

# REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND

## ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS

November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015

At 6:00pm a public hearing was held for written or oral comments from citizens regarding a proposed tax increase for the City of Rock Falls.

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of Rock Falls, Illinois was called to order at 6:30 p.m. November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 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 Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Schuneman, Kleckler, Folsom, and Watts. Alderman Logan was absent. In addition City Attorney James Reese, and City Administrator Robbin Blackert were present.

Mayor Wescott gave his condolences to Alderman Watts and his family in the loss of his Father-in-law. Mayor Wescott also wished Alderman Logan a speedy return from his illness. The Mayor also gave a brief report on the 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue project with the absence of City Engineer Brian Frickenstein.

### **Consent Agenda:**

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda as presented by omnibus designation by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Watts.

1. Approve the Minutes of the November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 Regular Council Meeting
2. Approval of bills as presented.

**Vote 7 aye, motion carried**

### **Ordinances Second Reading / Adoption:**

A motion was made by Alderman Watts and second by Alderman Schuneman for the adoption of **Ordinance 2015-2242** amending Sec. 8-672 - License Fee required for public garages.

**Vote 7 aye, motion carried**

A motion was made by Alderman Watts and second by Alderman Schuneman for the adoption of **Ordinance 2015-2243** amending Sec. 9-61 - One-way streets.

**Vote 6 aye, 1 nay (Kleckler) motion carried**

### **Information/Correspondence:**

A motion was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Watts to approve that Saturday November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015 be proclaimed "Small Business Saturday" in the City of Rock Falls.

**Viva Voce Vote, motion carried**

## **Department Heads:**

Rock Falls Electric Director Dick Simon reported that the previous Friday the Rock Falls Electric Department was awarded "Generating Member of the Year" by the Illinois Municipal Electric Agency. The City was offered a plaque which will be displayed in the Electric Department. Mayor Wescott, Alderman Schuneman, Alderman Kuhlemier, Administrator Blackert, Mr. Simon, and Jeff Wescott from the Electric Department were in Springfield to receive the award. Mayor Wescott noted that the City seems to be always receiving awards in the electric industry, and it is important to remember that Rock Falls Electric is not ComEd, and does not have a board of shareholders aiming to make a profit from the energy supplied.

Tourism / Events Director Janell Loos reminded the Council that Hometown Holidays is this weekend. Bingo is on Thursday, the Lovelight Tree, and Christmas Walk are on Friday, and Saturday is the Twin Cities Holiday Parade. Administrator Blackert thanked Director Loos for helping the Chamber with Hometown Holidays.

## **Ward Reports:**

### **Ward 1**

Alderman Daehle Reitzel asked for prayers for Alderman Logan, Alderman Watts' family and the Syrian refugees.

### **Ward 2**

Alderman Glen Kuhlemier mentioned that Mrs. Elizabeth Betty Orroyo had passed on Wednesday. Mrs Orroyo had driven herself to the salon at the age of 101.

Alderman Brian Snow sends his thoughts and prayers to the family of John Watts, and to Alderman Logan.

### **Ward 3**

Alderman Jim Schuneman gave his thoughts and prayers to Alderman Logan, and the family of Alderman Watts. He also wishes everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

### **Ward 4**

Alderman John Watts thanked everyone for their kind comments, and reminded the Council that the parade route has changed slightly this year.

**Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Bill Wescott commented on the trip to Springfield, and visiting the IMEA command center where alarms from all of the agency's electric suppliers are monitored, along with the managing the drastically fluctuating prices for energy.

Mayor Wescott encourages all residents to get uptown for Hometown Holidays, and thank the business owners for participating in the event.

**Executive Session:**

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman and second by Kuhlemier to enter into executive session for section 2(c)(5) Purchase or lease of Real Estate.

**Vote 7 aye motion carried**

**City Council entered executive session at 6:53pm**

**City Council returned to regular session at 7:44pm**

**Any action taken from Executive Session:**

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier, and second by Alderman Schuneman to approve Resolution 2015-720 Authorizing Acquisition of Real Property - Approximately 62 acres owned by George and Janet Hallman in the amount of 1,975,000. Financing of the purchase will be through Sauk Valley Bank.

**Vote 7 aye motion carried**

A motion was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Watts to approve entering into a service agreement with Terracon Consultants Inc. 135 Ambassador Dr. Naperville, IL. in the amount of \$3000.00

**Vote 7 aye motion carried**

With nothing else for the good of the Council a motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Folsom, and second by Alderman Snow at 7:46pm.

**Viva Voce Vote, motion carried**

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Eric Arduini, City Clerk