

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

March 15th, 2016

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of Rock Falls, Illinois was called to order at 6:30 p.m. March 15th, 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, Kuhlemier, Schuneman, Kleckler, and Folsom. Alderman Snow, and Watts were absent. In addition City Attorney Jim Reese, and City Administrator Robbin Blackert were present.

Presentation:

Larry Thomas from Stanley Consultants gave an update to the Council about the rebuild of the Main Lift Station. He reported that equipment will be arriving mid-April and the construction should be finished by October 10th.

Alderman Klecker asked if the maximum inflow amount had been calculated, and Alderman Kuhlemier asked if the island will still be used. Mr. Thomas explained that due to the size of the pipe extending to the Sewer plant, and the capacity of the plant itself, the plant could still take it more than it can pump if it were to have another collapsed sewer line. The new pumps will not shut down, even when under water. The bi-pass pump will pump more water to the island, and not need to be primed with the new design.

Mayor Wescott added that the new pumps will be able to use the existing electrical connections. Mayor Wescott mentioned that Stanley Consultants will also be developing the CMOM planning for compliance with the new EPA permit.

Consent Agenda:

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

1. Approve the Minutes of the March 1st, 2016 Regular Council Meeting
2. Approval of bills as presented.
3. Approval of **Resolution 2016-735** Closed Session Minutes
4. Proclamation – proclaiming Thursday, April 7, 2016 as “Junior Achievement Day”

Vote 6 aye, motion carried

Ordinance First Reading:

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman and second by Alderman Reitzel to approve the first reading of **Ordinance 2016-2254** authorizing execution of lease of area adjacent to 102 West 2nd Street for the construction of a ramp.

Viva Voce Vote, motion carried

Ordinance Second Reading/ Adoption

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman, and second by Alderman Reitzel for the adoption of **Ordinance 2016-2250** Amending Chapter 9 Adding Article X to provide for the establishment of a towing rotation list.

Vote 6 aye, motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman, and second by Alderman Reitzel for the adoption of **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 \$2,427,000 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.

Mayor Wescott added that formal closing on the debt certificates will be on Thursday March 17th, 2016.

Vote 6 aye, motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman, and second by Alderman Reitzel for the adoption of **Ordinance 2016-2253** Adopting Revised Zoning Map.

Vote 6 aye, motion carried

City Administrator Robbin D. Blackert:

City Administrator Robbin Blackert welcomed back City Attorney Jim Reese. Administrator Blackert explained that when the City originally purchased the farmland near McNeil Road it had borrowed the funds from the Electric Department. This land will now be transferred to Wayne Schmitt as part of the 1031 exchange for the City's farmland purchase south of town.

Alderman Kleckler made a motion to include the original 1% interest since 1999 to the amount that is repaid to the Electric department as it was not included in Resolution 2016-737. There was no second to this motion.

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier, and second by Alderman Logan to approve **Resolution 2016-737**.

Vote 5 aye, 1 nay, (Kleckler) motion carried

Administrator Blackert gave the City's condolences to the family of George Hallman. Adm. Blackert reminded the Council that interviews for the Utility Office Supervisor will be conducted over the next two days, and the budget discussions will be held on the 28th and 29th. A budget presentation will be made at the first Council meeting in April.

Department Heads:

Building Inspector- Mark Searing

Inspector Searing reported that the Building Code Committee had approved an extension to the rehab and sale of the property at 606 East 4th Street with Eduardo Trujillo. A motion to approve **Resolution 2016-736** authorizing execution of amendment to cash sale real estate sale contract was made by Alderman Kuhlemier, and second by Alderman Logan

Vote 6 aye, motion carried

Tourism – Janell Loos

Director Loos gave the Council a quick update about the Bass Pro Shops Big Cat Quest tournament. Registration forms are available in the Tourism and Clerk's office. The event will be held on June 25th and 26th. There will be a captain's meeting with a free dinner for participants held at the Eagles Club. Director Loos mentioned that the Summer Splash, and the Rock Falls River Chase are also on the same weekend.

Ward Reports:

Ward 1

Alderman George Logan Jr. sent his condolences to the Frank Heinz family on the loss of the long time businessman who used to run Anixter.

Ward 2

Alderman Glen Kuhlemier reported that he was pleased with the 27th annual Rural Affairs conference. The opening of the conference gave a thumbnail sketch of young residents that leave the area, and how to attract them back. Mr. Kuhlemier also asked that dog walkers be considerate to their neighbors and pick up after their pets.

Ward 3

Alderman Schuneman reminded the committee that there will be a Hennepin Canal – Trails Committee meeting on Thursday March 17th 2016, and the Electric Committee meeting will be held on March 29th at 8:15am. Mr. Schuneman also invited everyone to the trails charrette to be held on Monday March 21st, 2016. Mr. Schuneman stated that the whole conference was excellent, and it is geared toward smaller towns like Rock Falls. Planning is important, and he recommended that the City have a retreat to look at planning especially for economic development.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Wescott reported on his recent trip to Washington DC for the APPA legislative rally. He feels that Rock Falls is very fortunate to be a member on the IMEA and IMUA, and Illinois was very well represented in Washington. He was able to speak to our legislators about energy sales, and coal plants. The conference gave information about keeping municipal bonds tax free.

Mayor Wescott spoke about the City's 150th anniversary kickoff meeting, and the priority of the first meeting was to get a logo designed that will help brand the event. The event will be held July 30th-August 6th 2017. He was very happy to see a good turn out for the first meeting.

Mayor Wescott urged residents to contact him if they know anyone who would be interested in filling the 4th Ward Aldermanic seat which will be open after March 31st. The appointment will remain in effect until the April 2017 elections. Contact information for the Mayor will be on Facebook, and the Rock Falls website.

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 7:14pm.

Viva Voce Vote, motion carried



Eric Arduini, City Clerk