

# REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND

## ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS

May 20th, 2014

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of Rock Falls, Illinois was called to order at 6:30 p.m. May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014 in the Council Chambers of Rock Falls by Mayor William B. Wescott.

Deputy City Clerk Michelle Conklin called the roll following the pledge of allegiance. A quorum was present including Mayor William B. Wescott, Aldermen Vandersnick, Snow, Kuhlemier, Schuneman, Hand and Folsom. Alderman Reitzel and Watts were absent. In addition City Attorney James Reese, and City Administrator Robbin Blackert were present.

Fire Chief Cook introduced Chaon Hanson, the new Rock Falls Fire Fighter, to the City Council.

Harold Marks, owner of Marks Auto Service 1313 First Avenue, addressed the City Council. He stated that he had been in business for many years and questioned why this year there were problems with tires sitting in front of his business. Mayor Wescott referred Mr. Marks to the Ordinance Committee to be held on Thursday May 22, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.

### **Community Affairs:**

Bethany Bland, President/CEO of the Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce updated the City Council on a few events coming up in the City of Rock Falls. The small business boot camp will be held on June 5, 2014, Summer Splash along with the boat races will be held on June 27<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014 and the Circus will be at Gieson Motor Sports on June 24<sup>th</sup>.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Vandersnick to allow the closure of Avenue A to East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street on June 28, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and the closure of East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street from Avenue B to Avenue E on June 28, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**Viva Voce Vote, motion carried**

### **Ordinance Second Reading /Adoption**

1. A motion was made by Alderman Vandersnick and second by Alderman Folsom to adopt Ordinance 2014-2156 - Authorizing an Annexation Agreement with Brent A. Porter for approximately 17.44 acres.

**Vote 6 ayes, motion carried**

2. A motion was made by Alderman Hand and second by Alderman Folsom to adopt Ordinance 2014-2157 - Annexing Approximately 17.44 acres of property located easterly of the city limits into the city limits of Rock Falls.

**Vote 6 ayes, motion carried**

3. A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman and second by Alderman Snow to adopt Ordinance 2014-2158 Amending Municipal Code to add Division 3A to Article VIII of Chapter 8 for the allowance and regulation "sidewalk cafes".

**Vote 6 ayes, motion carried**

4. A motion was made by Alderman Vandersnick and second by Alderman Snow to adopt Ordinance 2014-2159 Amending Municipal Code Chapter 10, Article II.5 - Trespass

**Vote 6 ayes, motion carried**

5. A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier and second by Alderman Schuneman to adopt Ordinance 2014-2160 Amending Municipal Code by Adding Section 9-32 designating speed limit on Regan Road

**Vote 6 ayes, motion carried**

6. A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier and second by Alderman Folsom to adopt Ordinance 2014-2162 approving the Redevelopment Agreement for approximately two acres in the RB&W District with Rock Falls Hotel Group LLC.

**Vote 6 ayes, motion carried**

7. A motion was made by Alderman Hand and second by Alderman Vandersnick to adopt Ordinance 2014-2163 Vacation of Public Alley - PETE HARKNESS CHEVROLET BUICK PONTIAC, INC.

**Vote 6 ayes, motion carried**

8. A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Vandersnick to adopt Ordinance 2014-2164 Authorizing the Lease of Real Estate for the right to harvest hay

**Vote 6 ayes, motion carried**

**Consent Agenda:**

A motion was made by Alderman Hand and second by Alderman Snow to approve the consent agenda items 1 and 2:

1. Approve the Minutes of the May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Council Meeting
2. Approve the bills as presented

**Vote 7 aye, motion carried**

**City Administrator: Robbin D. Blackert:**

Administrator Blackert updated the City Council on several items.

Video gaming income - there are 46 machines in the City now and that generated \$57,880.41 over the last year. We are using this income to pay the lease payment on the Police vehicle lease and the any remaining income goes to supplement the general fund.

State of Illinois Comptroller Program - this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> year for the program and from January 2014 through May 2014 we have collected \$38,038.60, between \$90,000.00 and \$100,000.00 have been collected since the beginning of the program with no fees being paid for

this collection. We are working on getting the Administrative Hearing rolled into this program also.

Abandoned Properties Grant - The City of Rock Falls was awarded \$26,774.00 on a new Grant program through the Illinois Housing Development Authority. We will be able to receive reimbursement for demolition, cleanup and grass mowing of abandoned properties from January 1, 2012 through July 2016.

Brownsfield Grant - The city has been notified from the EPA that there is \$10,350.00 remaining in a Brownsfield Grant that we will be using for Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the Limestone Building. The estimate for the Phase 1 cost is \$2,200.00.

A motion was made by Alderman Vandersnick and second by Alderman Snow to accept the bid received from James Fredricks, 4 Holly Road, Sterling IL, in the amount of \$935.00 for the lease of real estate for the purpose of harvesting hay.

Alderman Kuhlemier thanked Brian Tribley and the volunteers for their work on the replacement of the base under the Sam Leaf Memorial Bench and Plaque in front of the library.

Alderman Snow also thanked Firehouse Ministries, Brian Tribley and all the volunteers for all of the projects that they have completed and are currently working on.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Hand to approve the Mayoral appointments of Don Koehler, Matt Lillipop and Mark Vandersnick to the Planning Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals for a 4 year term commencing on May 1, 2014.

**Viva Voce Vote, motion carried**

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Vandersnick to enter into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing Pending or Threatened Litigation - Section 2(c)(11) and Personnel - Section 2(c)(1)

**Vote 7 aye, motion carried**

The Council entered into Executive Session at 7:05 p.m.

The Council returned to Regular Session at 7:20 p.m.

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier and second by Alderman Snow to approve a \$3,250.00 wage increase for the City Administrator.

**Vote 7 aye, motion carried**

A motion was made by Alderman Folsom and second by Alderman Snow at 7:22 p.m. to adjourn.

**Viva Voce Vote, motion carried**

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Michelle Conklin, Deputy City Clerk