

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

June 5th, 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 June 5th, 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 George Logan Jr., Brian Snow, Glen Kuhlemier, Rod Kleckler, Lee Folsom, and Violet Sobottka. Alderman Daehle Reitzel and Jim Schuneman were absent. In addition City Attorney Jim Reese and City Administrator Robbin Blackert were present.

**Presentation:**

Water Superintendent Ted Padilla informed the Council that 378 students had participated in the groundwater / electric training this year. The second graders were able to tour the Water Department, and water tower. Mr. Padilla had attended the Rock Falls Scholarship night, and \$976,000 were given in scholarships at Rock Falls. Hannah Rockwell received the Rock Falls \$1000 Groundwater / Electric Scholarship, and was presented a check. Ms. Rockwell plans to attend the University of Illinois, and study chemical engineering.

**Presentation by Terracon:**

Michael Lawrence and Linda Yang from Terracon gave a quick summary of the Comprehensive Site Investigation Report for the Limestone Site to the Council. They explained that there appears to not be a risk of hazardous waste, but it is not a clean site having PNAs and metals found through the testing of soil and groundwater. The City has good institutional controls in place with the potable water ordinance. The engineered barrier that will be needed for remediation could be part of a redevelopment plan for the site. They spoke about the P.A. site, and the scope of work that will be involved with the remaining contamination, and river bank. Administrator Blackert explained that an \$800,000 IEPA revolving loan may only cover about half of the cost of remediation.

There was discussion about how far from the limestone site the contamination may be moving, the prior work that was done to attain the no further remediation letter for the P.A. site, and the riprap that was allowed as an engineered barrier for the river bank.

Mayor Wescott added that in order for a developer to be able to use the P.A. site, a comprehensive NFR will be needed for them to attain funding for a project.

**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 Sobottka.

1. Approval of the Minutes of the May 15th, 2018 Regular Council Meeting.

2. Approval of bills as presented.
3. Approval of the Raffle License for Happy Tails Humane Society.
4. Approval of Resolution 2018-791 Fiesta Day Parade.
5. Approval of Resolution 2018-792 Twin Cities Holiday Parade.
6. Approval of the job description for School Resource Officer

**Vote 6 aye, motion carried**

**Ordinance First Reading:**

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

1. **Ordinance 2018-2379** An Ordinance authorizing and providing for the issuance of not to exceed \$1,200,000 General Obligation Bonds (Waterworks System Alternate Revenue Source) of the City for the purpose of providing certain improvements to the waterworks system of the City, prescribing the details of said bonds and providing for collection, segregation and application of waterworks system revenues to the payment of said bonds and the levy of taxes to pay said bonds if such revenues are insufficient for such payment and providing for the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof.
2. **Ordinance 2018-2380** An Ordinance authorizing and providing for the issuance of not to exceed \$1,200,000 General Obligation Bonds (Sewerage System Alternate Revenue Source) of the City for the purpose of providing certain improvements to the sewerage system of the City, prescribing the details of said bonds and providing for collection, segregation and application of sewerage system revenues to the payment of said bonds and the levy of taxes to pay said bonds if such revenues are insufficient for such payment and providing for the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof.
3. **Ordinance 2018-2381** An Ordinance authorizing and providing for the issuance of not to exceed \$9,200,000 General Obligation Bonds (Electric System Alternate Revenue Source) of the City for the purpose of providing certain improvements to the electric system of the City, prescribing the details of said bonds and providing for collection, segregation and application of electric system revenues to the payment of said bonds and the levy of taxes to pay said bonds if such revenues are insufficient for such payment and providing for the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof.
4. **Ordinance 2018-2382** An Ordinance approving the zoning changes at 1510 Prophet Road.

**Viva Voce Vote, motion carried**

**City Administrator, Robbin Blackert:**

City Administrator Robbin Blackert wished Commander Jay Koett a happy retirement as he will only be working for two more days.

A motion was made by Alderman Folsom, and second by Alderman Sobottka to approve the partial change order No. 1 from Civil Constructors Inc. 2283 Rt. 20 Freeport IL. for additional road work on West 5th Street in the amount of \$36,041.06.

**Vote 6 aye, motion carried**

A motion was made by Kleckler, and second by Alderman Folsom to approve the partial change order No. 2 from Civil Constructors Inc. 2283 Rt. 20 Freeport IL. for additional road work on Avenue B in the amount of \$40,491.30.

**Vote 6 aye, motion carried**

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier, and second by Alderman Logan for the approval of the Debt Management Policy.

**Vote 6 aye, motion carried**

A motion was made by Alderman Logan, and second by Alderman Snow for the approval of the intergovernmental agreement with the Board of Education of Rock Falls High School District No. 301, and the Board of Education of Rock Falls Elementary District No. 13 for a School Resource Officer SRO Program.

**Vote 6 aye, motion carried**

#### **Information/Correspondence:**

Eric Arduini, City Clerk

Clerk Arduini informed the Council that he had given them a summary of the sessions that he had attended at the International Institute of Municipal Clerks meeting in Norfolk Va.

#### **Department Heads:**

##### **Water Reclamation- Ed Cox**

A motion was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Folsom for the purchase of a 2019 Ford F-250 4x4 Regular Cab from the low bid Prescott Brothers 614 13th Avenue Mendota, IL. in the amount of \$26,705.00.

Alderman Kleckler confirmed that this was the only bidder.

**Vote 6 aye, motion carried**

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier, and second by Alderman Sobottka for the replacement of 180 tertiary filter cloths for banks 1, 2 and 3. These are OEM parts from Aqua-Aerobic Systems Inc. of 6306 N. Alpine Rd. Loves Park, IL. in the amount of \$47,505.00.

Alderman Kuhlemier established with Mr. Cox that this maintenance item will be replaced every six years.

**Vote 6 aye, motion carried**

A motion was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Sobottka for the approval of the project to go to bid to install a CIP liner to be installed in the 24 inch concrete sanitary sewer main, and all attached manholes on West 1st Street to the Leroy Avenue to the High School and 8th Avenue from West 5th Street to Leroy Ave.

This project will be funded by a low interest loan from the IEPA, and will complete the lining of all of the large concrete pipes that they know of in the City.

**Vote 6 aye, motion carried**

##### **Electric- Dick Simon**

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier, and second by Alderman Logan for the approval of the Gold SCADA Support plan from Survalent Technologies Inc. 1967 Wehrle Drive Suite 1 Buffalo NY. in the amount of \$15,855.

**Vote 6 aye, motion carried**

### **Water - Ted Padilla**

A motion was made by Alderman Sobottka, and second by Alderman Kuhlemier for the approval of the water service project at 2103 and 2109 Industrial Park Road by Kirby Cable Service Inc. 178842 Sumner Road, Pecatonica, IL in the amount of \$7,650.00.

**Vote 6 aye, motion carried**

A motion was made by Alderman Sobottka, and second by Alderman Folsom for the approval of the upsized water service project at Industrial Overlay from 1.5" to 2" by Kirby Cable Service Inc. 178842 Sumner Road, Pecatonica, IL in the amount of \$7,650.00.

**Vote 6 aye, motion carried**

A motion was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Folsom for the approval of the repairs to the aeration floor by Westech 600 Arrasmith Trail, Ames Iowa in the amount of \$16,193.00.

**Vote 6 aye, motion carried**

Water Superintendent Ted Padilla informed the Council that the valves were installed at the intersection of West 5<sup>th</sup> Street, and 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The intersection should be open for traffic on Friday.

### **Tourism - Janell Loos**

Tourism Director Janell Loos gave some dates to the upcoming events in the City.

1. The Sunkissed Music Festival will be held on June 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>.
2. Summer Splash is June 22<sup>nd</sup>, and 23<sup>rd</sup>.
3. Rock Falls River Chase is June 23<sup>rd</sup>, and 24<sup>th</sup>.
4. The tri-Church worship will be held on June 24<sup>th</sup>.

Director Loos reported that Food truck Friday is going really well, and everyone wants more. Alderman Snow attended, and reported that the parking lot was full, and the event is very nice along the riverfront with live music.

### **Ward Reports:**

#### **Ward 1:**

Alderman George Logan Jr. thanked the City, and especially the Fire Department for everything to do with his father's funeral.

#### **Ward 2:**

Alderman Glen Kuhlemier invited everyone the Blackhawk Hills Regional Council meeting is on Monday June 11th. The annual meeting starts at 6 p.m. at Livengood's Barn (21647 Thomson Rd) in Chadwick. The CEO from Noodles Inc. will be the speaker, and he is from Mt. Carroll Illinois.

Alderman Kuhlemier thanked the Mayor Wescott, Robbin Blackert, and Dick Simon for their courtesy and help during attending the IMEA / IMUA conference in Springfield. Commonwealth Edison featured drone footage inspecting electric lines in Rock Falls.

**Ward 3:**

Alderman Kleckler congratulated Third Ward resident Kimberly Kleckler on her graduation from NIU Law School.

**Mayor's Report:**

A motion was made by Alderman Logan, and second by Alderman Kuhlemier for the approval of the Rock Falls American Legion Special Event Liquor License for Post 902 Bagstravaganza July 4th, 2018. Mayor Wescott informed the Council that they usually hold this indoors, but as a fundraiser for building repairs it will be moved to the parking lot. The Fire Department has reviewed the plan, and fencing for the event.

Alderman Kuhlemier confirmed that parking at the McDonald Funeral Home parking lot, and Sauk Valley Bank parking lot has been arranged.

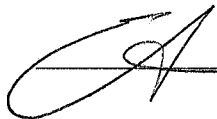
**Viva Voce Vote, motion carried**

Mayor Wescott thanked Commander Jay Koett for all of his years of service to the City of Rock Falls. He will be on terminal leave in two days, and retired in August. Mayor Wescott wishes him the best of luck.

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 7:35pm.

**Viva Voce Vote, motion carried**

Meeting is adjourned at 7:35pm



Eric Arduini, City Clerk