

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

June 7th, 2016

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of Rock Falls, Illinois was called to order at 6:30 p.m. June 7th, 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 Attorney Tom Sanders, and City Administrator Robbin Blackert were present.

Presentation:

Water Superintendent Ted Padilla spoke to the Council about the groundwater training that has been going on for about 10 years in the area schools. He was able to present a scholarship at the Rock Falls High School awards night. Students received over \$960,000 in scholarships that night. Mr. Gavin Long was introduced to the Council, and Mr. Padilla presented him with the \$1000 Groundwater /Electric scholarship check.

Randy Wolber from the American Legion introduced the 2016 Poppy Queen Hayden Buntjer to the Council. Ms. Buntjer greeted, and offered poppies to all of the City officials.

Proclamation:

City Clerk Eric Arduini read aloud a proclamation. Alderman Kuhlemier made a motion to proclaim June 18th, 2016 as the date of "Juneteenth" in the City of Rock Falls. Alderman Kuhlemier added that he has had the privilege to attend the Juneteenth event and they have always had good presentations, and great food.

Viva Voce Vote, Motion Carried

Audience requests:

Ted Hvarre gave an update to the Holiday Inn hotel project. The hotel has been open for 30 days. The grass is growing, and the landscaping is done except on the north side where they are waiting for the elevations of the trail. One the reasons why the group invested in the location was because of the river, and they knew that the hotel would benefit from the events to be held in the greenspace area. The bike path is a crucial part of the landscape and the hotel was designed with a patio that overlooks the trail. Mr. Hvarre thanked the Council for their patience with the project, and he said that everyone will forget the journey with the end result.

Consent Agenda:

The Consent agenda was read aloud by Clerk Arduini.

1. Approve the Minutes of the May 17th, 2016 regular Council Meeting.
2. Approval of bills as presented.
3. Approval of the RB&W District use application for Summer Splash

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

Adm. Blackert mentioned that the parking for Summer Splash has been changed some to allow for more public parking.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried

Ordinance First Reading:

A motion was made by Alderman Reitzel, and second by Alderman Schuneman for the approval of the first reading of **Ordinance 2016-2258** Amending section 16-387 Restrictions on issuance for liquor Licenses, and adding section 16-387.1 BASSET training required. Mayor Wescott mentioned that this ordinance comes about due to changes in the state statute which require BASSET training for on premises serving of alcohol. The state withdrew the requirement for off premises, or package sales. The State is rolling this requirement out through the state at different times. It is already in effect in Chicago. This ordinance will require the training for all alcohol sales in the City of Rock Falls.

Viva Voce Vote, Motion Carried, Alderman Snow recused himself from this vote.

Ordinance Second Reading/ Adoption

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman and second by Alderman Logan to adopt **Ordinance 2016-2255** Adding section 5.5 to Chapter 16 – Regulating Pawnbrokers.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Reitzel, and second by Alderman Snow to adopt **Ordinance 2016-2266** for the disposal of surplus property 1990 L8000 Dump Truck VIN#1FDYW82A3LVA43451

Vote 8 aye, motion carried

City Administrator Robbin D. Blackert:

A motion was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Logan for the approval of the estimate for a window to be installed in the customer service office from Terry Wolf Construction 30125 Thome Rd. Rock Falls, IL in the amount of \$5,878.00. Alderman Kleckler remarked that he wished that this item had been discussed in the Public Property Committee prior to being brought to Council.

Vote 7 aye, 1 nay (Kleckler) motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Reitzel, and second by Alderman Kuhlemier for the approval of the low bid from O'Brien Civil Works 7495 Judson Dr. Polo IL for the 2016-2019 Crack Filling Program at \$0.37 per linear foot.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried

Information/Correspondence:

Eric Arduini, City Clerk

A motion was made by Alderman Reitzel, and second by Alderman Snow to recommend to the Planning / Zoning Committee a zoning variance for 1300 West 2nd Street – Whiteside County Community Health Clinic. Beth Fiorini, Melissa Spangler, and Joel Horn were in attendance to support the variance. Mrs. Fiorini explained that the clinic would like to expand the dental clinic out about 18 feet to allow for more waiting area room and provide more privacy for patients checking in. This change would still leave 9.25 feet to the sidewalk. Alderman Kuhlemier appreciates all that the Health Department has done along West 2nd Street to help with parking.

Vote 8 aye motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier, and second by Alderman Snow for the Approval of **Resolution 2016-742** releasing the lien for the SFOOR grant recapture agreement for 805 6th Avenue.

Vote 8 aye motion carried

Department Heads:

Water Reclamation – Ed Cox

Water Reclamation Superintendent Ed Cox reported that the 1st Street slip-lining project has been completed. Ten feet of force main was replaced and the area was slip-lined between manholes. The section of the road should be blacktopped within two weeks.

Mr. Cox introduced Larry Thomas from Stanley Engineering. Mr. Thomas explained to the Council that the current gate valves that should stop the flow from the wet well to the pumps are not closing fully. Leander Construction is requesting a change order to change the gate valves to plug valves instead. This will involve installing a sleeve, and putting a temporary stopper in the pipe while the valves are changed out.

Alderman Klecker asked why these valves are failing. Mr. Thomas stated that until they are removed, the reason for failure could not be accessed. Typically gate valves are not used for sewage, but the valves will be kept and inspected.

Mayor Wescott asked what the lead time would be for these valves. Mr. Thomas explained that the valves would take about 6 weeks to arrive, but the crews can continue working on other parts of the station.

Alderman Schuneman asked if the line stop works would we need the new valve. Mr. Thomas stated that the line stop is only temporary, but the sleeve will remain in place if they are ever needed again.

Alderman Logan asked if there is any chance of a catastrophe during this work. Mr. Thomas answered that the pumps will not be taken off line during the installation, and the station will continue with three pumps running.

Alderman Reitzel asked if the new valve is similar to a ball valve. Mr. Thomas explained that they are similar but the ball valve is round, and the plug valves are square.

Mayor Wescott thanked Mr. Thomas for his explanations.

Adm. Blackert informed the council that the City Attorney had already reviewed the change order.

Mr. Thomas also reported that the CMOM reporting had begun, and his crews have been inspecting manholes.

A motion to approve the Leander Change Order Request to replace wet well gate valves with new plug valves not to exceed \$52,543.79 was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Reitzel.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried

Tourism – Janell Loos

Tourism Director Janell Loos informed the Council that the last weekend of June the City will be hosting three events along the riverfront. Dir. Loos reported that Majeski Motors is offering a chance to win a truck if a registered fisherman breaks the state record for a catfish during the Bass Pro Shops Big Cat Quest event. Rock Falls Tourism will have downloadable coupons available that weekend for on the www.visitrockfalls.com website. Dir. Loos added that along with the wild game being offered at the Summer Splash, grilled vegetables will also be available.

Mayor Wescott thanked Director Loos for all of her hard work and hopes for good weather that weekend.

Ward Reports:

Ward 1

Alderman Daehle Reitzel thanked the Sauk Valley Landlord's Association for the City-Wide Cleanup. He was surprised by the mountain of TVs and all of the paint collected. He also thanked Chief Nelson for the Safe Passage Program and the monthly reports.

Alderman George Logan gave thanks to Chief Nelson for the Safe Passage Program.

Ward 2

Alderman Brian Snow spoke about the canal. He recently rented a kayak from Dave's Outdoor World and saw a different view of the canal. He then purchased his own kayak, and it is now his new sport.

Ward 3

Alderman Schuneman congratulated the Sterling Girls' Softball Team for a spectacular season.

Alderman Kleckler recited the top comments that he has received recently.

- He asked if anyone had heard the commercial about naming a star after someone, but the City could name a pothole because there are as many potholes as there are stars.
- A resident asked if the fireworks will be broadcast on TV because the roads are so bad they won't be able to drive up to see them.
- Spending millions on the riverfront is about like spending food stamps on filet mignon.

Mayor's Report:

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier, and second by Alderman Snow for the approval of **Resolution 2016-743** authorizing Robert W. Baird and Co. of Milwaukee, Wisconsin to serve as underwriter for a bond issue in the amount of \$2,000,000.00, as an alternate revenue source general obligation bond issue, and Robert W. Baird and Co. be directed to engage Chapman and Cutler of Chicago, Illinois as bond counsel to produce documents and submit financing calculations and costs for a proposed bond issue for review and action by the City Council.

Mayor Wescott stated that this vote is not authorizing the sale or purchase of bonds at this time. Mayor Wescott gave a timeline of how the bond issue could proceed if passed. This vote would start things in motion.

Alderman Kleckler said that he has to continue to state the same as before as he would like to hold off until we know the assessment of the hotel and the income generated from hotel taxes. Recent times have shown when something is counted on and money is spent such as the \$125,000 spent counting on the OSLAD grant and it got delayed. As strong as we think things are we should be 110% sure.

Alderman Schuneman questioned why Alderman Klecker did not bring these points up at the last Finance meeting, and Alderman Kleckler was for it and then an hour later against it at the Council meeting being disingenuous.

Vote 6 aye, 1nay (Kleckler) motion carried Alderman Reitzel recused himself from this vote

Mayor Wescott informed the Council that he will be attending the APPA Conference with Electrical Director Dick Simon and then spending a couple of days with his son in Arizona. A motion was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Reitzel to appoint Alderman Glen Kuhlemier Mayor Pro-Tem for the period of June 11th, 2016 through June 18th 2016.

Viva Voce Vote, Motion Carried

Mayor Wescott stated that the ReCon meeting that he and Administrator Blackert attended in Las Vegas along with Retail Attractions was very fruitful. About every company was represented, and Retail Attraction will now make contact with a list of retailers that Adm. Blackert and the Mayor have produced.

Mayor Wescott informed the Council that there will be a Retail 101 class taught by Adam Chandler of Retail Attractions. This class will cover all aspects of retail and how City officials should represent ourselves. Mayor Wescott has invited bankers, and others in the community. The meeting will be held at Harvest Time Bible Church from 8:00am to Noon on Thursday June 30th, 2016.

Mayor Wescott thanked the Sauk Valley Area Landlords Association for the City-Wide Cleanup. There was a good turnout, and he was surprised by the amount of TVs brought in. Mayor Wescott announced that Touch of Thai II has now opened after 3 years of remodeling the hundred year old building. This restaurant will add to the uptown business community.

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 7:36pm

Viva Voce Vote, motion carried

Meeting is adjourned at 7:05pm

Eric Arduini, City Clerk