

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

January 15th, 2019

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 January 15th, 2019 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 Brian Snow, Glen Kuhlemier, Jim Schuneman, Rod Kleckler, Lee Folsom, and Violet Sobottka. Alderman Reitzel was absent. In addition City Administrator Robbin Blackert and Matt Cole were present.

**Public Meeting:**

A Public meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. with the members of the City Council; Brian Snow, Glen Kuhlemier, Jim Schuneman, Rod Klecker, Lee Folsom and Violet Sobottka, Mayor Bill Wescott, City Attorneys Matt Cole and Tom Sanders, City Clerk Eric Arduini, City Administrator Robbin Blackert and Department Heads of the City of Rock Falls present for the meeting.

Mayor Wescott turned the meeting over to City Administrator Robbin Blackert who stated that the draft grant application had been available for viewing in the City Clerk's office and the City's website for several weeks. The only person who reviewed the draft grant application and commented on the application was Alderman Glen Kuhlemier. Alderman Kuhlemier commented by written statement "We need the Grant!"

City Administrator Blackert then asked for any comment from the public. Mike Sterba spoke stating that he was first speaking as a private citizen and believed that the grant was very necessary and also believed that the City was doing the right thing with the property. Mr. Sterba then spoke as the former Director of the Coloma Township Park District who owns adjacent property to the Limestone site. The Park District is very much in favor of the grant and believes it to be the correct action for the City to apply for the clean up grant. No other members of the public spoke.

Alderman Rod Kleckler asked Administrator Blackert what correlation the grant had with the YWCA looking at the site for potential development. Administrator Blackert explained that if the City were awarded the grant that some of the funds could be used for soil removal and replacement on the green spaces for the planned development, but the City would be seeking the grant regardless of the YWCA's interest in the site. There were no further questions regarding the draft grant application.

The Mayor asked the City Clerk if any other correspondence or comments had been received by the City, the Clerk indicated that no other comments had been received.

Public meeting was adjourned at 6:36 P.M.

### **Community Affairs:**

Julie Jacobs from the Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce approached the Council with a few updates. The Chamber will be hosting the Sauk Valley Leadership Team at the Wal-Mart Distribution Center. This program helps develop and train the area's future leaders. They are taking applications for next fall.

Mrs. Jacobs informed the Council about the Marketing Collective January 17th, Homebased Business Collective on January 30th, and Non-Profit Collective on March 21st.

The annual meeting will be held on February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019. Invitations have been sent.

### **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 Schuneman.

1. Approval of the Minutes of the January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 Regular Council Meeting.
2. Approval of bills as presented.

### **Vote 6 Aye, motion carried**

### **Ordinances / First Reading**

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

- a. **Ordinance 2019-2409** an ordinance amending Chapter 32, Article VI Regulating Solid Waste.
- b. **Ordinance 2019-2410** an ordinance amending Chapter 18, Article VI for Resident and Prohibited Parking.
- c. **Ordinance 2019-2411** an ordinance amending Chapter 20, Article III, Section 20-70 Imposing Fines for Garbage, Debris and Graffiti.

Attorney Cole explained that **Ordinance 2019-2410** will be amended slightly before its second reading to prohibit parking all year long instead of only when school is in session for a portion of west 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.

Alderman Kleckler asked for clarification on **Ordinance 2019-2411** that this change does not impose fines on the victim of graffiti.

### **Viva Voce Vote, motion carried**

### **City Administrator Robbin Blackert:**

City Administrator Robbin Blackert explained to the Council that the state has changed the way that the recycling surcharge received from TV sales is administered. An application needed to be submitted by the County by March of last year. The County has contacted Sterling and Rock Falls, and will be having a meeting on January 16<sup>th</sup> to hopefully resolve the issue for next year. Volunteers are still working at the site on the scheduled Saturdays, and residents can bring items with a utility bill.

Administrator Blackert explained that due to a clerical error, the tax levy needed to be adjusted for FY19. The reduction in the tax levy was presented to the Council. A motion to approve the reduction of the Police Protection and Fire Protection line items on the tax levy was made by Alderman Kuhlemier, and second by Alderman Schuneman.

**Vote 6 Aye, motion carried**

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

##### 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward

##### **Alderman Glen Kuhlemier**

Alderman Kuhlemier extended his condolences to the Bob Schwab family. Bob was very active with the fire district board, and spent a lot of time cancelling out graffiti along the canal with the RRDA. Mr. Kuhlemier mentioned that Geneva Dussler is celebrating her 103<sup>rd</sup> birthday on January 28<sup>th</sup>.

##### **Alderman Brian Snow**

A motion was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Sobottka for the approval of **Resolution 2019-815** awarding a contract for the sale of 1200 W. 15th Street.

**Vote 6 Aye, motion carried**

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

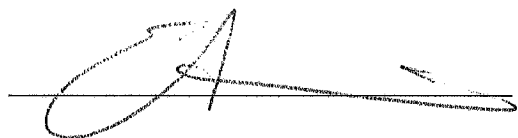
Mayor Wescott spoke briefly about the vacancy in the first year. A motion was made by Alderman Folsom and second by Alderman Kuhlemier for the appointment of Bill Wangelin to fill the unexpired 1st Ward aldermanic term until the April 2021 election.

Bill Wangelin approached the Council and told them that he looks forward to the challenge, and wants to make our community a better place to live.

##### **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 6:53pm.

**Viva Voce Vote, motion carried**



City Clerk Eric Arduini