

# REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND

## ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS

June 3rd, 2014

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of Rock Falls, Illinois was called to order at 6:30 p.m. June 3rd, 2014 in the Council Chambers of Rock Falls by Mayor William B. Wescott.

City Clerk Eric Arduini called the roll following the pledge of allegiance. A quorum was present including Mayor William B. Wescott, Aldermen Vandernick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Schuneman, Hand and Folsom. Alderman Watts was absent. In addition City Attorney James Reese, and City Administrator Robbin Blackert were present. Mayor Wescott remarked that Alderman Watts is in Wisconsin training.

### **Awards:**

Water Superintendent Ted Padilla, and Electrical director Dick Simon presented Kacy Tarbill with a check for \$1000.00. She was awarded this for a scholarship offered by the City as part of a groundwater education, and electrical safety program. Mr. Padilla also showed a plaque to the City Council which will contain all of the names of the past scholarship winners.

### **Proclamations:**

Clerk Arduini read aloud the following proclamations:

#### **1. Flag Day 2014 - June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

A motion was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Folsom to approve the proclamation.

#### **Viva Voce Vote, motion carried**

Deputy Grand Knight Gilbert Sandoval accepted the proclamation from Mayor Wescott on behalf of the Knights of Columbus.

#### **2. American Cancer Society Relay for Life Days - June 7-8, 2014**

A motion was made by Alderman Hand, and second by Alderman Vandernick to approve the proclamation.

#### **Viva Voce Vote, motion carried**

Betty Clementz, Jackie Greve, Crystall Sublett, Cheryl Faber, and Gene Jacoby accepted the proclamation from Mayor Wescott.

#### **3. Juneteenth Celebration - June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

A motion was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Vandernick to approve the proclamation.

#### **Viva Voce Vote, motion carried**

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

1. A motion was made by Alderman Vandernick, and second by Alderman Snow to adopt Ordinance 2014-2166 Prevailing Wage Ordinance. Mayor Wescott noted that this is a required ordinance that is to be passed by the Council each year.

#### **Vote 7 ayes, motion carried**

2. A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier, and second by Alderman Snow to adopt Ordinance 2014-2165 Authorizing execution of an agreement to purchase real estate along the north side of West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street from Henry Steinhagen in the amount of \$50,000. Alderman Reitzel recused himself from the vote.

Mayor Wescott explained that due to this property being inside a TIF District the property did not have to be put out for bid, and the city could go directly into negotiations with the land owner. Attorney Reese also added that the property is to have a phase 2 environmental study done, and this sale would be contingent that the phase 2 shows that the land could be cleaned up if necessary at a reasonable cost.

**Vote 6 ayes, motion carried**

**Consent Agenda:**

A motion was made by Alderman Hand and second by Alderman Folsom to approve the consent agenda items.

1. Approve the Minutes of the May 20th, 2014 Council Meeting
2. Approve the bills as presented
3. Resolution 2014-681 accepting an abandoned properties grant from the Abandoned Residential Property Municipal Relief Program of the Illinois Housing Development Act.
4. Approval of the recommendation from the Electric Committee to enter into a service agreement with Survalent Technology for Annual Software Support / Maintenance for the SCADA equipment - \$18,340.00

Alderman Vandersnick asked how much money the city will receive from item number 3. Adm. Blackert stated that the amount of the grant was \$26,774.68

**Vote 7 aye, motion carried**

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

Administrator Blackert updated the City Council on several items.

1. The city received news that they had been awarded a \$200,000 Assessment Grant from the USEPA for the Limestone Building. Adm. Blackert stated that she has already been in contact with the grant manager, and this project will involve lots of paperwork.

2. The audit had just begun, but it looks like even with all of the overtime in the Street Department from last winter's record snow, the city appears to be ending in the black. Adm. Blackert thanks all of the department heads for watching their spending closely.

3. Administer Blackert informed the council that she has been working with Willett Hofmann and Associates on a OSLAD grant which will be the first of many green space grants that the city is seeking. Adm. Blackert spoke briefly about the splash pad, and a possible skate park. Mayor Wescott asked to publicly recognize Adm. Blackert for all of her hard work on these grants.

## **Department Heads:**

Fire Chief Gary Cook informed the Council that Firefighter Nathan Hartman had applied for a grant from Monsanto, and the department was awarded \$18,000 to be used for new radios for the department.

Electrical Director Dick Simon presented a quote to the City Council from Frontier Communications for a new city phone system in the amount of 52,152.22. The current system is obsolete, and costing the city a lot of money in maintenance costs. This new system could pay for itself in 3 years.

A motion to accept the quote was made by Alderman Kuhlemier, and second by Alderman Reitzel.

**Vote 7ayes, motion carried**

Mr. Simon asked the Council for approval for William and Mary Computers to do upgrade work of the switches for the new phone system. The total of that is \$37,250.

A motion to accept the quote from William and Mary Computers was made by Alderman Hand, and second by Alderman Kuhlemier.

**Vote 7ayes, motion carried**

## **Ward Reports:**

Alderman Daehle Reitzel reminded the residents that school is out, and there are more kids about.

Alderman Glen Kuhlemier asks everyone to pay attention to the circus signs around, and support the circus. He has heard it is a very good show, and it is brought to us by the chamber of commerce.

Alderman Dave Hand wishes everyone a safe and happy summer, and reminds residents to watch for kids.

## **Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Wescott received a letter of resignation from Debra Burke for her position on the Planning & Zoning Board effective May 21, 2014. A motion was made to accept the resignation by Alderman Kuhlemier, and second by Folsom

**Viva Voce Vote, motion carried**

A motion was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Reitzel to name Alderman Glen Kuhlemier Mayor Pro-Tem for the term of June 13<sup>th</sup> -June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

**Viva Voce Vote, motion carried**

Mayor Wescott informed the Council that there will be a table top disaster exercise put on by the Whiteside County Health Department at Candlelight Inn on Friday June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014 from 9:30am to 12:30pm. He asks if any aldermen would like to attend to let him know by Wed. June 4<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Wescott announced that on Saturday June 7<sup>th</sup> the Relay for Life event will be held at Hinder's Field beginning at 6:00pm with the rain location to be Westwood in Sterling. That same day in celebration for National Night Out, a "love your neighbors" ceremony will be held at the Rock Falls Middle School. From 1:00om to 3:00pm.

Mayor Wescott also mentioned that there will be a parade of classic muscle cars travelling through town as part of the Hot Rod Power Tour. The cars should be arriving around 10:00am through 5:00pm. He informed the Council that there may be some traffic congestion as

the group goes South on Route 40 to Route 88. The Chamber of commerce has notified all of the businesses along route 40.

Mayor Wescott wanted to thanks all of the workers for the great job that they have been doing. The city has been very busy since the announcement of the anchor project along the riverfront.

With nothing else for the good of the council, a motion was made by Alderman Folsom and second by Alderman Reitzel at 7:15 p.m. to adjourn.

**Viva Voce Vote, motion carried**

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Eric Arduini, City Clerk