

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND

ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS

May 3rd, 2016

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of Rock Falls, Illinois was called to order at 6:30 p.m. May 3rd, 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, Folsom, and Ebenezer. In addition City Attorney Jim Reese, and City Administrator Robbin Blackert were present.

Special Recognition:

Fire Chief Gary Cook introduced the department's newest members. Mr. Cook stated that the Fire Department has never pinned three new firefighters at once. Brandon Lewis, Brian McPhillips, and Matt Oswalt were all pinned by family members before the Council.

Proclamation:

City Clerk Eric Arduini read aloud a proclamation. Alderman Snow made a motion to proclaim May 8th - 14th, 2016 National Nursing Home Week in the City of Rock Falls. Mayor Bill Wescott presented a copy of the proclamation to Paula Chavez from Rock Falls Rehab.

Viva Voce Vote, Motion Carried

Consent Agenda:

The Consent agenda was read aloud by Clerk Arduini.

1. Approve the Minutes of the April 19th, 2016 and reconvened minutes of April 25th, 2016 regular Council Meeting.
2. Approval of the Minutes of the February 22, 2016 Committee of the Whole Meeting
3. Approval of the Minutes of the April 19th, 2016 Special Committee of the Whole Meeting
4. 2. Approval of the Minutes of the April 25th, 2016 Committee of the Whole Meeting
5. Approval of bills as presented.

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

Vote 8 aye, motion carried

Ordinance First Reading:

A motion was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Schuneman for the approval of the first reading of **Ordinance 2016-2263** Annexing Territory into the City of Rock Falls. Attorney Reese remarked that this is for the former Hallman property. This parcel is currently owned by the City, but needs to be annexed by Ordinance. He instructed Clerk Arduini to mail letters to the required government organizations to meet the ten day notice requirement.

Viva Voce Vote, Motion Carried

City Administrator Robbin D. Blackert:

City Administrator Robbin Blackert stated that it was the intent of the City to use OSLAD Grant funds to finish the amenities along the riverfront. The State has not yet passed a budget, and the City is looking to finance \$2,000,000 to \$2,500,000 in alternative revenue bonds for phase I and II of the project. A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier, and second by Alderman Logan to approve Administrator Blackert to begin the process and get figures.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried (Alderman Reitzel recused himself from this vote)

Upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, a motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier, and second by Alderman Reitzel to approve the drafting of an Ordinance for the lease of \$260,000 with Tax Exempt Leasing for two new dump trucks. Alderman Ebenezer asked why the City is considering these purchases now, and if the City had looked into purchasing used trucks. Administrator Blackert explained that the trucks are over 25 years old, and the cost of maintenance is very high to keep them on the road. The Dump box and spreader of the new trucks will be made of stainless steel to keep from rusting, and they will be able to put on another truck in the future. The trucks will not be traded in. They will be used in the electric department for other duties.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried

Upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, a motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier, and second by Alderman Logan to approve the execution of the audit engagement letter with Sikich for auditing services of FY16. Alderman Kuhlemier added that even though it is a three year contract the engagement letter must be passed each year.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried

Information/Correspondence:

Eric Arduini, City Clerk

A motion was made by Alderman Reitzel, and second by Alderman Snow for the approval of **Resolution 2016-741** referring zoning amendment request to the Zoning Board of Appeals for Glen's Garden Subdivision to be zoned MU-1. Attorney Reese explained that the area now known as Glen's Garden subdivision is currently zoned M-1, B-2, and County AG-1. This referral is for all of the territory to be zoned MU-1.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried (Alderman Kuhlemier abstained)

Department Heads:

Electric- Dick Simon

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman, and second by Alderman Kuhlemier to approve the bid from Pirtano Construction Co. 1766 Armitage Ct, Addison, IL in the amount of \$32,880.00 with the recommendation from the Electric Committee for boring at Rt. 40 and Rt. 30. Alderman Kleckler asked if the price on the bids were what was expected, and Mr. Simon said that they came in lower than expected.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Logan, and second by Alderman Schuneman to approve the bid from Altec Industries 5201 West 84th Street, Indianapolis, IN for the purchase of a 2016 TA50M bucket truck in the amount of four annual payments of \$46,507.00.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried

Tourism – Janell Loos

Tourism Director Janell Loos informed the Council that May 2nd was the opening for the registration of the Big Cat Quest fishing tournament. Registrations can be found on the tourism website, or www.kenfreemanoutdoorpromotions.com. There will be a Captain’s Meeting and dinner at the Eagle’s Club on Friday June 24th from 4-8pm. Fishing is allowed from 6:00a.m. to 3:00p.m. Weigh-in will begin at 4:00p.m. for both Saturday and Sunday of the event.

Summer Splash, and River Chase information can be found on the Tourism website, and Face Book page.

Ward Reports:

Ward 2

Alderman Kuhlemier reported on the passing of a long time City employee Gene Janssen.

Alderman Snow complimented the Street Department on the good job that they have been doing with the Total Patcher this year. He has received good comments from residents about it.

Ward 3

Alderman Schuneman echoed the remarks about the Street Department, and thanked Police Chief Tammy Nelson for a report.

Alderman Kleckler reached out to the residents of the third ward and warned that the garbage may be picked up at different times due to changes in the route. He recommends that garbage be put out at 6:00 a.m.

Ward 4

Alderman Ebenezer congratulated new Firemen Brandon, Brian, and Matt, and wished them safety and good luck.

Mayor’s Report:

A motion was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Reitzel for the appointment of Alderman Glen Kuhlemier as Mayor Pro-Tem for the periods May 14-18, 2016 and May 22-26, 2016.

Viva Voce Vote, Motion Carried

Mayor Wescott informed the Council that he has recommended some standing committee changes be put in place until the next election. A motion to approve the temporary committee appointments and Chairmen through May 2017 was made by Alderman Kuhlemier, and second by Alderman Reitzel.

Viva Voce Vote, Motion Carried

With nothing else for the good of the Council a motion was made by Alderman Folsom, and second by Alderman Ebenezer to adjourn the meeting at 7:05pm

Viva Voce Vote, motion carried

Meeting is adjourned at 7:05pm