

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

April 16, 2019

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of Rock Falls, Illinois was called to order at 6:30 p.m. April 16, 2019 in the Council Chambers 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 James Reese and City Administrator Robbin Blackert were present.

A motion was made by Alderman Reitzel and second by Alderman Snow to approve Resolution 2019-822 Authorizing the Deputy City Clerk to Act in Absence of the City Clerk.  
**Vote 8 aye, motion carried**

A bid opening for the sale of real estate at 200 ½ E 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Rock Falls, IL and 1006 Avenue A, Rock Falls, IL was held. There were no bids received for 200 ½ E 4<sup>th</sup> Street and two bids were received for 1006 Avenue A. The bids were opened and publicly read. The bids will be sent to the May 1, 2019 Building Code Committee for review.

**Audience Requests:**

Julie Burge from Ward 1 addressed the City Council regarding the City burning on Lawrence Island. Before the City passed the no burning ordinance, burning on Lawrence Island was a non issue. That has now changed, the ordinance is being violated by the City. Although Lawrence Island is not in City limits it is very hypocritical of the City to burn and allow both Rock Falls and Sterling to fill with smoke when both cities have burn ordinances. She asks that the City quit burning and find an alternative.

The issue of burning on Lawrence Island will be sent to the May 3, 2019 Public Works/Public Property Committee for discussion.

**Community Affairs:**

Eric Epps, Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce updated the City Council on the Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce events. Coffee and Conversation with Senator Anderson and Representative McCombie was held 04-16-2019, there was a good turn out for the event. The Chamber will be hosting a Marketing Collective on April 30, 2019 and planning is starting to happen for the Summer Splash.

**Consent Agenda:**

The consent agenda numbers 1 and 2 were read aloud by Deputy City Clerk Michelle Conklin.

1. Approval of the Minutes of the April 2, 2019 Regular Council Meeting
2. Approval of bills as presented.

A motion was made by Alderman Sobottka and second by Alderman Folsom to approve consent agenda items 1 and 2.

**Vote 8 aye, motion carried.**

**Ordinance Second Reading/ Adoption:**

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier and second by Alderman Snow to adopt Ordinance No. 2019-2418 City of Rock Falls Zoning Map – 2019.

**Vote 8 aye, motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alderman Sobottka and second by Alderman Snow to adopt Ordinance No. 2019-2419 Amending Chapter 4, Article 1, Section 4-8 for Hobby Beekeeping

**Vote 8 aye, motion carried.**

**City Administrator Robbin Blackert:**

City Administrator Blackert presented the FY 2020 Budget Summary.

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier and second by Alderman Wangelin to adopt the Fiscal Year 2020 City of Rock Falls Budget.

**Vote 8 aye, motion carried.**

**Alderman Reports/Committee Chairman Requests:**

A motion was made by Alderman Reitzel and second by Alderman Schuneman to approve Resolution No. 2019-821 Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute a Short Term Lease Agreement with Martin & Company Excavating.

**Vote 8 aye, motion carried**

Alderman Bill Wangelin stated that now that the weather is turning nice he asked everyone to please clean up after their pets while out walking.

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier and second by Alderman Snow to approve William B. Wescott, Mayor, Kay Abner, City Treasurer and Robbin Blackert, City Administrator to be authorized signers on all City of Rock Falls Accounts and that two authorized signatures are required for all transactions.

**Vote 8 aye, motion carried.**

Alderman Kuhlemier reminded the Council that the Finance Committee will be meeting on April 23, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. and that there will be two more Informational Public Meetings for the Fibernet on April 24, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Sobottka to award the bid for the 2019-2022 Lawn Maintenance to Arrezola Lawn Care, 1209 W 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Rock Falls IL 61071, pending receipt of all necessary paperwork.

**Vote 8 aye, motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman and second by Alderman Kuhlemier to waive the bidding process and approve the proposal from RedZone Robotics, Inc., 91 43<sup>rd</sup> Street, Suite 250, Pittsburgh, PA 15201 in the amount of \$352,315.40 for YES, Your Entire System, System-Wide Sanitary Sewer Categorization.

**Vote 8 aye, motion carried.**

Alderman Schuneman reminded the Council that the Tourism Committee will be meeting on April 17, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

**Mayor's Report:**

A motion was made by Alderman Reitzel and second by Alderman Sobottka to approve Ordinance No. 2019-2420 Authorizing the Execution of the Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network Agreement (IPWMAN) at a Cost of \$100.00 per year.

**Vote 8 aye, motion carried.**

Mayor informed the Council that IDOT will be doing work on the approaches to the interstate starting April 22, 2019 and will also be doing work on Avenue G Bridge starting in May 2019. The Illinois Municipal League is holding Newly Elected Officials Workshops, if anyone is interested in attending.

A motion was made by Alderman Sobottka and second by Alderman Folsom to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of:

1. Personnel – Section 2(c)(1) Employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline and performance
2. Collective Bargaining – Section 2(c)(2) Collective negotiating matters and deliberations concerning salary schedules

**Vote 8 aye, motion carried. (6:55 p.m.)**

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

**Vote 8 aye, motion carried. (7:40 p.m.)**

A motion was made by Alderman Sobottka and second by Alderman Wangelin to approve the Department Heads and Employees At Will salary increases for Fiscal Year 2020 as presented.

**Vote 8 aye, motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alderman Sobottka and second by Alderman Snow to adjourn.  
**Viva Voce Vote, motion carried (7:43 p.m.)**

  
Michelle K. Conklin, Deputy City Clerk