

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

October 3rd, 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 October 3rd, 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, Snow, Kuhlemier, Schuneman, Kleckler, and Sobottka. Alderman Logan, and Folsom were absent. In addition City Attorney Jim Reese and City Administrator Robbin Blackert were present.

Audience Requests:

Terry Papoccia owner of Docks on the Rock Marina addressed the Council. Mr. Papoccia informed the Council that he currently has 17 docks on the water, and has 25 people requesting additional space. Mr. Papoccia spoke about the proposed restaurant at his property. He stated that it was his intention to close it at 9:00pm, and he has spoken with many neighbors who were fine with it. Mr. Papoccia spoke briefly about the Rock Falls website, and the asset of the Rock River to the City.

Mayor Wescott stated that the City may support the ideas, but the location is outside of City limits, and all requests will need to go through the county. It was explained that the zoning request would need to be approved by $\frac{3}{4}$ of the County Board.

Proclamation:

YWCA Executive Director Rebecca Munoz-Ripley informed the Council that October is observed across the nation as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Domestic violence happens in all sizes of cities. The YWCA helped 765 victims last year, and abuse happens to all types of people. One in four women are victims of domestic violence. Purple ribbons were offered to the City Council.

City Clerk Eric Arduini read aloud the Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation. A motion to approve the proclamation was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Reitzel.

Vote 6 aye, motion carried

Twin Cities Joint Fire Command Chief Gary Cook informed the Council that Fire Prevention Week is an annual event. The Fire department visits the grade schools and teaches the children about fire prevention. This year's emphasis is to teach families about having escape meeting places. Survival is not good if a child were to re-enter a burning house looking for someone. It is simple thing, but it needs to be practiced. Clerk Arduini read the proclamation aloud. A motion to approve the proclamation of Fire Prevention Week October 8-14 was made by Alderman Schuneman, and second by Alderman Snow. Alderman Snow mentioned that it is also a good idea to change the batteries in your smoke detector with the upcoming time change.

Vote 6 aye, motion carried

Consent Agenda:

The consent agenda was read aloud by Mayor Wescott. A motion to approve the consent agenda as presented by omnibus designation was made by Alderman Schuneman and second by Alderman Sobottka.

1. Approve the Minutes of the September 19th, 2017 Regular Council Meeting.
2. Approval of bills as presented.

Vote 6 aye, motion carried

Ordinance First Reading:

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier, and second by Alderman Sobottka for the approval of **Ordinance 2017-2343** amending section 18-163(d) Handicapped Parking RB&W District.

Viva Voce Vote, motion carried (Alderman Reitzel Recused himself from this vote)

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier, and second by Alderman Snow for the approval of **Ordinance 2017-2344** authorizing the Mayor to execute an amended agreement with the Rock Falls Rural Fire Protection District. Alderman Kleckler inquired if there were two agreements to be approved.

Viva Voce Vote, motion carried

Ordinance Second Reading/ Adoption:

A motion was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Reitzel for the adoption of **Ordinance 2017-2340** for the sale or transfer of 2001 Dodge 1500 truck to Firehouse Ministries.

Vote 6 aye, motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman and second by Alderman Sobottka for the adoption of **Ordinance 2017-2341** authorizing a lease agreement with Firehouse of God Ministries for property to be used as a recycling center at 2400 1st Avenue.

Vote 6 aye, motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Kuhlemier for the adoption of **Ordinance 2017-2342** authorizing a lease agreement with Firehouse of God Ministries for property to be used as the Fire Museum at 403 West 2nd Street.

Vote 6 aye, motion carried

City Administrator Robbin Blackert:

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier, and second by Alderman Schuneman to approve the letter of engagement with MWM Consulting Group, 55 E Jackson Blvd # 1000, Chicago, IL for actuarial services for the City's other post-employment benefit (OPEB) programs other than pensions covered under GASB 67/68 GASB 45, 73, 74 & 75 in the amount of \$8500.00. Alderman Kuhlemier stated that it is clear proof that GASB is becoming a bigger influence on municipal finances.

Vote 6 aye, motion carried

Administrator Blackert reminded the Council that there will be a special Finance Committee meeting at 5:00pm on October 10th, 2017 to review the audit with Sikich.

Department Heads:

Dick Simon - Electric Department

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman, and second by Alderman Kuhlemier to approve the maintenance agreement with Altorfer - 101 Pinecrest Drive, Peoria, IL. for the years of 2018 through 2023 in the amount of \$52,128.00 per year. Mr. Simon explained that this agreement is for all nine of our units. Mayor Wescott added that this is an 11.1% decrease in costs from our last agreement.

Mr. Simon informed the Council that it is Public Power week, and asked them to thank a lineman when they see them.

Tourism - Janell Loos

Tourism Director Janell Loos informed the Council that the 4th Annual Sauk Valley area Pink Heals tour was held recently. They were able to make 25 visits in two days. Partnerships with the sponsors, and supporters are vital for the success of the event, and appreciated.

Mayor Wescott added that the overall director for the United States was in Rock Falls for the event. Director Loos stated that this was the first time that he had seen pink fireworks, and the first time that they had made a stop at a church.

Alderman Kuhlemier added that the Pink Fireworks were a special treat.

Ward Reports:

Ward 1:

Alderman Daehle Reitzel informed the council that the Public Works Committee will be updating their plans for street and sidewalk repairs. He asks that the Aldermen give him lists of areas that need work in their wards. He also congratulated Mayor Wescott in becoming the president of the Illinois Mayors Association. Mayor Wescott mentioned the bid opening for a storm water project on October 12th, 2017.

Ward 2:

Alderman Glen Kuhlemier gave his thoughts and prayers to the survivors of Las Vegas shooting. He also informed the Council that there will be a Blackhawk Area Economic Development Conference held from 8:30am-1:30pm on October 27th at Timberlake Playhouse. He is also happy to see development at the former Stanley property.

Alderman Brian Snow asked for a moment of silence for the Las Vegas victims, first responders, and EMS.

Ward 3:

Alderman Jim Schuneman echoed the thoughts and prayers for the people of Las Vegas.

Alderman Kleckler voiced his opposition to two public works projects. Curb, gutter, and sidewalk replacement along west 2nd Street, and the Gazebo being built on East 2nd Street. He believes that neither of the projects were approved by Public Works, and the payments should not be made out of the general fund.

Ward 4:

Alderman Violet Sobottka gave her thoughts and prayers to the people of Las Vegas.

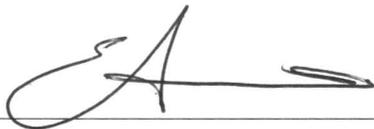
Mayor's Report:

Mayor Wescott presented an outline of the TIF conference, and IML conference that he had attended. He informed the Council about Illinois pension remedies that have been developed by the IML. They are in bill format, and can be sent to the legislature for discussion.

With nothing else for the good of the Council a motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Sobottka to adjourn the meeting at 7:15pm.

Viva Voce Vote, motion carried

Meeting is adjourned at 7:15pm



Eric Arduini, City Clerk