

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

October 17th, 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 17th, 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 Daehle Reitzel, George Logan Jr., Brian Snow, Glen Kuhlemier, Jim Schuneman, Rod Kleckler, Lee Folsom, and Violet Sobottka. In addition City Attorney Jim Reese and City Administrator Robbin Blackert were present.

Community Affairs:

Bethany Bland from the Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce informed the City Council about a "Business after Hours" happening at the Holiday Inn Express and Suites on October 26th from 5pm to 7pm. Mrs. Bland spoke about the Uptown Trick or Treat which will be held on October 27th. Mrs. Bland also informed the Council that this year will be the 30th Anniversary for Hometown Holidays.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Sobottka to approve the road closures for the Hometown Holidays Uptown Christmas Walk, and Hometown Holiday Parade.

Viva Voce Vote, motion carried

Consent Agenda:

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

1. Approve the Minutes of the October 3rd, 2017 Regular Council Meeting.
2. Approval of bills as presented.
3. Refer to the Planning & Zoning Commission a Petition Requesting Rezoning of Real Estate from Ronald Gerken to change the zoning classification of Benchmark Phase 1-A from R-4 (Multi-Family) to R-3 (Multi-Family)
4. Refer to the Planning & Zoning Commission the preliminary and final plat of Benchmark Phase 1-A
5. Approve the FY 2017 (May 1, 2016 through April 30, 2017) Final Audit

Vote 8 aye, motion carried

Ordinance Second Reading / Adoption:

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

Vote 8 aye, motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Folsom for the adoption of **Ordinance 2017-2344** authorizing the Mayor to execute an amended agreement with the Rock Falls Rural Fire Protection District.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried

City Administrator Robbin Blackert:

A motion was made by Alderman Reitzel, and second by Alderman Snow for the approval of the repairs to the south side of the Street Department building by Wilvar Enterprises, Inc. 463 Il. Route 2 Dixon, IL in the amount of \$19,661.00.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried

City Administrator Robbin Blackert reported that soil borings have been done, and there are monitoring wells on site at the former Limestone Building. The testing results will be back to the city at the beginning of November. The cleanup grants need to be submitted by November 16th. Terracon and Adm. Blackert have begun to submit paperwork for two \$200,000 grants. There is a 20% match on these grants. There will be a public meeting at the beginning of the November 7th City Council meeting.

The Parrish Alford site has additional work going on now with soil samples being collected by the Illinois EPA. This is the first step in determining how the P.A. site will be dealt with.

Information/Correspondence:

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman, and second by Alderman Reitzel to award the Heinze Drive Drainage Improvement Project to the low bid of Martin & Company Excavating P.O. Box 443 Oregon, IL 61061 in the amount of \$60,694.30.

Mayor Wescott noted that the bid came in well under the estimate, and there were six bidder for the project.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried

Department Heads:

Police - Chief Tammy Nelson

Police Chief Tammy Nelson explained that K-9 Officer Scott Allspaugh has resigned to go to another city. A third handler for the K-9 dog would not work out to keep the dog in service in Rock Falls. The agreement states that Nero will not be able to do any further police service. A motion was made by Alderman Sobottka, and second by Alderman Reitzel to approve **Resolution 2017-773** authorizing the Mayor to execute agreement for the sale of K-9 Service Dog the sale of Nero to K-9 officer Scott Allspaugh in the amount of \$500.00.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried

Building Inspector- Mark Searing

Building Inspector Mark Searing informed the Council that the City has looked at the grounding of the building after the Police Department took two lightning strikes this year. A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier, and second by Alderman Snow for the approval of grounding upgrades, and surge protection for the Police and Fire Departments by Complete Electrical Contractors Inc. 215 West 14th Street Rock Falls, Illinois in the amount of \$18,480.00. Alderman Kuhlemier informed the council that his wife saw a spark on the stove while cooking from that same lightning strike.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried

Tourism – Janell Loos

A motion was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Schuneman for the approval of Nicole Arduini as intern for Rock Falls Tourism. Tourism Director Janell Loos added that it is a non-paid position, and presented Ms. Arduini's qualifications, and described her duties in the Tourism office.

Viva Voce Vote, motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman, and second by Alderman Sobottka for the approval of changes for the Façade Grant Qualifications and Façade Grant Applications as recommended by the Tourism Committee. Alderman Schuneman added that these changes will help streamline the process for the façade grants, and help get money out into the community faster.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried

Ward Reports:

Ward 2:

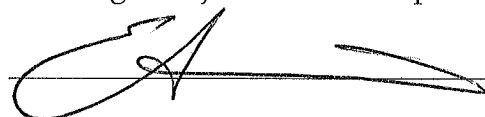
Alderman Glen Kuhlemier apologized to the Council concerning the announcement that he had previously given about the Blackhawk Hills Economic Development Summit being on the wrong day. He stated that the correct date is October 27th, 2017 at 8:00 am at Timberlake Playhouse near Mount Carroll.

Alderman Brian Snow reported that while at a parade in Oregon he spoke to residents who had good comments about the City of Rock Falls, and the progress that we have made along the riverfront.

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 7:15pm.

Viva Voce Vote, motion carried

Meeting is adjourned at 6:57pm



Eric Arduini, City Clerk