

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

January 2nd, 2018

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 January 2nd, 2018 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., Glen Kuhlemier, Rod Kleckler, Lee Folsom, and Violet Sobottka. Alderman Brian Snow, and Jim Schuneman, were absent. In addition Attorney Tom Sanders and City Administrator Robbin Blackert were present.

Mayor Wescott asked for a moment of silence for recent losses of family members affecting two City employees. Mayor Kuhlemier recently lost his brother Evan, as well as his cousin Maxine Bartz. Mark Searing's family also lost a one year old great-nephew Tyler Jake Searing.

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 Sobottka and second by Alderman Folsom.

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

Vote 6 aye, motion carried

Ordinance Second Reading / Adoption:

A motion was made Alderman Kuhlemier, and second by Alderman Folsom for the adoption of **Ordinance 2018-2356** Anti-Harassment Policy Procedure.

Mayor Wescott explained that this ordinance is a state mandate that must be passed by all municipalities by January 15th, 2018. The City already has a policy in place, abut this amendment will comply with the new state statute.

Vote 6 aye, motion carried

City Administrator Robbin Blackert:

A motion was made by Alderman Logan, and second by Alderman Kuhlemier to approval the Finance Committee recommendation to sign an agreement with Sikich 1415 Diehl Road Suite 400 Naperville IL for auditing services. The 3 year contract is not to exceed \$45,500 for FY18 \$46,500 for FY19, and \$47,700 for FY20.

Alderman Kuhlemier remarked that after going through their proposal, he realized that their expertise extends to cities that have multiple entrepreneurial departments like ours.

Vote 6 aye, motion carried

Brian Frickenstein, City Engineer

Mr. Frickenstein informed the Council that on December 21st, 2017 bids were opened for the City's 2018 MFT General Maintenance activities proposal. This supplies rock and gravel type materials to the City. A motion to approve the acceptance of all bids for 2018 MFT General Maintenance Section 18-00000-00-GM was made by Alderman Sobottka, and second by Alderman Reitzel.

Vote 6 aye, motion carried

Department Heads:

Police Commander Doug Coppotelli:

A motion was made by Alderman Logan, and second by Alderman Sobottka to approve of the purchase of 22 portable radios from Lectronics, 522 North 2nd Street Clinton, Iowa in the amount of \$17,710. Commander Coppotelli added that these radios will be purchased with money from the asset forfeiture fund.

Vote 6 aye, motion carried

Deputy Fire Chief Bill Milby:

Deputy Chief Milby informed the Council that in the last two years within a 70 mile radius of Rock Falls there has been 21 fire deaths. They received a press release today from the Fire Marshall's office called "Be Alarmed" a new law has been enacted concerning smoke detectors. Rock Falls and Sterling Fire Departments have been given smoke detectors from the Fire Marshall, Alderman Kleckler, and the Dillon Foundation. They have them on the truck and the department give them out while on calls if they are needed.

Ward Reports:

Ward 1:

Alderman Daehle Reitzel urged everyone to take care with space heaters, and make sure smoke detectors have the batteries changed.

Alderman George Logan echoed Alderman Reitzel's statement, and hopes everyone will be safe and diligent.

Ward 2:

Alderman Kuhlemier, and his family appreciates the extension of sympathy from the Mayor and Council. He also called attention to the passing of former Alderman Wayne Williamson.

Ward 4:

Alderman Sobottka, asked that everyone also know what to do, and have a meeting point outside in case of a fire.

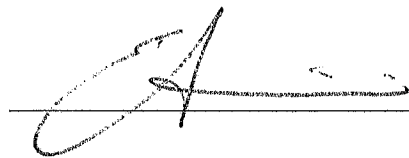
Mayor's Report:

Mayor Bill Wescott informed residents that if they do not have smoke detectors in their home, contact Brian Tribley at the Firehouse of God Ministries. They will install and teach residents how to use them.

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 6:41pm.

Viva Voce Vote, motion carried

Meeting is adjourned at 6:41pm



Eric Arduini, City Clerk