

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND
ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS
March 5th, 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 March 5th, 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 Daehle Reitzel, Bill Wangelin, Brian Snow, Glen Kuhlemier, Jim Schuneman, Rod Kleckler, Lee Folsom, and Violet Sobottka. In addition City Administrator Robbin Blackert and Attorney Matt Cole were present.

Community Affairs:

Rock Falls Chamber board member and Blackhawk Hills Regional Council representative Julie Jacobs addressed the Council. Mrs. Jacobs thanked the City for attending the Chamber's Annual Meeting and Dinner. She informed the Council that Police Chief Tammy Nelson received the shoulder to the wheel award for an organization for the Rock Falls PAC Program.

Spring Bingo will be held on Thursday March 7th at the Rock Falls American Legion. Sarah Rhode from the Chamber Office will be moving to Idaho. There will be an open house for her at the Chamber on March 19th from 11:30 - 1:00.

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 February 19th, 2019 Regular Council Meeting.
2. Approval of bills as presented.
3. Recommendation to send the zoning variance request from D&R Investments for a subdivision of 1201-1203 12th Avenue Rock Falls, IL to the planning and zoning commission for consideration.
4. Recommendation to send the zoning change request from R-2 to B-2 for Kim Thome & Bruce Willett for property located at 2000 E Route 30, Rock Falls, IL. to the planning and zoning commission for consideration.
5. Approval of Raffle License for Community Christmas for Children

Vote 8 Aye, motion carried

Ordinances Second Reading / Adoption

A motion was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Schuneman for the adoption of **Ordinance 2019-2412** amending Chapter 32 Article III Section 32-60 relating to water meter pits, and replacement of service lines.

Vote 8 Aye, motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Kuhlemier for the adoption of **Ordinance 2019-2413** authorizing the sale of real estate and invitation to accept bids for 1006 Avenue A.

Vote 8 Aye, motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Sobottka, and second by Alderman Wangelin for the adoption of **Ordinance 2019-2414** authorizing the sale of real estate and invitation to accept bids for 200 1/2 East 4th Street.

Vote 8 Aye, motion carried

Alderman Reports / Committee Chairman Requests:

1st Ward

Alderman Daehle Reitzel

Alderman Reitzel expressed his support for the Rock Falls Rockets.

Alderman Bill Wangelin

Alderman Wangelin also expressed his support for the Rockets, and would like to see them go to state.

2nd Ward

Alderman Glen Kuhlemier

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier, and second by Alderman Folsom for the approval of **Resolution 2019-818** extending repayment of inter-fund loan.

Vote 8 Aye, motion carried

Alderman Brian Snow

A motion was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Sobottka for the approval of **Resolution 2019-819** authorizing execution of contract for sale of surplus real estate at 241 Avenue F to Timothy Hodgson in the amount of \$5,241.00.

Vote 8 Aye, motion carried

3rd Ward

Alderman Jim Schuneman

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman, and second by Alderman Snow to approve the Customer Service Office write-offs for October through December 2018 in the amount of \$11,194.94.

Vote 8 Aye, motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman, and second by Alderman Kuhlemier for the approval of Supplemental Agreement No. 1 from Stanley Consultants for construction observation and administration of the sanitary sewer rehabilitation project in the amount of \$56,100.

Vote 8 Aye, motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman, and second by Alderman Sobottka for the approval of Supplemental Agreement No. 1 from Stanley Consultants for planning, construction observation and administration of the screw pump rehabilitation project in the amount of \$17,900.

Vote 8 Aye, motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman, and second by Alderman Snow for the approval of the pole attachment agreement with Comcast of Illinois /Indiana/ Ohio, LLC. Mayor Wescott added that this agreement took 20 years to complete.

Vote 8 Aye, motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman, and second by Alderman Wangelin for the approval to sell Renewable Energy Credits for 2017, 2018, and 2019 at a rate of \$5.25 each or higher.

Vote 8 Aye, motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman, and second by Alderman Kuhlemier for final approval and award of the Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation bid to Insituform Technologies USA LLC 17988 Edison Avenue Chesterfield, MO 63005 in the amount of \$819,260.00.

Vote 8 Aye, motion carried

Alderman Schuneman gave credit to Woodlawn Arts Academy for bringing cultural events to the area. This year they brought in a Japanese drum group Ondekoza. The group visited many area schools and met up with 4600 students. They performed last Saturday night to a packed crowd.

Alderman Schuneman echoed Alderman Reitzel with a "Go Rockets"

Alderman Rod Kleckler

Alderman Kleckler reported that there have been eagles flying along the riverfront.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Wescott spoke about the recent visit to Washington DC to speak to Senator Durbin and Representative Bustos on behalf of being a member of the American Public Power Association.

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier, and second by Alderman Schuneman authorizing Certification of Local Approval for Tri-County Opportunities Council applying for the Emergency Solutions Grant Program (ESG) Rapid Re-Housing Program.

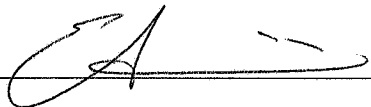
Vote 8 Aye, motion carried

Mayor Wescott spoke about the Rock Falls Police PAC program, and the recognition given to the Police Department. Representative Tony McCombie had nominated, and presented the award to Chief Nelson.

The City met with NICOR today concerning a project that will involve boring new two and four inch gas lines along Prophetstown Road and up 12th Avenue to the bridge. The scope has changed since last year when they had indicated that they would be boring at all four corners of the 12th Avenue West 2nd Street intersection. The work near the High School will now take place during Spring Break. More NICOR work is upcoming with the decommissioning of the old high pressure lines that were replaced last 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 6:53pm.
Viva Voce Vote, motion carried

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