriate village personnel. Eggers talked with Alice of IIW and got some good information. IDNR has a website devoted to this sewer problem. Rankin feels the business license ordinance is weak. The board talked about several ways to deal with unpaid licenses. A few examples to deal with this problem are: penalties, revoke license, give 10 days to pay then send a second notice and the revoke license or a \$50 fine. An ordinance will be presented at the next meeting.

PARKS & RECREATION – Dopler: Dopler needs to talk to Ryan about tearing down the playground equipment on 4th Ave. Frey was here to thank the city for the use of the park area last year for the Tug Run and request they get to use this area for the Tug Run again this year. The board concurred they get to do this again.

PERSONNEL – Corson: None.

PLANNING – Bird: Bird requested the board look over the information given by Missman before the next meeting.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Bird: Bird motioned that Ryan purchase lighted street signs up to \$1000/Dopler seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carries. Ryan is to call Rankin before he purchases them.

PUBLIC WORKS – Hemm: Ryan reported that the asphalt companies are not making asphalt until next week. He will start patching roads as soon as he can get the asphalt.

SEWER – Lack: No report.

WASTE MANAGEMENT – Dopler: Nicole with Allied was here to talk to the village. She presented a program on the recycle bank. It would cost each household an additional 75 cents with a five year contract. The board concurred the garbage trucks can pick up garbage from Memorial Day to Labor Day starting at 6 a.m. to beat the heat. Otherwise they are to start at 7 a.m. Nicole said if we have any special

events, Allied would be happy to help us with it. She is also going to give us a list of acceptable things to recycle.

WATER – Lack: No report.

ORDERS, RESOLUTIONS AND/OR ORDINANCES BY THE TRUSTEES: None.

OLD BUSINESS: none.

NEW BUSINESS: none.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION: Elaine Pease was here with several complaints:1) the curb in front of her home has a crack. She is legally blind and fell checking her mail. She would like her curb repaired 2) her neighbor put creosol on his fence and she feels it is a hazard and not legal to use. She was told this is private property and not a village issue. Mary Beth however is going to look into this as a personal service. 3) Elaine Pease and Diane Lambert complained about the residence that has all the vans parked along the road on 17th Street, a refrigerator in the yard with the door on still, junk in the yards of residence. Rankin said the city will address each complaint case by case. Corson stated that there is no preferential treatment in the city. The board repaired the road on 17th Street because of complaints by several residents where the sewer dropped the road and was creating a hazard for motorists. Ryan will start repairing streets, weather permitting very soon. The police will go take a look at the junk in yards to see if the city needs to get involved. Chief Fuller stated that what may be an eye sore to one person, may not be an eye sore to others. It is in the eyes of the beholder. R.J. Dopler was here and addressed the board. He is the owner of the vans along 17th Street. He is trying to conduct a business and has all the proper credentials. He will clean things up and is willing to help clean up or help where ever it is needed. Don Clark said he feels his driveway needs repaired also. Rankin said the village doesn't want to start imposing on private citizens.

CLOSED SESSION: None.

With nothing further to be discussed President Rankin adjourned this May 8, 2012-regular meeting at 8:25 p.m. All concurred.

Village Clerk