

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

June 4, 2019

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of Rock Falls, Illinois was called to order at 6:30 p.m. June 4, 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, Kuhlemier, Schuneman, Kleckler, Folsom and Sobottka. In addition Attorney Matt Cole, Attorney James Reese and City Administrator Robbin Blackert were present.

Water Superintendent Ted Padilla presented the \$1,000.00 Groundwater/Electric Scholarship Award to Payton Yanes. There were 205 students in Rock Falls that participated in the 2019 Groundwater and Electrical training, the Rock Falls High School Class of 2019 was awarded approximately \$2.2 million dollars in scholarships.

Payton Yanes addressed the City Council and stated that she had just graduated from Rock Falls High School, she will be attending Rock Valley College, will be playing volleyball and is majoring in Biology.

Deputy City Clerk Michelle Conklin read aloud the Proclamation for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life Day in Whiteside County.

A motion was made by Alderman Folsom and second by Alderman Sobottka to approve the Proclamation, Proclaiming June 8, 2019 as "American Cancer Society Relay for Life Day of Whiteside County" in Rock Falls, Illinois.

**Vote 6 aye, motion carried.**

Betty Clementz thanked the City Council for all of the support that they give Relay for Life, it is very much appreciated. Mayor Wescott presented the Relay for Life board the Proclamation.

Bethany Bland updated the City Council on the activities that are being planned for Summer Splash on June 22<sup>nd</sup> and June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019.

Mayor Wescott informed the City Council that the YMCA will be holding the first annual Summer Splash Family 5K race. It will be held on June 21, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. The entry fees will be \$10.00 for an individual or \$15.00 for up to a family of 4.

A motion was made by Alderman Folsom and second by Alderman Sobottka to allow W 2<sup>nd</sup> Street to be closed at the start and end of the race.

**Viva Voce Vote, motion carried**

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

1. Approval of the Minutes of the May 21, 2019 Regular Council Meeting
2. Approval of bills as presented.

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

**Vote 6 aye, motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alderman Sobottka and second by Alderman Wangelin to approve the first reading of the following ordinances.

1. Ordinance 2019-2425 – Fiscal Year 2020 Appropriation Ordinance
2. Ordinance 2019-2426 – Amending Chapter 4, Article 1, Section 4-1, Animal Harboring
3. Ordinance 2019-2427 – Amending Section 16-1, Small Animal Store
4. Ordinance 2019-2428 – Amending Chapter 26, Article II and Chapter 32, Article IV, Sewer Pipe Excavation and Resurfacing Materials
5. Ordinance 2019-2429 – Amending Chapter 32, Article VI, Section 32-502 by the Addition of Subsection (c), Violations
6. Ordinance 2019-2430 – Amending Chapter 32, Article II, Section 32-24 and Section 32-25, Relating to Reconnection Charges

**Viva Voce Vote, motion carried**

City Administrator Robbin Blackert informed the City Council that she would be out of the office at a conference the week of June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Attorney Matt Cole stated that he is working to update the City's ordinance on tobacco products. The State of Illinois has made changes to the legal age to purchase and a few other minor changes, all of the changes will go into effect on July 1, 2019.

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman and second by Alderman Sobottka to approve the job description for the Police Administrative Assistant position.

**Vote 6 aye, motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman and second by Alderman Sobottka to accept the resignation of Daehle Reitzel from the Ward 1 Alderman seat.

**Viva Voce Vote, motion carried**

A motion was made by Alderman Folsom and second by Alderman Sobottka to approve the Mayoral appointments of Scott Winter, Bill Brown and Brian Degen to the International Property Maintenance Code Appeals Board for a two year term, June 2019 to June 2021.

**Vote 6 aye, motion carried.**

Mayor Wescott stated that the Avenue G bridge on the North Side would be closed until approximately July 19, 2019 and that the South Side closure would be closed starting approximately July 20, 2019. Also, the intersection at W 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue will be closed for a minimum of two weeks, there will be a press release when the dates have been set and detour route signs will be placed in advance of the closure.

A motion was made by Alderman Sobottka and second by Alderman Wangelin to enter into executive session for the purpose of:

1. Personnel – Section 2(c)(1) Employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline and performance.

**Vote 6 aye, motion carried. (7:06 p.m.)**

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

**Vote 6 aye, motion carried. (7:12 p.m.)**

A motion was made by Alderman Wangelin and second by Alderman Sobottka to hire the candidate interviewed for the Police Administrative Assistant position with a start date of June 17, 2019.

**Vote 6 aye, motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alderman Folsom and second by Alderman Sobottka to adjourn.  
**Viva Voce Vote, motion carried ( 7:14 p.m.)**

Michelle K Conklin  
Michelle K. Conklin, Deputy City Clerk