

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

March 20<sup>th</sup>, 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 20<sup>th</sup>, 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, Glen Kuhlemier, Jim Schuneman, Rod Kleckler, Lee Folsom and Violet Sobottka. In addition Attorney Tom Sanders and City Administrator Robbin Blackert were present.

**Audience Requests:**

Representatives from the Hennepin Hundred approached the Council, and thanked Rock Falls for their support of the event. A keepsake box was presented to the Council. A number of participants gave stories of their experiences when running the Hennepin Hundred. The goal of the runners is to complete the race in under 24 hours. The current record holder ran the 100 mile race in 14 hours. Alderman Kuhlemier stated that we also think that the Hennepin Canal is a great resource. He informed them that the RRDA helped create the trail in the 1980s and their annual RRDA Canal Cleanup is on April 14<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm at the Rock Falls Days Inn. The 4<sup>th</sup> annual Hennepin Hundred will be held on October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

**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 Sobottka.

1. Approval of the Minutes of the March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Regular Council Meeting.
2. Approval of bills as presented.
3. Approval of the proclamation for "Junior Achievement Day" April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018
4. Approval of amended and updated job description for Municipal Complex Custodian, as reviewed by Personnel Committee.

**Vote 8 aye, motion carried**

**Ordinance Second Reading/ Adoption:**

A motion was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Folsom for the adoption of **Ordinance 2018-2359** Amending section 32-1 Utility Office.

**Vote 8 aye, motion carried**

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier, and second by Alderman Schuneman for the adoption of **Ordinance 2018-2361** Amending Section 32-304 and 32-312 sewer rates and receiving waste from private septic systems.

**Vote 8 aye, motion carried**

A motion was made by Alderman Logan, and second by Alderman Schuneman for the adoption of **Ordinance 2018-2362** Amending Section 32-87 and 32-89 water rates and fire service.

**Vote 8 aye, motion carried**

**City Administrator, Robbin Blackert:**

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman, and second by Alderman Kuhlemier for the approval of the employment contract with Michael J Wierzycki for the position of Fiber Outside Plant Supervisor.

**Vote 8 aye, motion carried**

**Information/Correspondence:**

Eric Arduini, City Clerk

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman, and second by Alderman Snow for the approval to refer the petition for rezoning of 1510 Prophet Road Rock Falls, IL to the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting on April 12th, 2018 for consideration. Alderman Kleckler confirmed that the address is already in City limits.

**Vote 8 aye, motion carried**

Brian Frickenstein, City Engineer

A motion was made by Alderman Logan, and second by Alderman Reitzel for the approval to accept the low bid from Civil Constructors 2283 Route 20 East, Freeport Illinois in the amount of \$609,387.68 for the Buell Road, and 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue street project.

**Vote 8 aye, motion carried**

**Department Heads:**

Water Reclamation- Ed Cox

Superintendent Ed Cox gave the Council an update on the repairs being done on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The crews will be replacing two damaged pipes, and a manhole. The parts will be onsite tomorrow, and the road should be re-opened for traffic by Friday afternoon.

Building Inspector- Mark Searing

A motion was made by Alderman Reitzel, and second by Alderman Logan for the approval of Option #3 on the estimate from Complete Electrical Contractors 215 West 14th Street Rock Falls, IL for increasing the service size of the electrical panels at the Police and Fire Department in the amount of \$11,210.00.

**Vote 8 aye, motion carried**

Tourism - Janell Loos

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Logan for the approval of the RB&W District Event Permit Application for the St. Andrews SpringFest Carnival. The Carnival will need "no parking" signs along East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, water service, and the south electrical panel. The Carnival will be held on May 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Vote 8 aye, motion carried**

**Ward Reports:**

Ward 2

Alderman Glen Kuhlemier congratulated Bethany and Delon Bland on the birth of their new daughter Zoe. He also reminded the Council that the budget hearings will be held March 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm for the general fund, and on March 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm for the enterprise funds.

Ward 3

Alderman Jim Schuneman informed the Council that there will be a Hennepin Canal - Trails meeting held on April 10<sup>th</sup> at noon.

Ward 4

Alderman Violet Sobottka was glad to see that the Council Chamber clocks have been set correctly.

**Mayor's Report:**

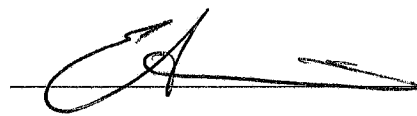
A motion was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Sobottka for the approval the Amplifier License application from "South of the Rock" amending the license to be in effect until 10:00pm for the dates of June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018 August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018. Alderman Kleckler asked why there is no location listed on the application. Mayor Wescott stated that the June 16<sup>th</sup>, and September 1<sup>st</sup> events will be held either in the Lovelight Tree lot, or the RB&W Park, and the August 4<sup>th</sup> event will be held on West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.

**Vote 6 aye, 1 nay (Kleckler), motion carried. Alderman Reitzel recused himself from this vote.**

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 6:58pm.

**Viva Voce Vote, motion carried**

Meeting is adjourned at 6:58pm



Eric Arduini, City Clerk