

March 8, 2011

Village of Rapids City

Rock Island County, Illinois

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

All present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Present – Corson, Eggers, Hemm, Bird, Schneider, and Dopler (7:07).

Absent –

Also Present - Clerk Price, Attorney Fuller, and Sarah Ford, Paul Loete (MSA), Ryan Bump, Don Clark, Charlie and Gwen Crockett, Barb Dittmar, Wayne and Sally Brinkmeier.

A quorum was established.

PRESIDENT RANKIN: Rankin reported the village received a thank you from Riverdale After prom. We received an invite to the QC Farnum Dinner on March 11. The 2010 census is done and the village has 959 residents. This is up 6 from last census. Rankin is going to investigate the letter from IDOT concerning redoing Rt. 84 and the city's share of \$8510.

CONSENT "Omnibus" Agenda: Corson motioned/Hemm seconded to approve the 2/11 Regular Minutes, 3/11 Monthly Bills, 2/11 Treasurers Report, and the 2-8-11 Planning minutes. All present voted yes. Motion carries.

POLICE REPORT - Chief Fuller: No report.

ATTORNEY - Fuller: Ryan is on top of the handicap parking issue. Rankin reported he talked to Snodgrass about his issue with cleaning up his yard. Snodgrass was cordial and said he has hired two young men to help him clean up. He needs an extension of 30 days and the village needs to see progress. The village should see progress by the next board meeting and this is not just shuffling things to another home in Rapids City. He needs to follow code; it must be in a garage that is completely enclosed. Attorney Fuller will send Snodgrass a letter of what the city expects and there will be a fine imposed if it is not cleaned up. The fine will range from \$50 to \$750. She will also address the canopy ordinance in the letter. Charlie Crockett feels the city should have an ordinance concerning storage sheds. Sally Brinkmeier said she listed the house next door and had to list it for far less than the house is worth because of Snodgrass's yard. This affects others in the neighborhood. She thanked the board for trying to take care of this problem. Wayne Brinkmeier, a realtor, said he is trying to sell Rapids City and it is a deterrent when people see these types of yards. He also feels it is a health issue. He encouraged the board to drive down the neighbors drive to see the full scope of this problem.

BUILDING & ZONING – Hemm: None.

CEMETERY – Eggers: No report.

ELECTIONS – Rankin: The Consolidated Election is April 5, 2011. The polls open at 6a.m. and close at 7p.m.

FINANCE - Corson: The board concurred to give \$50 to Project Graduation, \$25 to Midsummer Knight Read, Dopler motioned to give \$125 to Riverdale Boosters/Schneider seconded. Corson, Eggers, Dopler, Schneider voted yes. Hemm, Bird abstained. Motion passed. Corson encouraged the board to take a look at the profit/loss paperwork. There will be a Committee of the Whole Meeting March 28 at 6 p.m. at the Village Hall to discuss the 2011-12 Operating Budget. Schneider motioned to purchase the reconditioned Toshiba e-Studio 255 with the remainder to be paid in the amount of \$1516.30/Dopler seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carries. The QC Nuclear Volunteer Project is willing to help Rapids City with any cleaning or sprucing up in the city. Rankin will coordinate with Dopler, S. Ford to get this project going. Dopler is planning another clean up in possibly June, including another e-waste drop off. She will contact RICWMA beforehand.

ORDINANCE & LICENSES – Eggers: Eggers is going to explore the buildings ordinance.

PARKS & RECREATION – Dopler: Bump is going to get woodchips for the playground equipment.

PERSONNEL – Corson: No report.

PLANNING – Bird: The board has decided to have a planning meeting the third Thursday of each month at 7p.m. to discuss development ideas. The next meeting is March 17. The board decided to create a cross section (steering committee) of residents to come up with ideas of where the city would like to go with development. Eventually, Bird would like to hold an open house to discuss with all citizens where the city would like to go with development.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Bird: No report.

PUBLIC WORKS – Hemm: Schneider motioned to retain MSA in the amount of \$1800 for professional services to address the drainage and scope of work on 15th Street/Eggers seconded. Eggers, Hemm, Dopler, and Schneider voted yes. Bird, Corson voted no. Motion passes. Attorney Fuller will get easement information on this.

SEWER – Schneider: It looks like the sewer is coming back up. Bump feels it is due to thaws. Bump is preparing for a flood. The manholes are secure already and the sewer lift station will be when it is needed. He will also do extra measures such as covering with plastic and sandbags. He will be attending a flood preparedness meeting on Thursday. The estimated time until the flood is three weeks. The office will prepare back flow letters soon and get them out.

WASTE MANAGEMENT – Dopler: Will do an e-waste drop off again and a cleanup of the city.

WATER – Schneider: No report.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Eggers motioned to accept the intergovernmental agreement between Hampton and Rapids City relative to police protection as presented/Bird seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carries.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION: None.

CLOSED SESSION: None.

With nothing further to be discussed Eggers motioned to adjourn/Corson seconded. All concurred. President Rankin adjourned this March 8, 2011-regular meeting at 8:18 p.m.

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VILLAGE CLERK