

**October 11, 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, Dopler, and Lack.

Absent – Hemm, Bird.

Also Present – Clerk Price, Attorney Fuller, Ryan Bump, Sarah Ford, Fire Chief Carey, Officer Wiley, and Russell Kinkade.

A quorum was established.

PRESIDENT RANKIN: A monthly report from the fire dept. was presented. Chief Carey reported it has been a slow month. The fire dept. will have a party at the fire station on Halloween night. They will have hot dogs, chips, treats and everyone is welcome. President Rankin declared and Proclaimed September 19 through September 25 (Gold Star Mothers Day) as Gold Star Mothers Week. The city received a thank you from Riverdale Boosters for their donation. RICWMA is having an electronic recycling collection event on Saturday, October 15, 2011 from 8a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Rock Island County Fairgrounds.

CONSENT “Omnibus” Agenda: Corson motioned/ Lack seconded to approve 9/11 Regular Minutes, 10/11 Monthly Bills, 9/11 Treasurers Report. All present voted yes. Motion carries.

POLICE REPORT - Chief Fuller: Report as presented.

ATTORNEY - Fuller: Fuller researched handicap signs and found that the building owners are responsible to put up signage. She found an ordinance where animal waste is considered a nuisance. We will amend our ordinance to include this. Fuller hasn't heard from TMI concerning Joan Bowser's sewer issue. Fuller feels we should pay the Blaze bill and pursue reimbursement from TMI. We need to set a procedure from now on if this happens again. Bump said we do not require backflow preventers by ordinance.

BUILDING & ZONING – Hemm: 3 permits.

CEMETERY – Eggers: No report.

ELECTIONS – Rankin: No report.

FINANCE - Corson: There was discussion about refinancing the loan with PBSB. The city received a quote from PBSB to refinance with a five year fixed. The payment would be \$1949.82. We also received a quote from Blackhawk State Bank. They will refinance our seven year loan piggybacking the two loans at 4% interest. Payment would be approximately \$4655.24. We still haven't gotten a quote from National Bank. The board put this on hold until we get the 3<sup>rd</sup> quote and we find out if we will be penalized if we

pay off the loan early. The board is donating \$25 to Family Reading Night at the Elementary School. After discussion on e-billing and pay pal for water bills the city decided to not do anything with it. Eggers motioned/Dopler seconded to approve the Tax Levy Ordinance with the levy estimated at .5386. All present voted yes. Motion carries. This does not require a truth and taxation hearing because it is under 5% levied from the previous year.

ORDINANCE & LICENSES – Eggers: The board put a hold on the zoning ordinance presented for building requirements to look up exemptions. Mary Beth suggested we look into controlling antennas on towers in the city limits and wind generators. The board discussed the golf cart ordinance. Corson felt that Rapids City didn't have a need for a golf cart ordinance. Wiley suggested the city take their time and do research on this ordinance before they pass it. He said three quarters of the ordinance is in violation of state law.

PARKS & RECREATION – Dopler: Dopler said the park equipment at the 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. park is in disrepair. The city needs to look into purchasing new equipment in next year's budget. Halloween has been set for Oct. 31, 5-7:30p.m. The Rapids City Community Center party from 4-5 which will serve hot dogs and treats before the children trick or treat.

PERSONNEL – Corson: No report.

PLANNING – Bird: No report.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Bird: No report.

PUBLIC WORKS – Hemm: Eggers motioned to accept the quote from Chuck McClaine to do the street work on the 17<sup>th</sup> Street sink hole not to exceed \$3500 and also contingent on a quote in writing and he take a business license out with the city /Corson seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carries. K. Fuller brought storm water plans for Hemm to review. Dopler motioned to accept the proposed bid from Force & Sons for a 1400601SS Salt Dogg Electric Stainless Steel hopper Spreader not to exceed \$5000.00/Lack seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carries.

SEWER – Lack: The sewer bill is down. Rankin said he wants the public works to smoke test the sewer lines in the next month if the weather clears.

WASTE MANAGEMENT – Dopler: Dopler motioned to give the residents a month of free garbage in December/Eggers seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carries. It was suggested to do a hazardous waste pick up. This is something that would need to be organized with RICWMA. Transportation may be a problem with hazardous waste.

WATER – Lack: Lack motioned to let Ryan and Mark attend the IRWA conference October 25 and 26 at a cost of \$125 pp and \$95 hotel/Eggers seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carries.

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

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION: None.

CLOSED SESSION: None.

With nothing further to be discussed President Rankin adjourned this October 11, 2011-regular meeting at 8:20 p.m

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**Village Clerk**