

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

May 7, 2019

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of Rock Falls, Illinois was called to order at 6:30 p.m. May 7, 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 Wangelin, Snow, Kuhlemier, Schuneman, Kleckler and Sobottka, Alderman Reitzel and Folsom being absent. In addition Attorney Matt Cole, Attorney James Reese and City Administrator Robbin Blackert were present.

The American Legion Poppy Queen, Stella Corbin, presented Mayor Wescott and the Rock Falls City Council with poppies.

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 16, 2019 Regular Council Meeting
2. Approval of bills as presented.

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

Vote 6 aye, motion carried.

Seating of Newly Elected Officials:

Dana Nelson, County Canvassing Board of Whiteside County, Illinois completed the Canvass of Votes cast at the April 2, 2019 Consolidated Election. Results are as follows:

Daehle Reitzel - Ward 1
Glen R. Kuhlemier - Ward 2
Rodney G. Kleckler - Ward 3
Lee R. Folsom - Ward 4
Violet L. Sobottka - Ward 4

Deputy Clerk Michelle Conklin sworn in Alderman Glen R. Kuhlemier, Alderman Rodney G. Kleckler and Alderman Violet L. Sobottka.

Ordinance First Reading:

A motion was made by Alderman Sobottka and second by Alderman Schuneman to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2019-2423 Amending Chapter 32, Articles II and III; relating to Changes in Utility Bills.

Viva Voce Vote, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman and second by Alderman Sobottka to approve Ordinance 2019-2422 Authorizing the Lease of Real Estate for Haying.

Vote 6 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier and second by Alderman Sobottka to approve Ordinance 2019-2421 Approving a New Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police, for the time period of May 1, 2019 to April 30, 2024 covering Sworn Peace Officers with the rank of Sergeant and below.

Vote 6 aye, motion carried.

Alderman Reports/Committee Chairman Requests:

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier and second by Alderman Schuneman for the Approval of Utility Office Write-Offs for January 2019 through March 2019.

Vote 6 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier and second by Alderman Schuneman to award the bid of the Lakeside Bearing Installation project to DPS Equipment Services, P.O. Box 55, Caledonia, IL 61011 in the amount of \$47,0000.00.

Vote 6 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Wangelin to approve the restructuring of the Customer Utility Deposits to the new 4 tier system.

Vote 6 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Sobottka to approve amendments to the Apprentice Lineman Job Description.

Vote 6 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Schuneman to award the bid for the sale of 1006 Avenue A, Rock Falls IL to Danny Basarich, 1976 Lennox Rd, Dixon IL in the amount of \$2,500.00

Vote 6 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Sobottka to award the bid for the demolition of 1606 4th Avenue, Rock Falls IL to Furr Excavating, 30592 Duden Road, Rock Falls IL in the amount of \$5,400.00

Vote 6 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Wangelin to approve Resolution 2019-823 Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Real Estate, 1206 13th Avenue, Rock Falls IL.

Vote 6 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman and second by Alderman Kuhlemier to approve Façade Improvement Application for River Bridge LLC in the amount of \$5,000.00.

Vote 6 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman and second by Alderman Kuhlemier to approve the award for Trough Cleaning and Sealing of Cracks in Screw Lift Channels to J Law Concrete LLC, 10178 Senora Plaza, Rock Falls, IL 61071 in the amount of \$17,880.00.

Vote 6 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman and second by Alderman Sobottka to approve the purchase of a 61" deck lawnmower from Mike's Repair, 901 Dixon Ave. Rock Falls, IL 61071 in the amount of \$7,299.00.

Vote 6 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman and second by Alderman Sobottka to accept the bid for the purchase of Pipe Tamer Trailer from ISCO Ind., 303 Mound Road, Rockdale, IL 60436 in the amount of \$37,652.00.

Vote 6 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman and second by Alderman Kuhlemier to approve the agreement between the Illinois Municipal Electric Agency and the City of Rock Falls as prepared by Baller, Stokes & Lide for installation of a solar generation facility to be interconnected with the City's distribution system.

Alderman Kleckler objected to the agreement, it has nothing to do with the solar farm but about fair compensation for the people of Rock Falls. The agreement has no purchase or lease dollar amount for the 6 ½ acres and there is no termination date for the agreement. The City will not be compensated for time, legal fees etc. This a bad agreement for the people of Rock Falls and it is our job to protect their interests.

City Administrator Robbin Blackert spoke to the positive relationship between the City of Rock Falls and the Illinois Municipal Electric Agency, and the positive benefits of the solar array.

Vote 5 aye, 1 nay (Alderman Kleckler) motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman and second by Alderman Kuhlemier to approve an Easement granting access to the Illinois Municipal Electric Agency to construct, operate and maintain a solar electric generation facility.

5 aye, 1 nay (Alderman Kleckler), motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman and second by Alderman Sobottka to award the low bid for Avenue A Substation Transformer Purchase to Howard Industries Inc. P.O. Box 1588, Laurel MS 39411 in the amount of \$547,000.00.

Vote 6 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman and second by Alderman Kuhlemier to award the low bid for Avenue A Substation Switchgear Purchase to Powercon Corp., 1551 Florida Ave, Severn MD 02114 in the amount of \$1,113,658.00.

Vote 6 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman and second by Alderman Kuhlemier to award the low bid for Avenue A Substation Generator Upgrades including all three alternate proposals to Altorfer Inc., 6415 W Fauber Rd, Bartonville IL 61607 in the amount of \$839,221.00.

Vote 6 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman and second by Alderman Sobottka to approve the purchase of Materials to restore stock from Pirtano, 1766 Armitage Court, Addison IL 60101 in the amount of \$25,083.28.

Vote 6 aye, motion carried.

Alderman Schuneman informed the Council that the Tourism Committee Meeting will be held tomorrow, 05-08-2019 at 10:00 a.m.

A motion was made by Alderman Kleckler to have the City Attorney make a determination if the Agreement with the Illinois Municipal Electric Agency is or is not a lease and if we reach the $\frac{3}{4}$ requirement for corporate authorities on it.

Motion died for lack of second.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Sobottka to enter into Executive Session for the purposes of Personnel - Section 2(c)(1) Employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline and performance.

Vote 6 aye, motion carried. (7:02 p.m.)

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

Vote 6 aye, motion carried. (7:07 p.m.)

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Sobottka to approve the recommendation of the Personnel Committee for the hiring of the electric department and water department employees, after they have passed the background and pre-employment physicals.

Vote 6 aye, motion carried.

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

Viva Voce Vote, motion carried (7:08 p.m.)


Michelle K. Conklin, Deputy City Clerk