

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND
ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS

January 5th, 2016

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of Rock Falls, Illinois was called to order at 6:30 p.m. January 5th, 2016 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 reported that he had spoken to Alderman Logan, and things were going well for him in the hospital in Madison. He should be back in about four days.

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 December 15th, 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 Snow, and second by Alderman Schuneman to adopt **Ordinance 2016-2247** amending Sec. 8-823 - Door to door solicitations - registration and license required.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman, and second by Alderman Watts to adopt **Ordinance 2015-2248** amending Sec. 2-116 Impersonation, 10-123(g) Prairie Grass regulation, and 15-441 Fee. Mayor Wescott explained that this Ordinance will supersede also Section 8-582 changing the license fee for garbage haulers to \$100.00 per year.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Reitzel, and second by Alderman Snow to adopt **Ordinance 2015-2249** - Disposal of City property - 1995 GMC K250 Pickup Truck.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

City Administrator Robbin D. Blackert:

City Administrator Robbin Blackert gave the Council an update on the demolition of the Limestone Building. There will be a February start date, bids should be let next week, and there will be a pre-demolition meeting.

Alderman Kuhlemier made a motion and second by Alderman Reitzel for the approval of **Resolution 2016-729** making a recommendation to the Planning Commission to permit agricultural crop production in M-1 and M-2 Districts.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier, and second by Alderman Reitzel for the approval the change order from Leander Construction, 24472 N. County Hwy 6 Canton, IL. 61520. The change order is for the installation of submersible pumps at the Main Pumping Station in the amount of \$429,372.58. Alderman Kleckler asked if the cost may be reduced if no bypass pumping is necessary.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

Department Heads:

Electrical Director Dick Simon asked for the approval of Resolution 2016-727. This resolution gives approval to the offer to purchase, and sale of Renewable Energy Credits to Aspre Energy, LLC. - \$15.00 per credit. A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman, and second by Alderman Kuhlemier to approve the resolution. Alderman Klecker inquired if the City had sold energy credits in the past, and if the price was similar to previous sales. Mr. Simon explained that last year's price was \$14.25, and the IMEA is selling at \$15.00 currently.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

Water Superintendent Ted Padilla informed the Council that earlier that day, his department had worked on two water main breaks. He thanked the other crews and departments for the help in making these repairs.

Ward Reports:

Ward 2

Alderman Glen Kuhlemier informed the Council that the Rural Affairs conference will be held in Springfield at the Crowne Plaza on March 9th and 10th. He encourages the other Aldermen to attend if possible.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Wescott asked for approval of Resolution 2016-728 which will direct the Mayor to terminate the agreement with the Rock Falls Community Development Corporation on April 30, 2016, and deliver notice to the RFCDC. A motion was made by Alderman Watts, and second by Alderman Snow to terminate the agreement with the Rock Falls Community Development Corporation.

Alderman Kleckler asked if this would be a total release, and if the City had any outstanding funds owed to the RFCDC other than what is in the agreement. Adm. Blackert stated that the RFCDC has not contacted the City concerning any unexpected funds due to them. Alderman Kuhlemier stated that this does not have to be the end, and if they have projects that they are working on, please bring them to the City.

Mayor Wescott reminded the Council that the RFCDC is a good group of people, and in economic development due to circumstances outside of their control sometimes, things don't always happen as expected. Mayor Wescott respects them and wishes them the best. The City will always be willing to listen if they come with ideas, and he thanks the RFCDC board, and Gayla Kolb for their hard work.

Vote 6 aye 1 nay (Folsom)

With nothing else for the good of the Council a motion was made by Alderman Folsom, and second by Alderman Reitzel to adjourn the meeting at 6:28pm.

Viva Voce Vote, motion carried

 Eric Arduini, City Clerk