

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

October 18th, 2016

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of Rock Falls, Illinois was called to order at 6:30 p.m. October 18th, 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 was absent. In addition City Attorney Jim Reese was present.

Audience Requests:

George Logan Sr. and Mike Wolber of the Optimist Club of Rock Falls informed the Council that this was the 14th year of selling the Rock Falls – Sterling Historic Pride Calendar. All of the proceeds from the calendar sales go to youth projects, and the Club has given over \$300,000 in scholarships to area students. Council members purchased Calendars from Mr. Wolber.

Community Affairs:

Bethany Bland, President /CEO, Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce gave an update to the Council about the upcoming events. October 21st will be Chamber Days on WLLT radio from 7-9am. On October 28th, 2016 The Chamber is hosting “Uptown Trick –or- Treat”. It is free of charge for businesses to set up downtown if they are not already located there.

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier, and second by Alderman Folsom for the approval of road closures during Hometown Holidays. Alderman Klecker and Mayor Wescott confirmed that it did not involve the closure of State Route 40.

Viva Voce Vote, motion carried

Consent Agenda:

The Consent agenda was read aloud by Clerk Arduini. A motion to approve the consent agenda by omnibus designation was made by Alderman Kuhlemier, and second by Alderman Folsom.

1. Approve the Minutes of the October 4th, 2016 Regular Council Meeting.
2. Approval of bills as presented.

Vote 6 aye, motion carried

Ordinance First Reading:

A motion was made by Reitzel, and second by Alderman Schuneman to approve the first reading of **Ordinance 2016-2286** Amending Chapter 16, Article V, Division 2 to provide for procedures before the Local Liquor Control Commission.

Viva Voce Vote, motion carried

Ordinance Second Reading/ Adoption

1. A motion to adopt **Ordinance 2016-2280** adopting a Revised Zoning Map was made by Alderman Schuneman, and second by Alderman Folsom.

Vote 6 aye, motion carried

City Administrator Robbin Blackert:

City Administrator Robbin Blackert asked to have item number 1 on the agenda removed from the discussion.

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier, and second by Alderman Schuneman for the approval to submit an Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Program, Round 2 Grant Application to the Illinois Housing Development Authority. Administrator Blackert explained that this is only the second time the grant has been offered. The City was awarded just short of \$27,000 three years ago. This time we are asking for \$75,000. This is used for the demolition, mowing, and cleaning up of abandoned properties. An example of the success of the program was the demolition of a house at 1015 9th Avenue. After the demolition there were approximately \$57,000 in building permits issued within a two block area of the blighted property. It shows that if you clean up a property it inspires others to make improvements, and clean up their property. Administrator Blackert thanked Deputy Clerk Michelle Conklin, and Building Inspector Mark Searing for all of their help in administering the grant.

Viva Voce Vote, motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier, and second by Alderman Schuneman to waive the formal bidding process for the purchase of two Ford Interceptor Police vehicles. Alderman Kleckler asked why we did not go out for bids. Administrator explained that the City had gone above and beyond what was necessary, and got the state bid price for these vehicles. The bid prices will not be lower than the state bid price.

Vote 6 aye, motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier, and second by Alderman Logan for the authorization and approval for the purchase by the Police Department of two 2016 or 2017 Ford Interceptor Utility Vehicles from Kunes Country, 2502 Locust Street, Sterling, IL 61081 and, to finance the purchase of two 2016 or 2017 Ford Interceptor Utility Vehicles through Tax Exempt Leasing Corp of 203 East Park Avenue, Libertyville, IL 60048 in the amount of \$68,462.78 for two years with an annual payment of \$34,900.00 (paid in advance) as recommended by the Finance Committee. Alderman Kleckler read an email from Kunes Country to the City of Sterling declining to bid because of the state bid going to Landmark Ford allowing them to be more competitive than Kunes. Administrator Blackert could not speak to what Sterling had done.

Vote 6 aye, motion carried

Administrator Blackert apologized for not attending the previous Council meeting as she was at an APPA Conference learning FERC accounting.

Information/Correspondence:

City Clerk Arduini announced that there are still nominating petitions available to be picked up in the City Clerk's Office. The filing dates are December 12th-19th.

City Engineer Brian Frickenstein gave an update on the RB&W Riverfront Greenspace Project. Phase I is close to being complete, with the additional rip rap being installed along the riverbank. Phase II is underway, and there is a lot of work going on. The area has changed a lot in a week and a half.

Department Heads:

Fire Chief Gary Cook asked the council to approve a prepayment to WIRFS Industries, Inc. in the amount of \$15,000.00 to rebuild the hydraulic cylinder, replace all internal hoses, water seals, and wiring loom in the aerial boom on Engine 50. Alderman Logan questioned if WIRFS is a certified Snorkel repair facility. Chief Cook stated that the parts are being sent from Snorkel, but he could not answer if they are certified by Snorkel. A motion to approve the prepayment was made by Alderman Schuneman, and second by Alderman Reitzel.

Vote 6 aye, motion carried

Tourism Director Janell Loos stated that there is an outdoor screening of the movie #Slaughterhouse at the Haunted Haven. There will be food vendors, and giveaways with an after party at the Dead Tree Saloon. A spooktacular Trick -or- Treat will be held at Morningside of Sterling. Touchdowns for Tatas will be held Saturday at Roscoe Eads Field.

Ward Reports:

Ward 1:

Alderman Daehle Reitzel reminded residents to watch for trick - or- treaters. He also asked the Aldermen to bring road and sidewalk lists to him for the Public Works Committee meeting.

Mayor's Report:

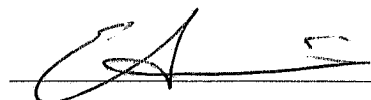
Mayor Bill Wescott mentioned that Tuesday November 8th will be the next planning meeting for the Sesquicentennial Celebration. The week-long event could use more volunteers. Any groups or individuals interested in being a part of it can show up at the meeting to be involved.

The City is still in need of a 4th Ward Alderman. It is vitally important to have eight Aldermen sitting on the Council, especially due to some votes which require a super majority. Residents who would like to serve can come to the Mayor's office and speak to him for more about the position. It is also time to take papers out for the coming election in the 4th Ward.

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 7:01pm.

Viva Voce Vote, motion carried

Meeting is adjourned at 7:01pm



Eric Arduini, City Clerk