

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

Roll Call:

Physically Present – Fiems, Rankin,

Virtually Present – Fowler, Schnieder, Mire, Robertson, Clark was virtually present but had technical difficulties with muting.

Absent – None.

Others Physically Present –Treasurer Barber, Clerk Housenga, Chief Tone, Attorney Mason, Lynn Hunt of Quad Cities Visitors Bureau, Public Works Director Bump, Ryan Derrer of MidAmerican Basement Systems

Others Virtually Present – Sarah Ford, Chris Cooper entered at 7:21 and Steve Haring entered of MSA Professional Services entered at 7:21pm

A quorum was physically established.

CONSENT “Omnibus” Agenda: Robertson motioned to approve 01/12/2021 Regular Meeting Minutes, 02/2021 Monthly Bills and Treasure’s Report presented by Barber 01/2021. Rankin seconded. All board members yes, except for Clark due to technical difficulties; motion passes.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: Ryan Derrer of MidAmerican Basement Systems presented his quote to remedy drainage issues as well as water entering Village Hall. Derrer proposed three options with each cost. No decision was made at this time as Trustees would like to have Clerk Housenga contact the company that conducted the mold mitigation in the storage room to see if there was some type of warranty. Trustee also wanted proposals from other firms prior to deciding on which application would be best. Lynn Hunt of the Quad Cities Visitors Bureau shared that two bass competitions were interested in holding events in Rapids City at Schuler’s Shady Grove Boat Dock. The first event would take place the week of July 27th, 2021 with The Bass Federation Junior World Championship and Fishers of Men District 11 Championship would be held September 9th through 11th, 2021. Hunt stated the boat dock could still remain open to the general public during each event. Quad Cities Visitors Bureau would enter into agreements for both events and take responsibility for all risks. The dock, electrical connections and parking would be needed for each tournament. Hunt would contact St. John’s Church to ask for additional parking for the event once Village authorization is granted for each event. Fiems volunteered to be a liaison to help coordinate each event. Mire feels we can make both events work with help from law enforcement and expressed this is a great opportunity for Rapids City. Mire would like to have the contracts state that the Village would be indemnified of any liability during each event. Schneider motioned to approve a partnership with Visit QC that includes the use of Schuler’s Shady Grove, boat launches and amenities, including the use of electricity and parking areas, at no cost to the organizers with appropriate indemnification to the Village; In return the Village will receive the benefits of media coverage, nonresident spending in small businesses and the ability to showcase our Village along the beautiful Mississippi River; this is all in accordance with the dates Monday, July 26th, 2021 through Friday, July 30th, 2021 and Thursday September 9th, 2021 through Saturday, September 11th, 2021, any changes to such schedule would require consultation with the Village; appointing Fiems as the liaison for the events. Rankin seconded the motion, all members except of Clark voted yes; motion carries.

PRESIDENT – Mire: Mire stated a newsletter will be issued next month with the new non-emergency numbers with additional details concerning the new police protect by Rock Island County.

POLICE REPORT – Chief Tone: Report as presented.

ATTORNEY – N. Mason: Court date for the abandonment proceeding on the 17th Street property are set for March 10th, 2021.

FIRE REPORT – Chief Carey: No report given.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Report as presented. Bump reported late in the day he received a quote to move a pit meter from outside to inside a residential home that has been on the meter repair list. The cost to move the meter came in at \$1,150.00, quoted by DMI Plumbing. Mire thanked Bump and Misfeldt for their efforts with snow clean up.

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

PERSONNEL & FINANCE – Clark: Robertson motioned to approve a budget meeting schedule for February 23rd, March 23rd, March 30th, April 22nd, 2021. Rankin seconded; all members voted yes except Clark, motion carries.

Fiems motioned to approve a refund for a building permit fee to Katherine Kreiter in the amount of \$1,000.00. Rankin seconded; all members voted yes except for Clark, motion passes. Azavar Government Solutions provided an update on collections from their audit.

INFRASTRUCTURE – Rankin: Chris Cooper and Steve Haring submitted a proposed professional service agreement and bidding of the engineered services of the watermain crossing project in the amount of \$44,000.00. Cooper also reviewed the specifications of the project and provided a estimated cost for the project of \$366,500.00. This project has several variables that can affect the cost of completion. Easement agreements have been received and residents will be contacted soon to get signatures. Schnieder motioned to approve the professional services agreement in the amount of \$44,000.00 by MSA Professional Services. Fowler seconded; all members voted yes except for Clark; motion passes.

Rankin mentioned an idea to annually flush a couple of sections of the sewer system on top of the hill to prevent sewer backups. Bump stated he thinks we should clean out the system and camera the areas. Rankin will include this item in the next budget.

Rankin then noted a new fiberoptic company is expanding in some of the surrounding municipalities. Rankin has heard complaints concerning the new company. Rankin and Schnieder will got through our ordinances to verify the validity of our ordinances.

ELECTIONS – Mire: Nothing to report at this time.

PARKS, RECREATION & CEMETERY – Robertson: Nothing to report at this time.

ORDINANCE & LICENSES – Schneider: Nothing to report at this time.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS, EVENT PLANNING & PUBLIC SAFTEY – Fowler: Nothing to report currently.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION: None.

Mire once again thanked everyone who attended the meeting. With nothing further to be discussed, Fiems motioned to adjourn this Regular Board Meeting; Fowler seconded. All members of the Board concurred. President Mire adjourned this February 9th, 2021 meeting at 8:23p.m.

Missy M. Housenga
Village Clerk