

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

June 21st, 2016

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of Rock Falls, Illinois was called to order at 6:30 p.m. June 21st, 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 Ebenezer. Alderman Folsom was absent. In addition City Attorney Jim Reese, and City Administrator Robbin Blackert were present.

Audience requests:

Sharon Simester from the Sauk Valley Landlord's Association gave a report to the Council about the City - Wide Cleanup.

Mrs. Simester reported that the clean-up received 542 Participants, 60 Cu. Yards of bulk waste, 435 tires, 245 gallons of motor oil, 460 paint cans, 20,440 pounds of TVs, 600 pounds of other electronics, 35 Cu. Yards of metal, batteries, aluminum, iron, and refrigerators.

The total cost for the cleanup was \$5340.00. The association received the following donations for the event. \$1000 from the City of Rock Falls, \$150 in cash donations, \$900 from Alderman Kleckler, and \$100 was turned in from scrap. The final cost to the Sauk Valley Landlords Association was \$3190.00. Mrs. Simester stated that it turned out very well.

Mayor Wescott stated that the City is appreciative of the Association.

Alderman Snow thanked everyone who donated their time. He is glad to see electronics, and oil being recycled correctly.

Consent Agenda:

The Consent agenda was read aloud by Clerk Arduini.

1. Approve the Minutes of the June 7th, 2016 regular Council Meeting.
2. Approval of bills as presented.
3. Approval of the **IDNR Lease No. 3310** for the Linville Crossing Bridge over the Hennepin Feeder Canal. In consideration of the mutual benefits to be derived from the City and IDNR, the City is not required to pay a lease fee for use of the premises.
4. Approval of the recommendation from the Planning/ Zoning Commission to rezone Lots 2-5 in final plat of Glen's Garden Subdivision as follows: Lot 2 (From M-1 to MU-1); Lot 3 (From B-2 to MU-1); Lot 4 (From B-2 to MU-1) and Lot 5 (From County R-2 to City MU-1)
5. Approval of the recommendation from the Planning/ Zoning Commission to rezone City property recently acquired from Wayne Schmitt and property currently owned by Wayne Schmitt (56.39ac) as follows: Western portion (From County B-3 to City B-2) Eastern (From County A-1 to City A-1)

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

Attorney Reese stated that he will prepare the ordinances for annexation.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

Ordinance First Reading:

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier, and second by Alderman Logan for the approval of **Ordinance 2016-2267** Appropriation Ordinance for the year beginning May 1st, 2016 and ending April 30th, 2017.

Viva Voce Vote, motion carried

Ordinance Second Reading / Adoption

Alderman Snow recused himself from the vote of **Ordinance 2016-2258**

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman, and second by Alderman Logan for the adoption of **Ordinance 2016-2258** Amending section 16-387 Restrictions on issuance for liquor Licenses, and adding section 16-387.1 BASSET training required.

Vote 6 aye, motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Reitzel, and second by Alderman Schuneman for the adoption of **Ordinance 2016-2268** Prevailing Wage Ordinance.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

City Administrator Robbin D. Blackert:

City Attorney Jim Reese informed the Council that he had spoken with Robert Baird & Co. and the documents for the trails bond issue had not yet been prepared. They will be ready for the Finance Committee meeting on Tuesday June 28th at 5:00pm.

City administrator Robbin Blackert walked the Council through a review of the 2015-2016 Budget. The presentation was more detailed this year due to the amended appropriations ordinance that was passed, and unexpected spending. There was also higher than expected revenues in some areas.

In the general fund sales tax revenue was the highest of the revenue sources with 29% followed by property tax, income tax, and utilities contributions being the major contributions. The revenue funds contributed 13% of the General Fund. The City had budgeted grant funds for the Limestone Building that have not been released by the state.

Administrator Blackert explained that expenses were increased due to the purchase of 97 acres of development land near Interstate 88.

The enterprise funds had slightly higher revenues, and slightly less expenses than budgeted.

Alderman Kuhlemier stated that he appreciates the extra effort put into the narration of the budget.

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier, and second by Alderman Snow for the approval of the purchase of a laboratory information management system (LIMS) from Porter Lee Corporation 1901 S. Wright Blvd. Schaumburg, IL in the amount of \$10,948.50. Alderman Kleckler asked for an explanation of what this is, and Adm. Blackert said it is an evidence room inventory system.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

Department Heads:

Water Reclamation – Ed Cox

Water Reclamation Superintendent Ed Cox reported that the area of West 1st Street has been paved. All of the refuse from City has been hauled away from the lot at 8th Avenue, and Leroy Avenue. Mr. Cox also reported that the first new pump will be started the next day. Alderman Kleckler asked why the slip lining process was different than the original plan, and how there were no traffic problems associated with the project. Mr. Cox explained that the contractor was able to use large tanks rather than bypass pumping which saved the City a lot of money on the cost of the project.

Water - Ted Padilla

Water Superintendent Ted Padilla informed the Council that Brotcke Well & Pump had begun installation of the new Well #7. The contractor will now work nonstop until the screen is installed. Mr. Padilla informed residents that there will be a survey included in the utility bills, and it is an EPA requirement every two years to conduct this survey.

Tourism – Janell Loos

Tourism Director Janell Loos explained to the Council the need to hire an unpaid intern for the office. This position would be for experience only, and would work 30 hours a week or less. A motion to approve filling the position was made by Alderman Logan, and second by Alderman Reitzel.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

Director Loos informed the Council about the upcoming destination weekend in Rock Falls. The Council heard details on the three events to be held on the riverfront. Tourism has worked with the local businesses to offer discounts to visitors and residents throughout the weekend. Director Loos reminded the Council that Pink Heals will return to Rock Falls on July 29th and 30th. The Pink Heals Group is touring the southern states of the U.S. this year, but is making a special trip to Rock Falls. Pink Heals will visit four communities while they are here.

Committee recommendation:

Alderman Jim Schuneman is the Chairman of the Hennepin Canal / Trails Committee. Mr. Schuneman addressed the Council with a report of the activities of the committee. Mr. Schuneman gave the Council a history of the planning that has gone into creating a trail system through the City of Rock Falls, and how this vision which goes back to the 1990s has led into the master plan that the committee presents today.

Alderman Schuneman outlined how having a vision has led to success for the City in the past with its electric department, wastewater treatment plant, and now riverfront. The Canal Trail was established in 1983. It was Rock Falls' first established trail. Mr. Schuneman spoke of visiting Colona IL and seeing what that community has done along their section of the trail.

The master plan for the trails system includes all of the amenities and ideas that were gathered from the public at the charrette hosted by IDNR Grand Illinois Trail Coordinator, and Acting Region 1 Landscape Architect George Bellovics. All of the City trails will come together

at the riverfront. Mr. Schuneman thanked the members of the trails committee, and mentioned the prairies that have been planted by Mark Searing, and Tim Keller. Much volunteer work has been done to make repairs to the trails by Brian Tribley from the Firehouse of God.

A motion to approve the Rock Falls Trails Master Plan was made by Alderman Kuhlemier, and second by Alderman Snow.

Viva Voce Vote, motion carried

A motion to have a resolution drafted adopting the mission and vision statement of the Hennepin Canal / Trails Committee was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Reitzel.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

Ward Reports:

Ward 1

Alderman Daehle Reitzel remarked that always looking forward, it is easy to forget where we have been, and Rock Falls has done well.

Ward 2

Alderman Glen Kuhlemier mentioned that George Bellovics has been a big help over the years. Jim Berle from the IDNR helped with the lower dam, and helped design the river trail many years ago. Mr. Kuhlemier gave congratulations to the 1644th on their 25th Anniversary from deployment.

Ward 3

Alderman Schuneman congratulated the Rock Falls Softball and Rock Falls Baseball teams and apologized that he had left them out of the previous meeting.

Alderman Kleckler invites everyone to the third ward for the weekend activities.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Wescott had given the Council a summary of his time in Arizona at the APPA conference in there packets.

There will be a Committee Of The Whole meeting on July 18th, 2016 at 6:00pm. Members of the USF Group will be making a presentation concerning the rate study.

The Retail 101 class hosted by Adam Chandler will be on June 30th from 8:00am to 12:00pm at Harvest Time Bible Church. There are around 35 people confirmed as attending.

Mayor Wescott gave a report concerning an email received from the Illinois Department of Transportation. The email stated that due to the lack of a budget, every firm working on IDOT projects will be notified that all contracts and projects are being suspended on June 30th. All local agencies will receive the motor fuel tax June Payment in July, and no more after that. Contractors will not be paid until the budget is passed. Mayor Wescott stated that MFT affects us. He will be calling, and sending letters, and encourages others to do the same.

A motion was made to enter executive session Section 2(c)(2) Collective Bargaining was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Logan.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

City Council enters executive session at 7:57pm
City Council returns to regular session at 8:06pm

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier, and second by Alderman Reitzel to approve the signing of the side letter of agreement to the collective bargaining agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

With nothing else for the good of the Council a motion was made by Alderman Schuneman and second by Alderman Reitzel to adjourn the meeting at 8:07pm.

Viva Voce Vote, motion carried

Meeting is adjourned at 8:07pm

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'EA', written over a horizontal line.

Eric Arduini, City Clerk