

August 9, 2011

Village of Rapids City

Rock Island County, Illinois

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

All present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Absent –President Rankin.

Also Present – Clerk Price, Attorney Fuller, Ryan Bump, Don Carey, PBFD/Rapids City Fire Protection District, Chief Fuller, Don Clark, Louis Shelangouski, Sarah Ford, Harold French, Don Thompson, Chris Frey, Chris and Russell Kinkade.

A quorum was established.

PRESIDENT RANKIN: Don Carey presented a monthly report from the fire dept. The pancake breakfast is Saturday, August 13 from 7-1. There will also be a sprinkler demonstration. Mary Beth will put it on the website. We will close 11th Street during the tug race, along with one parking spot. The boat dock will remain open.

CONSENT “Omnibus” Agenda: Eggers motioned/ Dopler seconded to approve 7/11 Regular Minutes, 8/11 Monthly Bills, 7/11 Treasurers Report and 7-21 Sewer minutes. All present voted yes. Motion carries.

POLICE REPORT - Chief Fuller: There is an issue with a resident putting dog feces along a fence and the odor is affecting the neighbors. D. Thompson contacted the health dept. and this is not considered a nuisance. Kim will put thought into this and get back to the board. Bird suggested corresponding with a letter as to being a good neighbor.

ATTORNEY - Fuller: No report.

BUILDING & ZONING – Hemm: 6 permits.

CEMETERY – Eggers: A letter has been sent to the Oldham Trust to purchase a GPS unit, laptop, along with various accessories.

ELECTIONS – Rankin: No report.

FINANCE - Corson: Corson motioned to pass a resolution to move \$50K into CD’s to retain FDIC standing/Eggers seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carries.

ORDINANCE & LICENSES – Eggers: There was an ordinance meeting at 6 tonight and the committee decided to propose the following be made ordinance for accessory buildings: No more than 4 detached accessory buildings, it can't be larger than 50% of any yard, can't be taller than the principal dwelling, or larger than the living quarters of the principal dwelling. Egger wants the board to review the sign ordinance. Title 9, Ch.1, pages 16-27 and Title 9, Ch.3, pages 1-3. The board can revisit this later.

PARKS & RECREATION – Dopler: No report.

PERSONNEL – Corson: No report.

PLANNING – Bird: No report.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Bird: No report

PUBLIC WORKS – Hemm: The new tractor will be here this week. The city is getting \$3500 for trade in of our old tractor.

SEWER – Lack: The board decided the following at the July 21 committee meeting: \$150 shut off with no charge to turn back on, to raise the water deposit for new residents to \$100, and the cost of locating curb boxes is to be assessed to the homeowner. Dopler motioned/Lack seconded to accept these changes. All present voted yes. Motion carries. A sewer main was plugged and sewage backed up into a resident's basement. The city has contacted the insurance company and they are sending an investigator to look into this matter. Ryan and Corson will make calls to see if we can get an independent inspector to help with this matter. The plumber at this site said the homeowner did have a backflow preventer. Ryan is checking into a powder that can be put into the sewer lines to help with maintenance each year. Price will keep the board aware of the progress with this matter.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Bird: No report

WASTE MANAGEMENT – Dopler: No report.

WATER – Lack: No report.

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

OLD BUSINESS: No smoke testing has been done yet. The Handicap signs have been painted on the pavement at the post office, boat launch area, and the city hall. Joel did a great job on the stripes.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION: L. Shelangouski wanted an update on the 15th Street ditch project. Bump reported it is suppose to begin August 15. MFT was released and the bids

went out Friday. Shelangouski wants the city to cover the drainage ditch up with dirt. Shelangouski was told that it is a natural drainage ditch and is still our easement. The city would be creating bigger problems if we filled in this drainage ditch and Bump felt it was not in the cities best interest to fill it in. Attorney Fuller said that she was going to advise the board to put a halt on this project because she wasn't going to be threatened with a lawsuit. She was going to call a special meeting and was going to contact IML and Attorney Phares. We would get to the bottom of this once and for all and go to court if we had to. Under advisement from the attorney Eggers motioned to put a hold on the project as it relates to the 15th Street ditch project/Hemm seconded. Corson, Eggers, Hemm, Lack all voted yes. Dopler voted no. Motion carries. There were other ditch inquiries and Bird said he felt part of the problem is the lack of curb and gutter. Chris Frey was here to thank the board for their cooperation with the tug run.

CLOSED SESSION: None.

With nothing further to be discussed Eggers motioned to adjourn/Corson seconded. All concurred. President ProTem Bird adjourned this August 9, 2011-regular meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Village Clerk