

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

November 20th, 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 20th, 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 Attorney Tim Zollinger were present.

Special Recognition:

Mayor Wescott spoke about recognizing youth in the community. Both Rock Falls High School Cross Country Teams had a tremendous year. The girl's team brought back a second place trophy from the State Cross Country Meet. This is the first girl's trophy in the history of the school, and the second state cross country trophy for any cross country team. The boy's team brought back a trophy in 1956.

A proclamation was read aloud by Clerk Arduini. A motion to approve the proclamation of Wednesday November 21st being "Rock Falls Township High School Girls Cross Country Recognition Day" was made by Alderman Logan, and second by Alderman Snow.

Viva Voce Vote, motion carried

Another proclamation was read aloud by Clerk Arduini. A motion to approve the proclamation of Wednesday November 21st being "Dawson Smith Day" for his 5th place finish at state cross country was made by Alderman Logan, and second by Alderman Sobottka.

Viva Voce Vote, motion carried

Tax Levy presentation

Administrator Blackert thanked the Aldermen who attended the presentation by the actuaries, and the auditors. MWM had presented the statutory basis of 90% funded by the year 2040, and 100% funded by 2040. If the City went with the 100% funding, it would be an increase of 16.7% of the tax levy, or on the average \$71.00 added to the property tax. The finance committee recommends funding at the statutory 90% which with \$34,351 coming from Social Security /Medicare reserves. This is an increase in the City's levy of 4.99%, or \$14.58 for the average home. The Police pension amount is \$508,351.00. The Fire pension amount is \$401,771.00. The total levy would be \$1,590,921.68.

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 Folsom and second by Alderman Sobottka.

1. Approval of the Minutes of the November 6th, 2018 Regular Council Meeting.
2. Approval of bills as presented.
3. Approval of **Resolution 2018-805 IDOT** Resolution for maintenance 19-00000-00-GM.

Vote 8 Aye, motion carried

Ordinance First Reading:

A motion was made by Alderman Sobottka and second by Alderman Folsom for the approval of **Ordinance 2018-2403** FY19 Tax Levy.

Viva Voce Vote, motion carried

Ordinance Second Reading/ Adoption

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier, and second by Alderman Folsom for the adoption of **Ordinance 2018-2404** Tax abatement for debt service on \$5,300,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) Series 2017.

Vote 8 Aye, motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier, and second by Alderman Sobottka for the adoption of **Ordinance 2018-2405** Tax abatement for debt service on \$2,115,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) Series 2016.

Vote 8 Aye, motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Folsom for the adoption of **Ordinance 2018-2407** Disposal of Surplus Property – Vehicles

Vote 8 Aye, motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Sobottka for the adoption of **Ordinance 2018-2408** Disposal of Surplus Property – Fire Department air tanks.

Vote 8 Aye, motion carried

City Administrator Robbin Blackert:

Administrator Blackert explained that alderman Kleckler had pointed out an error at the last Council meeting. A new resolution was drafted repealing the former one and transferring all of the Broadband Fund assets and liabilities to the Electric Fund. A motion was made by Alderman Kleckler and second by Alderman Schuneman for the

approval of **Resolution 2018-806** Repealing Resolution **2007-497** and transferring assets and liabilities of the Broadband Fund to the Electric Fund.

Vote 8 Aye, motion carried

Attorney Tim Zollinger explained to the committee that ComEd has approached the City concerning obtaining an easement along the recreational trail. Mayor Wescott negotiated the grant of easement cost with them at \$15,000. The power line will be under ground, and ComEd will access the area through the end of Beltway Drive. A motion to grant the Easement and have the city officials sign the documents for this was made by Alderman Schuneman, and second by Alderman Sobottka.

Vote 8 Aye, motion carried

Administrator Blackert informed the Council that the new Tourism Director will start on Monday.

Alderman Reports/Committee Chairman Requests:

Ward 1

Alderman Daehle Reitzel

Alderman Reitzel wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving

Alderman George Logan Jr.

Alderman Logan Jr. wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, and congratulated his granddaughter that was on the winning Rock Falls Cross Country Team.

Ward 2

Alderman Glen Kuhlemier - Finance Committee Chairman

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier, and second by Alderman Schuneman for the approval of **Resolution 2018-802** authorizing transfer of funds From the City of Rock Falls Social security/Medicare reserve fund to the City of Rock Falls social security/Medicare fund for the 2019 fiscal year as recommended by the Finance Committee.

Vote 8 Aye, motion carried

Alderman Kuhlemier wished congratulations to Art and Ruthie Deem on their 70th Anniversary and thanked them for their service to the community.

Alderman Brian Snow - Building Code Committee Chairman

A motion was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Sobottka for the approval of **Resolution 2018-804** Alternative method of sale for property at 1200 West 15th Street.

Vote 8 Aye, motion carried

Ward 3

Alderman Jim Schuneman - Utilities Committee Chairman

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman, and second by Alderman Sobottka for the approval of the purchase of a used dump truck not to exceed \$60,000 for the Electric Department. The Council had some discussion about department heads being allowed to use their discretion in these purchases.

Vote 8 Aye, motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman, and second by Alderman Kuhlemier for the approval of the purchase of two bearing assemblies and two Pump Drive Assemblies from Lakeside Equipment Corporation, 1022 Devon Ave, P.O. Box 8448, Bartlett, IL 60103 totaling \$101,000 and installation not to exceed \$40,000. The Council discussed the specific and unique nature of these parts. Lakeside will be a sole source provider for the replacement of the Spaans Babcock bearings and gearboxes.

Vote 8 Aye, motion carried

Alderman Schuneman recognized the Boys Cross Country team that finished 15th in the state. He congratulated the Sterling Girls Volleyball team on their state championship.

Ward 4

Alderman violet Sobottka

Alderman Sobottka wished everyone a safe and happy and safe Thanksgiving, and wished her husband a happy anniversary.

Mayor's Report:

A motion was made by Alderman Sobottka and second by Alderman Snow to approve the following appointments to the Tourism Committee: 11/15/2018-11/15/2020 (2) Years:

Alderman Jim Schuneman
Alderman Glen Kuhlemier
Chamber of Commerce Representative
Coloma Park District Director
Holiday Inn and Suites Representative
Brian Tribley At-Large Member
Mike Sterba At-Large Member

The hotel representatives will be rotated each year.

Viva Voce Vote, motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Sobottka to approve the following appointments to the Industrial Development Commission:

11/15/2018 - 11/15/2023 (5) Years

Dave Devries
John Larson

Vote 8 Aye, motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Folsom and second by Alderman Sobottka to approve the re-appointment of City Administrator Robbin Blackert to the Whiteside /Carroll County E-Zone Board through October 2021.

Vote 8 Aye, motion carried

Executive Session

A motion was made by Alderman Folsom and second by Alderman Sobottka to enter executive session at 7:10pm for Section 2(c)(1) Employee hiring, firing, discipline or performance and 2(c)(2) Collective Bargaining Section, including Electric Director Dick Simon, IBEW Representative Derek Luetgert, attorneys Tim Zollinger and Matt Cole in the session.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

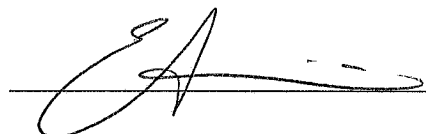
City Council enters executive Session at 7:10pm
City Council returns to regular session at 7:55pm

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 7:55pm.

Viva Voce Vote, motion carried

Meeting is adjourned at 7:55pm



Eric Arduini, City Clerk