

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

August 7th, 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 August 7th, 2018 in the Council Chambers of Rock Falls.

City Clerk Eric Arduini called the roll following the pledge of allegiance. A moment of silence was given for the family of Ray Mangan, retired Police Detective Sergeant in his passing away earlier that day. 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 City Administrator Robbin Blackert and City Attorney Jim Reese were present.

Bid opening:

1. A public bid opening was conducted for the sale of real estate at 1200 West 15th Street. Mayor Wescott confirmed with Clerk Arduini that no bids had been submitted for the sale.

Proclamation:

A proclamation was read aloud by Clerk Arduini honoring Police Officer Jonathan Cater for his brave actions during a house fire on December 20th, 2017. A motion to approve the proclamation was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Folsom. Mr. Cater was presented a copy of the proclamation by Mayor Wescott.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried

Promotional Presentation:

Police Chief Tammy Nelson introduced three officers with important promotions. With the retirement of Commander Jay Koett, three positions needed to be moved within the force.

Ryan McKanna came from Freeport IL, and has been with the Rock Falls Police Department since 2015. He does an outstanding job and is the newest Sergeant.

Jonathan Cater who has been with the force since 2008, and was promoted to Sergeant in March.

Mark Davis has been on the force since 1998, and has been a Sergeant for 15 years. He will now be the Operations Commander, and has the responsibilities to make sure the officers make it home safely, training, and equipment. Chief Nelson said that this was an easy decision to make, and Mr. Davis has jumped into the position with both feet.

The officers were joined by Chief Nelson and family for photos.

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 Reitzel and second by Alderman Folsom.

1. Approval of the Minutes of the July 17th, 2018 Regular Council Meeting.
2. Approval of bills as presented.

3. Approval of partial change order no. 1B for road work on West 5th Street to Civil Constructors 2283 Route 20 Freeport IL. in the amount of \$3,713.76
4. Approval of partial change order no. 2B for road work on Avenue B to Civil Constructors 2283 Route 20 Freeport IL. in the amount of \$2,650.00.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried

Ordinance Second Reading / Adoption

1. A motion was made by Alderman Sobottka, and second by Alderman Snow for the adoption of **Ordinance 2018-2383** amending Section 16-643 for setting drain layer insurance coverage.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried

2. A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier, and second by Alderman Folsom for the adoption of **Ordinance 2018-2384** amending Section 16-506 for setting electrician insurance coverage.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried

3. A motion was made by Alderman Sobottka, and second by Alderman Folsom for the adoption of **Ordinance 2018-2389** amending Section 32-189 private sewage disposal.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried

City Administrator Robbin Blackert:

City Administrator Robbin Blackert presented changes to the Utilities Committee Policy Manual. A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier, and second by Alderman Schuneman for the approval of C-2 which added terms for the non-elected members of the committee.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman, and second by Alderman Sobottka for the approval of the addition to section E-3 which sets the limit at \$5000.00 per eligible grantee for the IMEA Electric Efficiency Grant.

Administrator Blackert expressed that her sympathies are with the Mangan family.

City Clerk - Eric Arduini

Clerk Arduini informed the Council that information for the 2018 IML Conference was in their mailbox, and he will need to get a count of the members planning to attend.

He gave condolences to Michelle, and her family.

Department Heads:

Tourism

Mayor Wescott congratulated Janell Loos, and all of the Department Heads for their work over the Rock Falls Days weekend. A tremendous amount of people came to Rock Falls for the craft show, fishing tournament, and street dance. All of the events were very successful.

Water Reclamation- Ed Cox

Administrator Blackert presented a 6 year generator maintenance contract with Altorfer Inc., 4712 Buckeye Street, Davenport, IA 52802 in the amount of \$76,074. A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman, and second by Alderman Reitzel to approve the contract.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried

Water – Ted Padilla

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman, and second by Alderman Snow for the approval of the quote from Layne Western, 721 W Illinois Avenue, Aurora, IL 60506 for rehabilitation of Well #5 in the amount of \$16,372.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried

Utility Office - Diane Hatfield

A motion was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Folsom to approve the Utility Office write-offs for April – June 2018 in the amount of \$11,336.55.

Ward Reports:

Ward 1:

Alderman Daehle Reitzel gave his condolences to the Mangan family.
Alderman George Logan Jr. said that Ray was a good guy, and will be missed.

Ward 2:

Alderman Glen Kuhlemier gave his condolences to the Mangan Family, and Deputy City Clerk Michelle Conklin. Alderman Kuhlemier has had a long history with the family, and he was an excellent officer. Alderman Kuhlemier also congratulated the Police Officers on their promotions.

Alderman Brian Snow offered his condolences to the Mangan family.

Ward 3:

Alderman Jim Schuneman echoed the sentiments of the other Aldermen, and mentioned that he had known Ray since high school.

Ward 4:

Alderman Violet Sobottka gave her condolences to the Michelle, and the Mangan family. She also congratulated the Police Officers.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Wescott informed the Council that the City was approached by ComEd in late July concerning the use of City property. They had looked at two other sites for a laydown and storage lease to have power parts delivered and assembled for a project in another area. A contract has been negotiated involving ComEd using 3.5 to 5 acres of land that is already owned by the City at the former Schmitt farm. The City would receive \$4000.00 per month and the term would be until January 2019. After January it will be leased on a month by month basis for the same amount of money. The City completed phase I and phase II environmental evaluations of the site when it was purchased. ComEd will perform a phase I at the beginning of the lease, and will pay for the City of Rock Falls to have Terracon perform a phase I for the City after the lease has ended. Nothing ComEd is doing on the site should harm the area. Monthly environmental

reports will be done and given to Terracon as the lease goes on. The City will continue to work on running utilities to the area, and this lease will not hinder those projects.

Alderman Snow asked if this lease would prevent the sale or development of the property. Mayor Wescott explained that the lease is until January, and if it sold before that it would take some time for the development to begin.

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier, and second by Alderman Sobottka for the adoption of **Ordinance 2018-2390** authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign a Laydown Lease with Commonwealth Edison for a portion of the property comprising the Schmitt addition to the City.

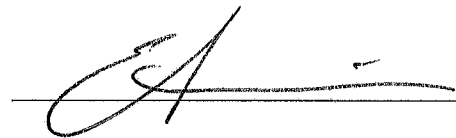
Vote 8 aye, motion carried

Mayor Wescott mentioned that he had the pleasure to work with Michelle Conklin for ten to fifteen years, and her father was a very important part of her life. Ray was a fantastic individual who will be missed by the City as a former Police Officer. Mayor Wescott withes sympathy and prayers for Marilyn and the girls.

With nothing else for the good of the Council a motion was made by Alderman Folsom, and second by Alderman Snow to adjourn at 7:04pm.

Viva Voce Vote, motion carried

Meeting is adjourned at 7:04pm



Eric Arduini, City Clerk