

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

November 6th, 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 November 6th, 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, Glen Kuhlemier, Jim Schuneman, Rod Kleckler, Lee Folsom, and Violet Sobottka. Aldermen George Logan Jr. and Brian Snow were absent. In addition City Administrator Robbin Blackert and City Attorney Jim Reese were present.

**Consent Agenda:**

The consent agenda was read aloud by City Clerk Eric Arduini. A motion to approve the consent agenda as read by omnibus designation was made by Alderman Schuneman and second by Alderman Sobottka.

1. Approval of the Minutes of the October 16th, 2018 Regular Council Meeting.
2. Approval of bills as presented.
3. Approval of the proclamation for Small Business Saturday
4. Approval of IDNR License No. 3096 - five year license in the amount of \$600.00 for electric lines over the canal at 11<sup>th</sup> Street.
5. Approval of the renewal request for the cash farm lease (Sewer Plant) with Mike Gaulrapp - 63.5 acres at \$300.00 per acre.

**Vote 6 Aye, motion carried**

**Ordinance First Reading:**

Mayor Wescott asked that **Ordinance 2018-2403** be removed from the list of ordinances first reading. Alderman Sobottka asked that **Ordinance 2018-2406** be removed for separate consideration. A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier, and second by Alderman Schuneman to approve the first reading of the following ordinances:

1. **Ordinance 2018-2404** Tax abatement for debt service on \$5,300,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) Series 2017.
2. **Ordinance 2018-2405** Tax abatement for debt service on \$2,115,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) Series 2016.

**Viva Voce Vote, motion carried**

A motion was made by Alderman Sobottka and second by Alderman Schuneman to remove **Ordinance 2018-2406** Amending Chapter 4 Article I, Section 4-8 imposing a penalty for beekeeping within city limits, and send it back to the Ordinance Committee for further discussion.

**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 2018-2401** authorizing the City to borrow funds from the Water Pollution Control Loan Program for the West 1<sup>st</sup> St., 8<sup>th</sup> Ave, Leroy Ave. sewer lining project.

**Vote 6 Aye, motion carried**

## **City Administrator Robbin Blackert:**

Administrator Blackert explained that the Riverfront TIF expires at the end of December. This resolution will move the funds over to the Downtown Redevelopment TIF, and any other funds that may come into the Riverfront TIF will also be transferred. A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier, and second by Alderman Schuneman for the approval of **Resolution 2018-800** authorizing transfer of funds from the Riverfront TIF to the Downtown TIF Special Tax Allocation Fund.

**Vote 5 Aye, motion carried (Alderman Reitzel recused himself from this vote)**

## **Alderman Reports/Committee Chairman Requests:**

### Ward 2

#### **Alderman Glen Kuhlemier – Finance Committee Chairman**

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman, and second by Alderman Sobottka for the approval of **Resolution 2018-801** authorizing transfer of funds and merger of the City of Rock Falls Centennial Fund into the City of Rock Falls Tourism fund.

**Vote 6 Aye, motion carried**

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman, and second by Alderman Sobottka for the approval of **Resolution 2018-803** repealing **Resolution 2007-497** and merging the Broadband fund with the fiber/broadband fund. The Council confirmed that the Electric department is absorbing the negative balance.

**Vote 6 Aye, motion carried**

#### **Alderman Brian Snow – Building Code Committee Chairman**

A motion was made by Alderman Sobottka and second by Alderman Schuneman to approve **Resolution 2018-799** authorizing sale of surplus property at 1206 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

**Vote 6 Aye, motion carried**

### Ward 3

#### **Alderman Jim Schuneman – Utilities Committee**

A motion was made by Alderman Sobottka and second by Alderman Schuneman to approve the Utility Office Write-Offs July – September in the amount of \$13,902.36.

**Vote 6 Aye, motion carried**

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman, and second by Alderman Sobottka for the approval of the low bid from WEG Transformers USA Inc., One Pauwels Drive, Washington, MO 63090-1134 in the amount of \$171,759.00 for three transformers. One transformer will be used at the hydro plant, and the other two will be used at the Avenue A Substation.

**Vote 6 Aye, motion carried**

#### **Alderman Rod Kleckler**

Alderman Kleckler reminded the Council that the City Auction will be held on November 7<sup>th</sup> at the Snail Mail FedEx building at 3:00pm

#### **Mayor's Report:**

A motion was made by Alderman Sobottka and second by Alderman Schuneman to approve the Hometown Holidays Christmas Walk with road closures as presented.

**Viva Voce Vote, motion carried**

Mayor Wescott informed the Council on some upcoming events:

1. The service for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Armistice Day will be held at Veteran's Park on Sunday November 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:50am.
2. City Hall will be closed on November 12<sup>th</sup> for the observation of Veteran's Day.
3. Holiday Bingo will be held on Thursday November 15<sup>th</sup>.
4. The Hometown Holiday Christmas Walk will be held on Friday November 16<sup>th</sup> with the lovelight tree ceremony at 5:30pm.
5. The Hometown Holidays Parade will be held on Saturday November 17<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Executive Session**

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman and second by Alderman Sobottka to enter executive session at 6:50pm for Section 2(c)(1) - Employee hiring, firing, discipline, or performance including attorneys Jim Reese and Matt Cole in the session.

**Vote 6 aye, motion carried.**

City Council enters executive Session at 6:50pm

City Council returns to regular session at 6:53pm

#### **Action taken from Executive Session**

A motion was made by Alderman Sobottka, and second by Alderman Kuhlemier for the approval of the Tourism Director's employment agreement.

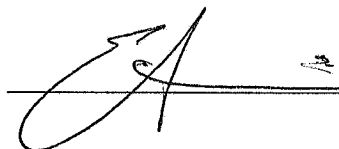
**Vote 6 aye, motion carried**

#### **Adjournment**

With nothing else for the good of the Council a motion was made by Alderman Folsom, and second by Alderman Sobottka to adjourn at 6:54pm.

**Viva Voce Vote, motion carried**

Meeting is adjourned at 6:54pm



Eric Arduini, City Clerk