

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

July 18th, 2017

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of Rock Falls, Illinois was called to order by Mayor William B. Wescott at 6:30 p.m. on July 18th, 2017 in the Council Chambers of Rock Falls.

City Clerk Eric Arduini called the roll following the pledge of allegiance. A quorum was present including Aldermen Reitzel, Logan, Kuhlemier, Schuneman, Folsom, and Sobottka. Aldermen Snow and Kleckler were absent. In addition City Attorney Jim Reese and City Administrator Robbin Blackert were present.

Proclamation:

The proclamation of Rock Falls being a "Peace City" was read by City Clerk Eric Arduini. A motion to approve the proclamation was made by Alderman Kuhlemier, and second by Alderman Folsom.

Viva Voce Vote, motion carried

Mayor Wescott presented a copy of the proclamation to Sue Klock, Gene Klock, Kay Turk, and Fred Turk.

Consent Agenda:

The consent agenda was read aloud by Clerk Arduini. A motion to approve the consent agenda as presented by omnibus designation was made by Alderman Schuneman and second by Alderman Folsom.

1. Approve the Minutes of the July 5th, 2017 Regular Council Meeting.
2. Approval of bills as presented.

Vote 6 aye, motion carried

Ordinance Second Reading/ Adoption

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman, and second by Alderman Sobottka for the adoption of **Ordinance 2017-2326** Repealing Section 34-402 - Extraction operations.

Vote 6 aye, motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman, and second by Alderman Sobottka for the adoption of **Ordinance 2017-2327** Amending Section 34-126 to remove quarrying of sand and gravel.

Vote 6 aye, motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Reitzel, and second by Alderman Kuhlemier for the adoption of **Ordinance 2017-2328** Amending Chapter 32, Article 2, Section 32-27(b) supplemental or additional charges for additional services.

Vote 6 aye, motion carried

City Administrator Robbin D. Blackert:

Alderman Schuneman made a motion and second by Alderman Logan to approve **Resolution 2017-767** approving a proposal for purchase of broadband equipment.

Vote 6 aye, motion carried

Administrator Blackert informed the Council that the contractor for the Limestone Building had some delays in getting the fencing delivered. The crews have been mobilized, and will begin working at 6:30am Wednesday. The lower dam parking lot will be closed, and there will be no access allowed to the area.

Mayor Wescott added that West 1st Street will remain open during the demolition.

Alderman Sobottka confirmed that access to the area of the lower dam will not be allowed to foot traffic as well as vehicles.

Information/Correspondence:

City Clerk Eric Arduini informed the Council that he has been working with Magellan and Administrator Blackert to put the bid out for the fiber backbone. Adm. Blackert added that the RFP for the work should be going out next week.

City Engineer Brian Frickenstein informed the Council that 5th Avenue has been paved, and 13th Avenue will be paved Friday.

Department Heads:

Water – Ted Padilla

A motion was made by Alderman Reitzel, and second by Alderman Schuneman for the approval of the bid from Kunes Country Ford - 2811 Locust Street Sterling, IL for the Purchase of a Ford F-250 4x4 in the amount of \$30,030.38.

Vote 6 aye, motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier and second by Alderman Sobottka to approve the signing by the Mayor or City Administrator, a contract with Layne 721 west Illinois Avenue, Aurora, IL for Well # 5 Rehabilitation / Reinstallation / Start up 20HP 12RKBM - 1 Stage VHS Christensen pumping assembly installation not to exceed \$19,198.00.

Vote 6 aye, motion carried

Tourism – Janell Loos

Tourism Director Janell Loos reported that Rock Falls area visitors guide is available. There are tours put together for visitors. Director Loos informed the Council that the entry deadline for the Sesquicentennial Beard and Mustache Competition has been extended, and for \$12.00 participants may enter from 12:00pm to 12:45pm on Sunday July 30th. Judging will be at 1:00pm. Eric Englando of The Loop Barber Shop, Ben Phillips owner of Ben's Phresh Kutz, Alisa Baxter owner of Alisa's Barber Shop, Lt. John Booker, Whiteside County Sheriff's Department, Sgt. 1st Class Kyle Hacker, 1644th National Guard, and Phillip Wahl of Wahl Clipper will be judging the event.

The Miss Sesquicentennial pageant has been narrowed down to 3 contestants - Katie Kuhlemier, Madeline LeFevre and Lauren Moeller. Mayor Wescott will be the master of ceremonies for the final round of the competition, and the winner will be decided at the Sesquicentennial Ball.

Ward Reports:

Ward 1:

Alderman Daehle Reitzel reminded the Council that the Public Works - Public Property Committee is now held on the first Friday of the month. The next meeting will be held on August 4th, 2017 at 8:15am in the Council Chambers.

Alderman Logan wished his wife Happy Anniversary. When pressed by Mayor Wescott, Alderman Logan remarked that it was a lot of years of marriage.

Ward 2:

Alderman Glen Kuhlemier gave his sympathy to Millie, and the family of Bill Baird. He stated that tomorrow will be his 59th Anniversary with his wife Delores. She has been with him through thick and thin, in sickness and health.

Ward 3:

Alderman Jim Schuneman gave congratulations to all of the happy couples.

Ward 4:

Alderman Sobottka gave her anniversary congratulations.


Mayor's Report:

Mayor Wescott mentioned that the Department Heads will have a meeting on Friday to discuss the Sesquicentennial week events. He gave a schedule of events for the Sesquicentennial. Mayor Wescott encourages residents to get involved in all of the events that they wish. The City Departments will be having open houses, and this is a good time to see how the tax and utility money is spent.

Mayor Wescott informed the Council that July 26th at 1:30pm the dedication of the RB&W District Park will be held as part of the OSLAD Grant that helped the City get to where it is today. Members of the USEPA, IEPA, and other government agencies will be in attendance.

With nothing else for the good of the Council a motion was made by Alderman Folsom and second by Alderman Sobottka to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 pm.
Viva Voce Vote, motion carried

Meeting is adjourned at 7:19pm

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

Eric Arduini, City Clerk