

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

August 21st, 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 21st, 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 City Administrator Robbin Blackert and City Attorney Jim Reese were present.

Presentation:

Mayor Wescott explained that Twin Cities Restaurant Week which was put on by the Rock Falls Tourism Office had raised money for area food banks from the registration fees, and radio auction. With the money raised \$355.00 was able to be given to three food banks. Mayor Wescott presented checks to Candi Parks with Helping Hands, Edith Geiger with First Christian Church, and the Rock River Christian Center was represented by Mary Shuman, and Bev Mills.

The restaurant which received the best score on the comment cards was awarded \$500.00. Mayor Wescott presented this check to Jeanette Larson representing the Wagon Wheel in Sterling.

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 August 7th, 2018 Regular Council Meeting.
2. Approval of bills as presented.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried

Ordinance First Reading

A motion was made Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Reitzel for the approval of the first reading of the following ordinances.

1. Approval of **Ordinance 2018-2391** Nuisance - Off Street Parking Lot and Drive Surfaces.
2. Approval of **Ordinance 2018-2392** Changes to Handicapped Parking.
3. Approval of **Ordinance 2018-2393** Renumbering Certain Municipal Parking Lots.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried

Ordinance Second Reading / Adoption

A motion was made by Alderman Logan, and second by Alderman Folsom for the adoption of the corrected version of **Ordinance 2018-2389** 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

City Clerk – Eric Arduini

Clerk Arduini asked the Council to let him know if they plan on attending the IML conference.

Department Heads:

Building Inspector – Mark Searing

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Sobottka for the approval of the recommendation from the Building Code Committee of accepting the low bid for the demolition of the structure located at 1206 13th Avenue by Burger Brothers Trucking and Excavation PO Box 107 Rock Falls, IL in the amount of \$12,200.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried

Ward Reports:

Ward 1:

Alderman Daehle Reitzel reminded residents to be careful as school has started back up.

Mayor’s Report:

Mayor Wescott spoke on the question of having events in parks with alcohol. The matter was reviewed by the City Attorneys and State Liquor Commissioner. Any special event will have to be staffed by BASSET trained personnel. The liquor license holder will need to apply for the use permit that will go before the Council, and a special event liquor license. The City only has jurisdiction over the parks that are owned by the City, and if someone would want to have such an event at a park owned by the Coloma Park District, the issue would have to go before the Park Board. The State Liquor Commission no longer requires the fences as before, and now allows BASSET trained personnel to issue armbands. Allowing special events in the park with liquor will not allow others to bring their own alcohol to a City park. Mayor Wescott asked that this be brought up for second reading and adoption due to events that are pending.

City Attorney Jim Reese added that the special event liquor license is issued for a specific location.

Alderman Logan stated that a lot of confusion and concern came about because there are parks in two jurisdictions, and it will still be confusing.

A motion to adopt **Ordinance 2018-2394** was made by Alderman Schuneman, and second by Alderman Folsom.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried (Alderman Snow recused himself from this vote)

Executive Session:

1. Personnel Section 2(c)(1) Employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline, and performance.

A motion was made by Alderman Sobottka, and second by Alderman Snow to enter executive session for Personnel Section 2(c)(1) Employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline, and performance.

City Council enters executive session at 6:52pm

City Council returns to regular session at 7:04pm

Any action taken from Executive Session:

A motion was made by Alderman Logan, and second by Alderman Snow to approve the hiring of Beth Motsinger to the Customer Service Office with a starting date of August 27th, 2018.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried

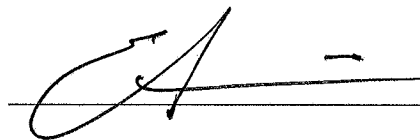
A motion was made by Alderman Logan, and second by Alderman Sobottka to accept the resignation of Tourism Director Janell Loos.

Vote 8 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 at 7:06pm.

Viva Voce Vote, motion carried

Meeting is adjourned at 7:06pm



Eric Arduini, City Clerk