

March 12th, 2019

Village of Rapids City
Rock Island County, Illinois

This Regular Board meeting was called to order by President Mire at 6:30p.m.
All present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present – Fiems, Clark, Fowler, Mire, Rankin, Robertson
Absent - Schnieder

Also Present – Attorney Mason, Treasurer Barber entered at 6:40pm, Public Works Director Bump, Chief Dave Perley entered at 6:50, Mr. & Mrs. Ebel, Matt Pivit, Capt. Don Knapp, Clerk Housenga

A quorum was established.

President Mire opened the meeting by giving condolences to Richard Robertson and his family for the loss of his wife Marg Robertson.

CONSENT “Omnibus” Agenda: Fiems motioned to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes 02/12/2019, Committee of the Whole Minutes from 02/12/19, Committee of the Whole Minutes from 02-26-19, Monthly Bills 03/2019 and Treasurer’s Report presented by Barber 02/2018. Rankin seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carries.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: Matt Pivit of Allied Waste presented an extension of the current garbage and recycling contract to the Board. The extension of the current contract would be for four (4) years, with no increase for collection of garbage and recycling for the first year and a three percent increase each year after. The current recycling processing fee would remain at \$0.39 per home until June of 2020 with annual rate evaluations. A once a month bulk item pickup would be provided once per month for residents. Finally, yard waste sticker would be available at a cost of \$1.50 each. Robertson inquired if a second recycle can could be provided or weekly recycle collection would be an option. Pivit stated he could accommodate a second can, weekly collection would add a substantial increase in fees. Pivit explained the entire original will still be provided this is just an extension. Mire explained no decision would be made at this meeting concerning the agreement but, at the April 9th meeting discussion of rates for residents and voting on the extension would take place. Currently the residents pay \$12.00 per household for garbage and recycle service therefore the Village is subsidizing the remaining costs.

Richard Robertson addressed the Board as a resident concerning the personal matter of a memorial for his wife of the placement of a Little Library outside of Village Hall in the memory of Marg Robertson. Rankin motioned to place a Little Library on Village property outside of Village Hall. Fiems seconded. Fiems, Clark, Fowler and Rankin voted yes. Robertson abstained. Motion carries. Robertson thanked the Board.

PRESIDENT –Mire: Mire revisited the discussion of the canceling of instructional classes at the Community Center during inclement weather. Mire has met with the instructor of the class and the instructor is open to cancelations if necessary. If classes need to be canceled a call will be made informing of the need.

Mire explained signed easement agreements are still needed for the Sulphur Creek Project. Attempts to contact property owners have been made. A meeting with one owner was held and a concern was express about possible damage to water and sewer connection lines. Bump explained that the lines could be concern if the resolve was to go deeper with the creek but in fact all that needs to happen is the widening of the creek at that location. Bump will communicate with the home owner.

Mire stressed the importance of voting at the April 2nd, 2019 election and encourages everyone to exercise their right to vote.

POLICE REPORT – Chief Perley: Report as presented. An email received from one of the Department’s Officers was addressed concerning parking along 13th and 14th Street in the new addition. People are parking on both sides of the streets possibly impeding emergency services vehicles from passing through if needed. Mire would like to reach out to the residents explaining the need to park on one side of the roads. Bump explained the rest of the streets at the top of the hill have parking on one side of the street only. Verification of the parking ordinance will take place and signage will be added if needed. Chief Perely entered at 6:50pm having nothing further to elaborate.

ATTORNEY – N. Mason: Nothing to report at this time.

FIRE REPORT – Chief Carey: January and February 2019 reports were presented. Capt. Don Knapp stated the Department is always seeking volunteers and encourages everyone to do so.

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DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT – Bump: Report as presented. Mire commended Bump and Misfeldt on the timely repairs to the broken fire hydrant and water line. Bump explained repairs made to the 4” stub off of the main to the fire hydrant and valve on March 6th. Bump was able to use a hydrant and valve on hand to make the repairs but additional help from an outside firm were required to make down time for businesses and residents to a minimum. All businesses and residents in the affected areas were without water for less than a day. Water testing was completed and boil order was instated for the minimum required time. Bump noted the billing for the repairs will be high.

BUILDING, ZONING & PLANNING – Fiems: 1 general construction building permit was issued in the month of February.

PERSONNEL & FINANCE – Clark: Donation request from URICRA was received; a donation has not been given in previous years. Mire noted computer upgrades will be needed to get the electronic sign up and running. Rankin motioned to donated \$100.00, Bronze Sponsorship, to URICRA. Clark seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carries.

INFRASTRUCTURE – Rankin: Rankin talked about flood preparedness; explaining with snow falls and precipitation this spring flooding is a probability. Sand bags and sand are on hand for city proposes with some supplies available for residents. IEMA will release supplies when the river hits flood stage. Capt. Don Knapp of the Fire Department and Steve Ebel talked to the Board about flood preparations. Ebel keeps an eye on the river and reports levels to the Fire Departments. The Fire Department will not be bagging sand bags. The Fire Department will aide in life safety rescues. Ebel and Knapp recommend residents preplan and prepare for flooding by getting supplies now. 13.5’ is considered major flood stage in Rapids City. Hesco Barrier Baskets were recommended for covering manhole covers; Bump will research. Robertson motioned to authorize Bump to purchase Hesco Barrier Baskets and associated items not to exceed \$5000.00. Clark seconded. All present voted yes.

Rankin touched base on the Water Loop Project. Surveying has been completed and agreements with the railroad have been completed, more work is to continue as the weather gets warmer.

ELECTIONS – Mire: Nothing further at this time.

PARKS, RECREATIONS & CEMETERY – Robertson: Nothing at this time.

ORDINANCE & LICENSES – Schnieder: Nothing at this time.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS, EVENT PLANNING & PUBLIC SAFETY – Fowler: Fowler motioned to approve Smokey’s Family Diner will be catering the Veteran’s Luncheon again this year. Smokey’s will be providing brats, hotdogs, hamburgers, coleslaw, chips, baked beans, cookies, napkins, plates and utensils will be included at a cost of \$1499.00 for 75 to 100 people. Fiems seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carries. Pop and juice is left over from Thanksgiving. Budgeted funds were \$1800.00. The luncheon is open to all Rapids City’s current, reserve and retired service members and first responders on May 18th, 2019 from 11:00 am to 1:00pm.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Mire informed the Board of a request from Senator McCombie’s office asking or infrastructure needs within the Village. Mire would like to add the Water Loop Project and 17th Street project. Mire instructed Clerk Housenga to mark the entire 17th Street hill project at \$625,000.00. Clark would like to see 14th Street repaired.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION: None.

With nothing further to be discussed, Rankin motioned to adjourn this Regular Board Meeting; Fiems seconded. All members of the Board concurred. President Mire adjourned this March 12th, 2019 meeting at 7:39pm.

Clerk