

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

March 19, 2019

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of Rock Falls, Illinois was called to order at 6:30 p.m. March 19, 2019 in the Council Chambers of Rock Falls by Mayor William B. Wescott.

Deputy City Clerk Michelle Conklin called the roll following the pledge of allegiance. A quorum was present including Mayor William B. Wescott, Aldermen Reitzel, Wangelin, Snow, Kuhlemier, Schuneman, Kleckler, Folsom and Sobottka. In addition Attorney Matt Cole, Attorney Tim Zollinger and City Administrator Robbin Blackert were present.

**Consent Agenda:**

The consent agenda numbers 1 through 3 was read aloud by Deputy City Clerk Michelle Conklin, item 4 was removed for further discussion.

1. Approval of the Minutes of the March 5, 2019 Regular City Council Meeting
2. Approval of Bills as presented
3. Approval of the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission for the zoning variance request from D & R Investments for a subdivision of 1201-1203 Prophet Road and 604-606 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Rock Falls, IL

A motion was made by Alderman Folsom and second by Alderman Sobottka to approve numbers 1 through 3 of the consent agenda.

**Vote 8 aye, motion carried**

Alderman Klecker stated that he would like a letter of no objection sent to the Whiteside County Zoning Board stating that the City of Rock Falls approved of the zoning change and had no objections.

4. Approval of the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission for the zoning change request from R-2 to B-32 for Kim Thome & Bruce Willett for property located at 2000 E Route 30, Rock Falls, IL

A motion was made by Alderman Klecker and second by Alderman Kuhlemier to approve number 4 of the consent agenda and send a letter to Whiteside County Zoning Board.

**Vote 8 aye, motion carried**

**City Administrator Robbin Blackert:**

City Administrator Blackert informed the Council members that there is a Finance Committee meeting scheduled for Friday March 29<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. for the FY 2020 Budget review. Administrator Blackert encouraged all Aldermen to attend the meeting.

**Department Heads:**

Fiber Operations Manager Wayne Shafer addressed the Council and said that the Fibernet deployment Phase 1 is now complete. There are going to be informational public meetings held on March 27 and April 24 at 2:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. on both days.

**Alderman Reports/Committee Chairman Requests:**

A motion was made by Alderman Reitzel and second by Alderman Schuneman to approve Resolution 2019-820 Resolution for Improvement Under the Illinois Highway Code for the reconstruction of Dixon Avenue, FAU Route 5560.

**Vote 8 aye, motion carried**

Alderman Wangelin reminded everyone that yard waste pickup would be starting on April 1, 2019.

Alderman Kuhlemier informed the City Council that Georgia Sodawasser just celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, she is the wife of the late Alderman Al Sodawasser.

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman and second by Alderman Kuhlemier to approve the RB&W District Event Permit Application for the Taste of Fiesta on September 21, 2019.

**Vote 8 aye, motion carried**

Alderman Kleckler congratulated Andrew Tribley on winning the Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce's Shoulder to the Wheel Award.

**Mayor's Report:**

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Folsom to approve the Proclamation Proclaiming April 4, 2019 as "Junior Achievement Day" in the City of Rock Falls, celebrating JA USA's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**Vote 8 aye, motion carried**

**Executive Session:**

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Folsom to enter into Executive Session for:

1. Personnel - Section 2(c)(1) Employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline or performance.
2. Collective Bargaining - Section 2(c)(2)

**Vote 8 aye, motion carried (6:42 p.m.)**

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Sobottka to return to regular session.

**Vote 8 aye, motion carried (7:04 p.m.)**

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Wangelin to accept the recommendation of the Personnel Committee and proceed with the termination of employee Jeff Wyatt.

**Vote 8 aye, motion carried**

A motion was made by Alderman Folsom and second by Alderman Sobottka to adjourn.

**Viva Voce Vote, motion carried (7:07 p.m.)**

Michelle K Conklin  
Michelle K. Conklin, Deputy City Clerk