

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

September 5th, 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 September 5th, 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, Snow, Schuneman, Kleckler, Folsom, and Sobottka. In addition City Attorney Jim Reese was present.

**Audience Request:**

Madeline LeFevre representing the Student Council of Rock Falls High School addressed the Council concerning road closures for the Homecoming Parade. The Parade will take the standard route, and the Police Chief has already been notified of the parade. The parade will be held on Thursday September 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm, and will last one hour. A motion to approve the parade request was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Logan.

**Vote 8 aye, motion carried**

**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 Snow and second by Alderman Folsom.

1. Approval the Minutes of the August 15th, 2017 Regular Council Meeting.
2. Approval of bills as presented.
3. Approval of **Resolution 2017-770** adopting the current APPA Safety Manual for the Electric Utility.

**Vote 8 aye, motion carried**

**Ordinance First Reading:**

City Clerk Eric Arduini read aloud the ordinances for first reading. A motion to approve the first reading of the following ordinances was made by Alderman Schuneman, and second by Alderman Sobottka.

1. Approval of **Ordinance 2017-2333** amending Section 20-150 (c) (2) and Section 20-150 (c) (4) Open Burning prohibited.
2. Approval of **Ordinance 2017-2336** amending Section 32-87(d) to add 5/8" meter for multiple residential or multiple commercial units.

3. Approval of **Ordinance 2017-2337** adding subparagraph (77) to Section 18-152 Prohibited Areas to prohibit parking along the north side of west 16<sup>th</sup> Street from 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. to Lindy Ave.

4. Approval of **Ordinance 2017-2339** Amending Section 32-431 Economic Rate Rider.

**Viva Voce Vote, Motion Carried**

**Ordinance Second Reading / Adoption:**

A motion was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Logan for the adoption of **Ordinance 2017-2334** correcting a numerical error in **Ordinance 2017-2330**.  
**Vote 8 aye, motion carried**

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier and second by Alderman Reitzel for the adoption of Adoption of **Ordinance 2017-2335** authorizing the execution of a settlement agreement and release with Sjostrom, and Spaans Babcock.  
**Vote 8 aye, motion carried**

**Information/Correspondence:**

**Eric Arduini, City Clerk**

A motion was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Kuhlemier for the approval of the low bid from Jeff Behren's Excavating 2608 Prophetstown Road Rock Falls, Illinois for the demolition of the house at 601 West 7th Street in the amount of \$6486.00. Alderman Kuhlemier stated that this has been a long time in the process.  
**Vote 8 aye, motion carried**

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier, and second by Alderman Sobottka to refer the application for rezoning of 1409 Shore Acres Road Rock Falls, IL to the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting on September 14th, 2017 for consideration as it is within the 1 ½ mile area of city limits.

**Vote 8 aye, motion carried**

**Department Heads:**

**Water Reclamation - Ed Cox**

A motion was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Schuneman for the approval of the Contract with Stanley Consultants, Inc., 8501 W. Higgins Road, Suite 730, Chicago, IL 60631 in an amount not to exceed \$40,000, for drafting of IEPA low interest loan program application for slip lining of sanitary sewer lines. The sliplining will be 3200 feet from 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue to the High School s-curve, and 1000 feet from Leroy Avenue to 5<sup>th</sup> Street along 8th Avenue. The sliplining will include all manholes.

**Vote 8 aye, motion carried**

### **Fire - Chief Gary Cook**

Chief Cook informed the committee that the Fire Department has now installed markers along all of the Hennepin Feeder Canal every quarter mile to Illinois Route 172. The markers have already been used once to help locate an injured man who broke his leg.

### **Water - Ted Padilla (Alderman Schuneman)**

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier, and second by Alderman Logan for the approval of water tower maintenance not to exceed \$12,050 by National Wash Authority, LLC, 100 N. Jackson Street, Morrison, IL 61270. This is for the Industrial Park water tower.

**Vote 8 aye, motion carried**

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier, and second by Alderman Logan for the approval of the 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue - Bennett Drive watermain boring project not to exceed \$16,000 to Go Excavating, 447 South Hancock Avenue, Freeport, IL 61032.

**Vote 8 aye, motion carried**

### **Tourism - Janell Loos**

A motion was made by Alderman Logan, and second by Alderman Reitzel to approve the RB&W District use request for and waiver of fees for Bridge the Community on September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The event will be using the park and the stage.

**Vote 8 aye, motion carried**

Director Loos informed the Council that the Pink Heals Tour will be September 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. There will be 4 separate "Pink Parties" The events are for survivors, and people dealing with any type of cancer. On September 23<sup>rd</sup> there will be an event at the CGH Main Clinic during the day, and that night at the RB&W District with lots of freebies and fireworks. On September 24<sup>th</sup> the Pink Heals Tour will be at the Scarecrow Festival on Hennepin Avenue in Dixon, and at Morrison's first annual Family Fun Day at Resthave Home.

### **Broadband - Wayne Shafer**

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman, and second by Alderman Logan to reject all bids for the broadband network buildout.

**Vote 8 aye, motion carried**

## **Ward Reports:**

### **Ward 1:**

Alderman Daehle Reitzel stated that he is glad to see the Riverfront being used for the 5K-10K run.

### **Ward 2:**

Alderman Glen Kuhlemier said that he has had a good chance to view the construction equipment being used along 10<sup>th</sup> Street for the NICOR project.

Alderman Brian Snow has had inquiries about when the street sweeper will be running on the new slag roads. Larry Spinka informed him that they will be running later this month. He also wanted to remind residents that it is National Suicide Awareness Month, and to talk to kids if they see any signs of depression.

## **Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Wescott explained that the hotels had been added to the Tourism Committee to give them a voice, but it has made it hard to get a quorum due to poor attendance. A motion was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Folsom to appoint Brian Tribley to the Tourism Committee and change the hotel representatives to advisory members only.

**Vote 8 aye, motion carried**

A motion was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Schuneman for the approval of **Resolution 2017-769** Conveyance of title to the City from IDOT for a strip of land currently Rt. 40 right of way. Mayor Wescott explained that this is near the Schmitt property, and old Route 40 is still on the books. When discussing the entrances with IDOT they had decided to convey the property to the City as long as it is only used for public access.

**Vote 8 aye, motion carried**

A motion was made by Alderman Logan and second by Alderman Folsom to appoint Mr. Shane Brown as a residential user outside of City limits, Mr. Tom J Myers as a business user, and Mr. Kim Groharing as a residential user to the Utilities Committee for a period of (3) years 9-5-2017 to 9-5-2020.

**Vote 7 aye, 1 nay (Kleckler) motion carried**

A motion was made by Alderman Folsom and second by Alderman Logan to remove City Administrator Robbin Blackert from the Utilities Committee as a voting member to the role of advisory member.

**Vote 8 aye, motion carried**

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman, and second by Alderman Logan to enter executive Session for Section 2(c)(6) Purchase or Lease of Real Estate.

**Vote 8 aye, motion carried**

City Council entered Executive Session at 7:03pm

City Council returned to regular session at 7:12pm

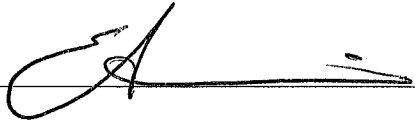
A motion was made by Alderman Sobottka, and second by Alderman Schuneman for the adoption of **Ordinance 2017-2338** Purchase of interest in real estate for mineral rights of the land east of route 40.

**Vote 8 aye, motion carried**

With nothing else for the good of the Council a motion was made by Alderman Sobottka and second by Alderman Folsom to adjourn the meeting at 7:14pm.

**Viva Voce Vote, motion carried**

Meeting is adjourned at 7:14pm



Eric Arduini, City Clerk