

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND
ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS
December 18th, 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 December 18th, 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, Brian Snow, Glen Kuhlemier, Rod Kleckler, Lee Folsom, and Violet Sobottka. Alderman Schuneman was absent. In addition City Administrator Robbin Blackert and Attorney Matt Cole 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 Snow and second by Alderman Sobottka.

1. Approval of the minutes of the December 4th, 2018 Regular Council Meeting.
2. Approval of bills as presented.
3. Approval of the job description for Building Department Administrative Assistant.

Vote 6 Aye, motion carried

City Administrator Robbin Blackert:

City Administrator Robbin Blackert presented the redevelopment agreement with Zesty Meatloaf LLC for lots 1, 2 and 3 of the Reliant Subdivision. She noted that there was a typo that was corrected concerning the hotel name. A motion to approve the agreement was made by Alderman Kuhlemier, and second by Alderman Snow.

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

Administrator Blackert is looking to submit a \$250,000 cleanup grant application for the Limestone property. A developer could work with Terracon to design cleanup and remediation into a design on the site. The development itself could be a cap for any contamination. The grant could pay for soil that may need to be replaced. A motion was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Sobottka for the approval to submit the USEPA Clean up grant application in January 2019 in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.

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

The City was not awarded the cleanup grant last time. The City is only submitting one application this time. The grant application size has been reduced from 20 pages to 10 pages. Terracon will be putting the finishing touches on it, and the grant will be peer reviewed before it goes to the USEPA.

Information/Correspondence:

Eric Arduini, City Clerk

Clerk Arduini reminded the Council that the next City Council meeting will be held on Wednesday January 2nd 2019 instead of January 1st.

Department Heads:

Wayne Shafer, Rock Falls Fibernet

Rock Falls Fibernet Director Wayne Shafer informed the Council that after years of planning, and a year of construction, Fibernet began delivering services in August. They are currently working to deliver to even more customers.

Alderman Reports/Committee Chairman Requests:

1st Ward

Alderman Daehle Reitzel:

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier, and second by Alderman Sobottka to approve the engineering agreement for reconstruction of 3rd Avenue with Willett Hofmann and Associates 212 3rd Ave, Sterling, IL - IEPA Project Plan Reporting Services \$19,000, Design Phase Engineering Services \$110,600, and Construction Phase Engineering Services \$122,500.

Alderman Kuhlemier note that 3rd Avenue deserves it.

Vote 6 Aye, motion carried

Alderman Reitzel wishes everyone a Merry Christmas

2nd Ward

Alderman Glen Kuhlemier

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier, and second by Alderman Snow to approve the following Tourism event dates:

1. Food Truck Fridays will be held on May 4th, June 7th, July 5th, and August 2nd.
2. Art in the Park Walk will be held Sept. 7th.
3. Fishing Tournament Sept 27th -29th.

Viva Voce Vote, Motion carried

Alderman Kuhlemier wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

Alderman Brian Snow

A motion was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Reitzel for the hiring of Robert Watts for the laborer position in the Water Department. He will begin on January 7th, 2018.

Vote 6 Aye, motion carried

Alderman Snow wished everyone a Merry Christmas, and a happy and safe new year.

3rd Ward

Alderman Rod Klecker

Alderman Kleckler reported that it seems like the ward is running fine. Alderman Kleckler did watch the eagles, and they beat the Rams 30-23.

4th Ward

Alderman Violet Sobottka

Alderman Sobottka wished everyone a Merry Christmas, a happy new year, and safe travels.

Mayor's Report

A motion was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Reitzel for the appointment of Michael Clark who serves on the IDC to Chairman of Industrial Development Commission.

Viva Voce Vote, Motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Kuhlemier to approve **Resolution 2018-809** authorizing the agreement for payment to ComEd in the amount of \$100,000 for preliminary engineering at the Avenue A substation.

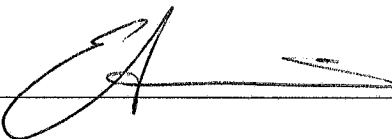
Vote 6 Aye, motion carried

Mayor Wescott wishes everyone a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year.

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 6:45pm

Viva Voce Vote, motion carried

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