

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

April 17th, 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 April 17th, 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, Jim Schuneman, Rod Kleckler, Lee Folsom, and Violet Sobottka. Alderman Brian Snow was absent. In addition City Attorney Jim Reese and City Administrator Robbin Blackert were present.

Audience Requests:

Shelli Eng from Erie, Illinois approached the Council concerning the cupcake law. She informed the Council about the cottage law, and the cupcake law. These two laws govern home bakers in Illinois can allow a home baker can sell \$36,000 per year from a home kitchen. The cupcake law went into effect in 2014, and was never adopted by Whiteside County. The Whiteside County Health Department does not want it passed. Mrs. Eng. presented a chart from the CDC showing that there have been no outbreaks of norovirus from the ingredients used. A sample resolution was also presented to the Council.

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 Schuneman and second by Alderman Sobottka.

1. Approval of the Minutes of the April 3rd, 2018 Regular Council Meeting.
2. Approval of bills as presented.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

Ordinance First Reading:

A motion was made by Alderman Folsom, and second by Alderman Logan to approve the first reading of the following ordinances:

1. Approval of **Ordinance 2018-2364** Adoption of the International Residential Code of 2015.
2. Approval of **Ordinance 2018-2365** Adoption of the International Fire Code of 2015.
3. Approval of **Ordinance 2018-2366** Adoption of the National Electric Code of 2014.
4. Approval of **Ordinance 2018-2367** Adoption of the Property Maintenance Code of 2015
5. Approval of **Ordinance 2018-2368** Adoption of the International Mechanical Code of 2015.
6. Approval of **Ordinance 2018-2369** Adoption of the International Fuel Gas Code of 2015.

7. Approval of **Ordinance 2018-2370** Adoption of the International Building Code of 2015.
8. Approval of **Ordinance 2018-2371** Adoption of the International Existing Building Code of 2015.
9. Approval of **Ordinance 2018-2360** governing interconnective services to the City of Rock Falls Electric Distribution System.

Viva Voce Vote, motion carried

Ordinance Second Reading/ Adoption:

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman, and second by Alderman Sobottka for the adoption of **Ordinance 2018-2372** approving the revised Zoning Map.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier, and second by Alderman Logan for the adoption of **Ordinance 2018-2373** approving a Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman, and second by Alderman Folsom for the adoption of **Ordinance 2018-2374** setting of the purchase power adjustment factor.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

City Administrator, Robbin Blackert:

Administrator Blackert informed the Council that the Bid opening for the Thomas Street storm water project will be held on May 1st at 10:00am.

The City of Rock Falls will be represented at two upcoming conferences. As the first fiber optic broadband financing that they have done, Chapman and Cutler has asked Administrator Blackert to sit on a panel at the Illinois Government Finance Officials Association meeting. Illinois EPA will be having 3-4 seminars this summer. They have asked Administrator Blackert to lead a seminar in Dekalb. This session will inform others about reopening the "no further remediation" status of the Parrish Alford site.

Administrator Blackert informed the Council that a special City Council meeting will need to be held on April 24th at 5:00 for the second reading of the budget.

Information/Correspondence:

Eric Arduini, City Clerk

A motion was made by Alderman Reitzel and second by Alderman Schuneman for the approval of **Resolution 2018-786** Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund - vehicle expense reimbursement allowances.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Folsom and second by Alderman Reitzel for the approval of **Resolution 2018-787** Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund - vehicle expense reimbursement allowances as IMRF reportable earnings are not permitted for employees hired after August 25th, 2017.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

Department Heads:

Building Inspector- Mark Searing

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman and second by Alderman Sobottka for the approval of **Resolution 2018-788** - intent for real estate at 241 Avenue F.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Sobottka and second by Alderman Folsom for the approval of the recommendation from the Building Code Committee to accept the low bid for the 2018 lawn maintenance program from Burger Brothers Trucking and Excavating P.O. Box 107 Rock Falls, IL.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

Tourism - Janell Loos

Tourism Director Janell Loos informed the Council that she has been working with the hotels for holiday packages. The park is full of activities most of the summer. Anyone can come out to the riverfront at any time. To reserve a space please contact Rock Falls Tourism.

Ward Reports:

Ward 1:

Alderman Daehle Reitzel stated that Larry has the snow plows ready.

Ward 2

Alderman Glen Kuhlemier reminded the Council that the Finance meeting will be held at 5:30pm on April 24th instead of 5:00pm.

Executive Session:

A motion was made by Alderman Sobottka, and second by Alderman Folsom to enter executive session at 6:54pm for Personnel - Section 2(C)(1) Employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline and performance.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

The Council enters executive Session at 6:54pm

The Council returns to regular session at 7:37pm

Action taken from Executive Session:

A motion was made by Alderman Logan, and second by Alderman Kuhlemier for the approval of the FY19 contract with Electrical Director Dick Simon reflecting an increase of 3% as recommended by the City Council.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Logan, and second by Alderman Sobottka for the approval of the FY19 contract with Fire Chief Gary Cook reflecting an increase of 3% as recommended by the City Council.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Logan, and second by Alderman Sobottka for the approval of the FY19 contract with Police Chief Tammy Nelson reflecting an increase of 3% as recommended by the City Council.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Logan, and second by Alderman Sobottka for the approval of the FY19 contract with Deputy Fire Chief Bill Milby reflecting an increase of 3% as recommended by the City Council.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier, and second by Alderman Logan for the approval of the FY19 contract with Water Superintendent Ted Padilla reflecting an increase of 3% as recommended by the City Council.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Sobottka, and second by Alderman Logan for the approval of the FY19 contract with Sewer Superintendent Ed Cox reflecting an increase of 3% as recommended by the City Council.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Logan, and second by Alderman Sobottka for the approval of the FY19 contract with Police Commander Jay Koett reflecting an increase of 3% as recommended by the City Council.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Logan, and second by Alderman Folsom for the approval of the FY19 contract with Police Commander Doug Coppotelli reflecting an increase of 3% as recommended by the City Council.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Sobottka, and second by Alderman Logan for the approval of the FY19 contract with Customer Service Office Superintendent Diane Hatfield reflecting an increase of 3% as recommended by the City Council.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Sobottka, and second by Alderman Folsom for the approval of the FY19 contract with Building Inspector Mark Searing reflecting an increase of 3% as recommended by the City Council.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier, and second by Alderman Folsom for the approval of the FY19 contract with Tourism Director Janell Loos reflecting an increase of 3% as recommended by the City Council.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Sobottka, and second by Alderman Logan for the approval of the FY19 contract with Fibernet Director Wayne Shafer reflecting an increase of 1.5% as recommended by the City Council.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Logan, and second by Alderman Reitzel for the approval of the FY19 contracts of all at will employees reflecting an increase of 3% as recommended by the City Council.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Logan, and second by Alderman Reitzel for the approval of the FY19 contract for City Collector Eric Arduini reflecting an increase of 2% as recommended by the City Council.

Vote 6 aye, 1 nay (Folsom) motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Logan, and second by Alderman Reitzel for the approval of the FY19 contract of City Administrator Robbin Blackert at the salary of \$88,400.00 as recommended by the City Council. Alderman Kleckler confirmed that these are extensions of the current contracts with no changes other than vacation as spelled out in the personnel policy.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Logan, and second by Alderman Sobottka to hire Jeff Wyatt to the custodian position at City Hall, and the Police Department. The position is a union position, and is on probationary for six months. The position is 32 hours per week.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

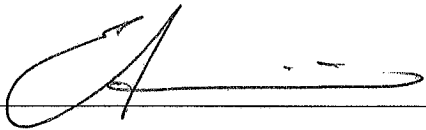
Mayor Wescott reminded the Council that the Special City Council meeting will be held on April 24th, 2018. A motion was made by Alderman Logan, and second by Alderman Sobottka to set the agenda of the meeting with two items.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

With nothing else for the good of the Council a motion was made by Alderman Sobottka and second by Alderman Reitzel to adjourn the meeting at 7:08pm.

Viva Voce Vote, motion carried

Meeting is adjourned at 7:50pm



Eric Arduini, City Clerk