

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

December 19th, 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 December 19th, 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, George Logan Jr., Brian Snow, Glen Kuhlemier, Jim Schuneman, Rod Kleckler, Lee Folsom, and Violet Sobottka. Alderman Daehle Reitzel was absent. In addition Attorney Tom Sanders and City Administrator Robbin Blackert were present.

Consent Agenda:

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

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

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

Ordinance Second Reading / Adoption:

A motion was made Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Sobottka for the adoption of **Ordinance 2017-2353** amending the zoning map to re-classify property described as "Benchmark Phase I" from R-4 (Multi Family) to R-3 (1-2 Family).

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Folsom for the adoption of **Ordinance 2017-2355** amending Sections 6-449, 6-452, and 6-455 regulations for outdoor swimming pools.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

City Administrator Robbin Blackert:

City Administrator Robbin Blackert informed the Council that she will be on vacation from December 23rd to January 2nd. She also wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Department Heads:

Attorney Sanders congratulated Mark Searing on becoming a grandparent.

Tourism - Janell Loos

Tourism Director Janell Loos presented four RB&W District use permits for the Councils approval. A motion to approve the permits presented was made by Alderman Kuhlemier, and second by Alderman Sobottka.

- (a) June 22-23, 2018 Summer Splash
- (b) August 4, 2018 Rock Falls Days & Craft Show
- (c) August 4 & 5, 2018 Bass Pro Shops Big Cat Quest
- (d) September 1, 2018 Annual Bags Tournament

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

Police Chief Nelson expressed her Christmas spirit with an auditory melody.

Director Loos informed the Council about the "Barn Quilt Trail" and mentioned that the bald eagles have returned to Rock Falls.

Broadband - Wayne Shafer

~~A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman, and second by Alderman~~
Kuhlemier for the approval of **Resolution 2017-781** authorizing the approval of the agreement with Syndeo Networks of 300 Cardinal Drive, Suite #110, St. Charles, IL

Attorney Sanders informed the Council that he has been working with Syndeo, and the presented agreement is acceptable and final.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

Ward Reports:

Ward 1:

Alderman George Logan wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Ward 2:

Alderman Glen Kuhlemier spoke about the recent ribbon cuttings of the 1st Avenue Flower Shop, and Dunkin Donuts. The Celletti Family Gazebo was also dedicated on Monday. He gives his congratulations to the Street Department for their work on the gazebo.

Alderman Brian Snow wishes everyone a merry and safe Christmas and New Year.

Ward 3:

Alderman Jim Schuneman wishes the Department Heads a Merry Christmas. He informed the Council that the eagles are back. He invites everyone to the next Finance Committee meeting where the rate study will be discussed.

Ward 4:

Alderman Lee Folsom wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Alderman Violet Sobottka thanked Tourism for the Christmas ornament.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Bill Wescott informed the Council that the Tourism Committee had a lengthy discussion concerning the hotel's voting membership on the committee. There used to be four places on the committee for the hotels, but due to quorum requirements, and poor attendance, it was hard to have the meetings. The hotels would like to be represented again. A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier, and second by Alderman Snow to appoint two hotel members of the committee to serve until January 2020. These will be Holiday Inn Express & Suites, and Days Inn for the first two year term, and the positions will be offered to the other hotels before the next term.

Viva Voce Vote, motion carried

~~Mayor Wescott and City Administrator Robbin Blackert were invited to speak at the National Brownfield Conference in Pittsburg Pa. illustrating the work that has been accomplished along the riverfront. Linda Yang from Terracon accepted an award from the USEPA Region 5 on the City's behalf, and Rock Falls was the only recipient in the state. He thanked the previous and current administrations for the hard work and dedication put into the cleanup. Many at the conference were surprised that all of this was done in a City of 9,266 people.~~

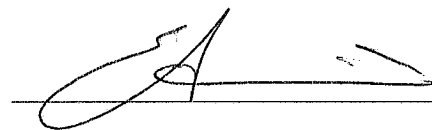
Mayor Wescott thanked everyone who attended the Christmas Party. He also thanked Larry Spinka and the Street Department for building the Celletti Pavillion. The family was very happy with it.

Mayor Wescott wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

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 6:49pm.

Viva Voce Vote, motion carried

Meeting is adjourned at 6:49pm



Eric Arduini, City Clerk