

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

March 1st, 2016

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of Rock Falls, Illinois was called to order at 6:30 p.m. March 1st, 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, Logan, Snow, Kuhlemier, Schuneman, Kleckler, and Watts. Alderman Folsom was absent. In addition Attorney Tom Sanders, and City Administrator Robbin Blackert were present.

Consent Agenda:

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

1. Approve the Minutes of the February 16th, 2016 Regular Council Meeting
2. Approval of bills as presented.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

Ordinance First Reading:

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Watts to approve the first reading of ordinances:

Ordinance 2016-2250 Amending Chapter 9 Adding Article X to provide for the establishment of a towing rotation list.

Ordinance 2016-2252 An Ordinance authorizing and providing for an Installment Purchase Agreement for the purpose of financing the costs of certain capital related projects in and for the City of Rock Falls, Whiteside County, Illinois, and authorizing and providing for the issue of not to exceed \$2,500,000 General Obligation Debt Certificates, Series 2016, of said City evidencing the rights to payment under such Agreement, prescribing the details of the Agreement and Certificates, and providing security for and means of payment under the Agreement of the Certificates.

Viva Voce Vote, motion carried

Ordinance Second Reading/ Adoption

A motion was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Watts for the adoption of **Ordinance 2016-2251** amending Chapter 16, Article X, Sec. 16-220 to allow for agricultural crop production in M-1 an M-2 Zoning Districts.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

City Administrator Robbin D. Blackert:

City Administrator Robbin Blackert explained that due to the financing of the property, and schedules the closing date will need be moved back to April 8th. A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier, and second by Alderman Logan to approve **Resolution 2016-734** approving the agreement "Third Amendment to Cash Sale Real Estate" for the purchase of the Schmitt Property.

Alderman Kleckler noted that the agreement was asking for more than just extending the closing date. It also had provisions for renting the farmland for \$150.00/acre, and annexation agreement language.

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

Administrator Blackert informed the Council that she had received word back from Steve Colentino from the IEPA about deferring the final payment of the Reliant revolving loan fund to be used toward the demolition of the limestone building. He agrees but he would need to get approval from other state officials.

Information/Correspondence:

City Clerk Eric Arduini read aloud a letter from the National League of Cities presenting a participation certificate to the City of Rock Falls. The certificate is for the City's participation in the Utility Service Partners NLC Service Line Warranty Program.

Clerk Arduini reminded the City Council that statements of economic interest needed to be turned in, and if they had not already mailed them in, they can be returned to the City Clerk's office.

Department Heads:

Water Reclamation- Ed Cox

Wastewater Superintendent Ed Cox explained that there had been a bid opening for the slip lining of two man holes, and 300feet of sewer main on West 1st Street. A motion was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Reitzel for the approval of the bid from Hoerr Construction of Illinois, LLC 1601-D W. Luthy Dr. Peoria, IL. for slip lining of sanitary sewer main West 1st Street -Alternate Bid No. 2 in the amount of \$153,175.00. Alderman Kleckler asked why the bids were not first brought to Public Works. Mr. Cox explained that the bids were reviewed by the City Engineers, and he also explained the difference between Alternate Bid 1 and Alternate Bid 2.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

Electric- Dick Simon

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman and second by Alderman Logan for the approval of the recommendation from the Electric Committee to approve the bid from Sterling Chevrolet, located at 1824 North Locust Street, Sterling, IL. for the purchase of a 2016 Chevrolet Traverse in the amount of \$32,289.00. Alderman Schuneman inquired as to which vehicle this will be replacing.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Logan, and second by Alderman Schuneman for the approval of the recommendation from the Electric Committee for the bid from Mississippi Valley Pump, Inc. located at 435 South Devils Glen Road, Bettendorf, IA. 52722 for the Hydro Plant retrofit Dewatering Pumps in the amount of \$49,650.00.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier, and second by Alderman Snow for the approval of the recommendation from the Electric Committee for the bid from Simmers Crane located at 415 31st Avenue, Rock Island, IL. to build a down river work platform in the amount of \$17,978.00.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman, and second by Alderman Logan for the approval of the recommendation from the Electric Committee for the bid from Inman Electric Motors located at 318 NO. 30th Road, LaSalle, IL. to recondition Hydro Unit #2 Generator in the amount of \$9,603.00.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

Police Chief- Chief Tammy Nelson

Police Chief Tammy Nelson informed the Council that the "Safe Passage" program is up and running. This allows drug addicts to come to the Police Department and if they ask for help the Department will place them into treatment.

Deputy Fire Chief Bill Milby informed the Council that the Red Cross will be back in town on March 12th, 2016. Firehouse of God Ministries will be assisting the Red Cross with installing smoke detectors.

Building Inspector- Mark Searing

A motion was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Schuneman to approve the low bid from Kenneth Crane CPM - 311 Booth Street, Tampico, IL for Building Department renovations in the amount of \$37,700.

Alderman Watts asked if the cost covered the renovations for both locations at City Hall, Mr. Searing said that it was for both locations.

Ward Reports:

Ward 1

Alderman Reitzel thanked Police Chief Tammy Nelson for being proactive with the Safe Passage program.

Ward 2

Alderman Glen Kuhlemier Congratulated the Chamber of Commerce on their 60th anniversary dinner. He mentioned Shoulder to the wheel recipients Fire Chief Gary Cook, and RRDA President James Marks. Alderman Kuhlemier also mentioned the passing of former meter maid Ruthie Becker at the age of 92.

Alderman Brian Snow spoke about Percussion-Palooza and thanked all involved in putting it together.

Ward 3

Alderman Schuneman informed the Council about the passing of former 3rd Ward Alderman and businessman Louis Brotheridge. Alderman Schuneman also reminded the Council that the trails committee will be hosting the charrette on March 21st, 2016 at 6:00pm in the Community Building.

Ward 4

Alderman Watts read aloud and submitted to the Mayor, his letter of resignation. He will leave his seat as 4th Ward Alderman on March 31st, 2016.

Mayor Wescott respects Mr. Watts for the decision he has made. The acceptance of his resignation will be on the agenda for the next Council meeting. The Mayor asks interested residents to submit a letter to him and whoever is appointed to the seat will serve until the 2017 election. Mayor Wescott said that he will be missed, and thanks him for his service.

Alderman Snow stated that it has been a pleasure to work with Mr. Watts, and he thanked him for all of his work with social media.

Alderman Schuneman said that he will be missed, and his service has been exemplary.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Wescott read aloud his State of the City address. (This address will kept be on file alongside these minutes).

Mayor Wescott reminded the Council that the City of Rock Falls Sesquicentennial Planning Meeting will be held on Monday, March 14th @ 6:00 p.m. in the Community Building.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Reitzel to appoint Alderman Glen Kuhlemier Mayor Pro Tem from March 6th - 9th while the Mayor will be in Washington DC.

Viva Voce Vote, motion carried

A motion to Enter executive session for Section 2(c)(21) Review and approval of Closed Session Minutes was made by Alderman Watts and second by Alderman Snow.

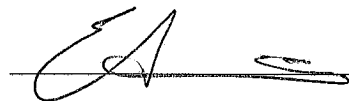
Vote 7 aye, motion carried

City Council entered into executive session at 7:21pm

City Council exited executive session at 7:31pm

With nothing else for the good of the Council a motion was made by Alderman Watts, and second by Alderman Reitzel to adjourn the meeting at 7:32pm.

Viva Voce Vote, motion carried



Eric Arduini, City Clerk