

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

March 6th, 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 March 6th, 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., Brian Snow, Jim Schuneman, Rod Kleckler, Lee Folsom and Violet Sobottka. Alderman Glen Kuhlemier was absent. In addition Attorney Tom Sanders and City Administrator Robbin Blackert were present.

Mayor Bill Wescott hoped that Alderman Kuhlemier was feeling better, and said hello to him on Channel 5.

Kris Schmidt addressed the City Council as a candidate for Sherriff of Whiteside County.

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 Schuneman.

1. Approval of the Minutes of the February 20th, 2018 Regular Council Meeting.
2. Approval of bills as presented.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

Ordinance First Reading

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman, and second by Alderman Folsom for the first reading of the following ordinances:

1. **Ordinance 2018-2359** Amending section 32-1 Utility Office.
2. **Ordinance 2018-2361** Amending Section 32-304 and 32-312 sewer rates and receiving waste from private septic systems.
3. **Ordinance 2018-2362** Amending Section 32-87 and 32-89 water rates and fire service.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

City Administrator, Robbin Blackert:

A motion was made by Alderman Logan, and second by Alderman Snow for the approval of **Resolution 2018-782** entering into an agreement for managed IT services from William and Mary Computers 812 12th Avenue Rock Falls, Illinois in the amount of \$3952.00 per month. Administrator Blackert added that the amount is spit up between the departments.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman, and second by Alderman Sobottka for the approval of **Resolution 2018-783** transferring \$80,000 from the Riverfront TIF to the Downtown Redevelopment TIF.

Vote 6 aye, motion carried (Alderman Reitzel recused himself from this vote)

A motion was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Sobottka for the approval of the increase in the spending limits for City Administrator and FiberNet Director to \$15,000 each with a review of these amount in one year.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Logan, and second by Alderman Reitzel for the approval of the engineering services agreement with Willett Hofmann & Assoc. for the Buell Road (14th Avenue) and 13th Avenue project in the amount of \$22,700. Administrator Blackert explained that this engineering work is complete, and the agreement was overlooked.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Reitzel and second by Alderman Schuneman to waive the bidding requirements for replacement of the electrical panels at City Hall, and the Police / Fire building.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Reitzel, and second by Alderman Snow to approve the quote from Complete Electrical Contractors, 215 West 14th Street Rock Falls, IL for repairs to the electrical panels at City Hall, and the Police / Fire building in the amount of \$46,580.00.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Reitzel, and second by Alderman Sobottka for the approval of the agreement for solid waste, recyclable materials, and yard waste collection and disposal with Moring Disposal Inc. PO Box 158 Forreston, IL, and authorization of the City Attorney to draft an ordinance for the contract. Administer Blackert remarked that the City was very pleased with the negotiations, and the City of Rock Falls will have one of the least expensive garbage rates around. There are several months to educate everyone about the new toter system. Alderman Snow confirmed that extra garbage that will not fit in the toter will be available for pickup with the purchase of stickers. If a residence needs additional toters, they would be charged an

additional service for the address. The toters will take about two weeks to be delivered to all of the homes in July, and the new service will begin August 1st 2018.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

Information/Correspondence:

Eric Arduini, City Clerk

City Clerk Eric Arduini wished his son Philip Arduini a happy 17th birthday. Clerk Arduini updated the Council about the upcoming committee meetings.

March 15th, 2018 at 5:30pm Ordinance – License – Personnel – Safety Committee

March 27th, 2018 at 5:00pm Finance Committee will be discussing the General Fund and Electric Fund budgets.

March 28th, 2018 at 2:00pm Finance Committee will be discussing the Enterproise Fund budgets.

Department Heads:

Building Inspector- Mark Searing

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman, and second by Alderman Logan for the approval of the purchase of a 2015 Buick Encore from Majeski Motors, 1707 East 4th St. Sterling, IL in the amount of \$13,750.00.

Vote 6 aye, 1 nay (Reitzel) motion carried

Utility Office – Diane Hatfield

A motion was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Schuneman for the approval of a \$0.50 increase to \$3.00 for Credit/Debit card service fees beginning May 1, 2018.

Vote 6 aye, 1 nay (Folsom) motion carried

Mayor's Report:

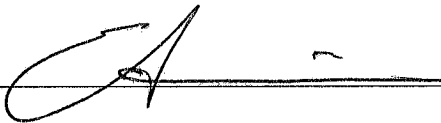
Mayor Bill Wescott presented the "State of the City" address which will be included as an attachment with these minutes.

Mayor Wescott informed the Council that he and Electrical Director Dick Simon were able to meet with all three representatives in Washington DC. They spoke with Senator Duckworth about broadband, and APPA issues. They met with Representative Bustos and Senator Dick Durbin was very gracious giving them a lot of his time. Mayor Wescott expressed the importance of Mayors to go see the representatives in their office. The rally helped improve the representative's awareness of APPA issues.

Mayor Wescott informed the Council that tomorrow is a big day in Rock Falls. A ground breaking ceremony will be held at noon for the new CGH Rock Falls Medical Center on Dixon Avenue. Parking will be available across the street at Selmi's. This is a \$3.2 million project, and it will help CGH expand services. He thanks CGH for choosing Rock Falls for the new center.

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 7:21pm.
Viva Voce Vote, motion carried

Meeting is adjourned at 7:21pm

 Eric Arduini, City Clerk