

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

May 15th, 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 May 15th, 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, Brian Snow, Glen Kuhlemier, Jim Schuneman, Rod Kleckler, Lee Folsom, and Violet Sobottka. Alderman George Logan Jr. was absent. In addition City Attorney Jim Reese and City Administrator Robbin Blackert were present.

Mayor Bill Wescott asked for a moment of silence for the family of friends of former Fire Chief George Logan. George Logan who passed away on May 14th served the Rock Falls Fire Department for over 35 years.

Alderman Glen Kuhlemier stated that the City has to recognize George, and he will miss him terribly.

**Public Hearing**

Mayor Wescott opened the Public Hearing at 6:33pm concerning the intent of the City Council of the City of Rock Falls, Whiteside County, Illinois to sell not to exceed \$9,200,000 General Obligation Bonds (Electric System Alternate Revenue Source), \$1,200,000 General Obligation Bonds (Waterworks System Alternate Revenue Source), and \$1,200,000 General Obligation Bonds (Sewerage System Alternate Revenue Source).

No members of the public spoke in favor or against the issue. City Clerk Arduini stated that his office had received no oral or written comments about the issue.

The Public Hearing was closed at 6:34pm.

**Proclamation:**

Clerk Arduini read aloud a proclamation for the American Cancer Society – Relay for Life Day in Whiteside County - June 2nd, 2018

Betty Clementz invited the Council to the Relay for Life event at Hinder's Field on June 2nd, 2018 from 6:00pm to 11:00pm. She explained that the first lap is for survivors, and the longest survivor is of 34 years. There will be food, and many activities. If it rains, the event will be moved to Westwood in Sterling. A motion was made by Alderman Folsom, and second by Alderman Snow to approve the proclamation.

**Viva Voce Vote, motion carried**

**Audience Requests:**

American Legion Poppy Queen Adalyn Waldschmidt presented poppies to the Mayor, and City Council.

**Presentation by Retail Strategies:**

Justin Lindsey from Retail Strategies gave a presentation to the Council. He gave a timeline for his company's research and marketing in promoting economic development for the City of Rock Falls.

**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 Snow and second by Alderman Folsom.

1. Approval of the Minutes of the May 1st, 2018 Regular Council Meeting.
2. Approval of bills as presented.
3. Approval of **Resolution 2018-790** for acceptance of a \$30,000 Abandoned Property Municipal Relief Program Grant.

**Vote 7 aye, motion carried**

**Ordinance Second Reading / Adoption:**

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman, and second by Alderman Kuhlemier for the adoption of **Ordinance 2018-2375** authorizing the issuance of Electric Revenue Bonds of the City of Rock Falls, Whiteside County, Illinois, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$9,200,000, or in lieu thereof, General Obligation Bonds (Electric System Alternate Revenue Source) in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$9,200,000 for the purpose of paying the costs of improving the electric system of the City.

**Vote 7 aye, motion carried**

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier, and second by Alderman Folsom for the adoption of **Ordinance 2018-2376** authorizing the issuance of Sewerage Revenue Bonds of the City of Rock Falls, Whiteside County, Illinois, in an aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$1,200,000, or in lieu thereof, General Obligation Bonds (Sewerage System Alternate Revenue Source) in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$1,200,000 for the purpose of paying the costs of improving the sewerage system of the City.

**Vote 7 aye, motion carried**

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman, and second by Alderman Sobottka for the adoption of **Ordinance 2018-2377** authorizing the issuance of Waterworks Revenue Bonds of the City of Rock Falls, Whiteside County, Illinois, in an aggregate principal amount of \$1,200,000, or in lieu thereof, General Obligation Bonds (Waterworks System Alternate Revenue Source) in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$1,200,000 for the purpose of paying the costs of improving the waterworks system of the City.

**Vote 7 aye, motion carried**

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman, and second by Alderman Sobottka for the adoption of **Ordinance 2018-2378** amending Section 32-122 Bulk Purchasers of Water; Rates

**Vote 7 aye, motion carried**

**City Administrator, Robbin Blackert:**

Administrator Blackert informed the Council that the rockfallsfiber.net website is up, running, and residents can now sign up for fiber internet services.

The City-Wide cleanup is going to be held on Saturday. Fliers are at City Hall, and online explaining what items will be accepted at the cleanup.

Road work is continuing. South 14th Avenue has been ground, and will be re-blacktopped. 13th Avenue has been cored out, the curb work is being done, and it will be blacktopped. West 5th St. work has begun, and work will begin soon on Avenue B.

Administrator Blackert gives her condolences to the Logan family.

Alderman Kleckler asked about the signs that were posted concerning the closure of 12th Avenue. Water Superintendent Ted Padilla informed the Council that the signs pertained to the work that will be done at the intersection of 12th Avenue, and West 5th Street.

**Information/Correspondence:**

Eric Arduini, City Clerk

Clerk Arduini expressed his condolences to the Logan family.

**Department Heads:**

**Water Reclamation- Ed Cox**

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman, and second by Alderman Folsom for the approval of the low bid from Murray and Sons Excavating Inc. 21304 Mathew Road Sterling, Illinois for the Thomas Street Storm Water Project in the amount of \$43,457.50. Mr. Cox explained the scope of the project to the Council.

**Vote 7 aye, motion carried**

**Electric- Dick Simon**

Mayor Wescott informed the Council that he had recently attended a conference representing the Rock Falls Electric Department. Through the hard work of the Electric Department, and Director Dick Simon, the City won two awards. Rock Falls Electric was awarded one of the best public power companies in the country. It is now the only Platinum RP3 Agency in Illinois, and one of 254 in the country. The Department received an American Public Power Association Certification of Excellence for outperforming the national average for electric production and reliability. Mayor Wescott reminded the Council that the citizens are the board of directors and owners of this electric company. The RP3 logo will now be displayed on the Electric Department vehicles.

Administrator Blackert added that Mr. Simon works very hard getting the information to the APPA for the RP3 application.

**Fire - Gary Cook**

Fire Chief Gary Cook stated that the Fire Department wishes condolences to the Logan family, and some in the department worked under Chief Logan.

Fire Hydrant flow testing is now complete.

**Water - Ted Padilla**

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier, and second by Folsom for the approval of the quote from Hibbard Builders Inc. PO Box 70 Rock Falls, IL for railings to be installed at the Water Plant in the amount of \$11,735.60.

**Vote 7 aye, motion carried**

### **Tourism - Janell Loos**

Tourism Director Janell Loos informed the Council that Food Truck Friday will be the first Friday of the month from 10:30 am to 8:00pm. The amount of vendors has now doubled, and the food trucks all ran out of food during the last event.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Folsom for the approval of the Revised RB&W District Application for the Sunkissed Music Festival to be held on June 8th and 9th, 2018. The change in application was needed due to the size of the audience growing to 3000.

Mayor Wescott informed the Council that the Tourism Committee has been working with Mr. Ramsey closely concerning this event. Mr. Ramsey has worked very hard to address the issues brought up. Mason Ramsey explained to the Council that with the larger crowd, a larger dumpster has been procured. There will be 20 regular, and 4 handicapped porta-pots on site, and they will be dumped after the first day.

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

### **FiberNet - Wayne Shafer**

FiberNet Director Wayne Shafer reported that Pirtano is moving rapidly with the fiber backbone. The final phase of the backbone will be along Route 40.

Mayor Wescott stated that a lot of work has been done. Mr. Shafer has been working hard, and it takes leadership to bring this to Rock Falls. He invites the Council to visit the data center, which now has much more security.

Administrator Blackert explained the Fiberhood model that the City has employed to build out fiber to the home. Residents are encouraged to sign up now to be first to get the fiber internet service.

Mr. Shafer remarked that there have been a good percentage of customers signing up for Gigabit Service.

### **Ward Reports:**

#### **Ward 1:**

Alderman Daehle Reitzel hopes that everyone remembers the Logan family in their prayers

#### **Ward 2:**

Alderman Glen Kuhlemier asked that thoughts be with the Logan family. He is deeply saddened by the loss of George.

Alderman Snow gave his condolences to the Logan family.

#### **Ward 3:**

Alderman Schuneman asked for thoughts for the Logan family.

#### **Ward 4:**

Alderman Folsom echoed thoughts for the Logan family.

Alderman Sobottka offers condolences to the Logan family.

**Mayor's Report:**

A motion was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Reitzel for the appointment of Eric Arduini as City Collector.

**Vote 7 aye, motion carried**

**Executive Session:**

A motion was made by Alderman Sobottka, and second by Alderman Snow to enter executive session at 7:36 pm for Section 2(c)(21) Review of Closed Session Minutes

**Vote 7 aye, motion carried**

The Council enters executive Session at 7:36 pm

The Council returns to regular session at 7:40 pm

**Action taken from Executive Session:**

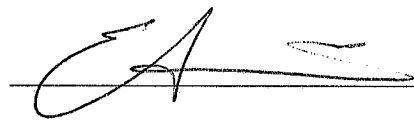
A motion was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Reitzel for the approval of the reviewed closed session minutes, keeping them all closed.

**Vote 7 aye, motion carried**

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 7:42pm.

**Viva Voce Vote, motion carried**

Meeting is adjourned at 7:42pm



Eric Arduini, City Clerk