

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

July 16, 2019

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

Consent Agenda items 1 through 3 were read aloud by Deputy City Clerk Michelle Conklin.

1. Approval of the Minutes of the July 2, 2019 Regular Council Meeting
2. Approval of bills as presented
3. Approval for Rock Falls Fire Department to conduct their annual "Fill the Boot" to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association on Saturday, August 17, 2019 at the corner of 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Rock Falls from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

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

**Vote 7 aye, motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman and second by Alderman Wangelin to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2019-2432 Amendment to Section 32-348(a) Purchase Power Adjustment Factor

**Viva Voce Vote, motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier and second by Alderman Schuneman to approve Resolution 2019-826, Transferring Jurisdiction and Control of Real Property to the Industrial Development Commission.

Alderman Kleckler addressed the Council and stated that he disagreed with the transfer of property. He believes that the Alderman were elected to be able to review and interpret sales contracts which is one of the things that bypasses the City Council and certain ordinances and laws that requires certain things to be done with the sale of property. It is the City Council's responsibility to review and make recommendations, and this is an ordinance that bypasses that responsibility that we should have as Elected Officials of the City of Rock Falls.

Alderman Kuhlemier stated that this is a time honored method of transferring property to the Industrial Development Commission in order to not only save time but to also save money on public notices and so forth.

Attorney Matt Cole addressed the City Council and stated that the Industrial Development Commission is a public body of the City of Rock Falls, it just has independent authority and jurisdiction to transfer property for purposes of economic development. We can't do this in all circumstances, this is just an option for expediency and ease of transfer of certain property for economic development.

**Vote 6 aye, 1 nay (Alderman Kleckler), motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Schuneman to approve Resolution 2019-827 Authorizing the sale of Surplus Real Estate, 711 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Rock Falls, IL 61071.

**Vote 7 aye, motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Schuneman to Approve Resolution 2019-828 Awarding the Contract for the Sale of Surplus Real Estate, 1206 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Rock Falls IL to Albert G. Leal, 1204 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Rock Falls Illinois in the amount of \$2,500.00.

**Vote 7 aye, motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman and second by Alderman Kuhlemier to approve the purchase of the Nemesis sculpture at the reduced price of \$12,500.00.

**Vote 7 aye, motion carried.**

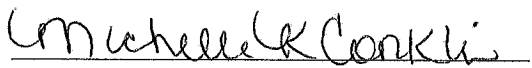
Mayor Wescott informed the City Council that he had interviewed Gabriella Palmer for the 1<sup>st</sup> Ward Alderman position and would like to request approval for the appointment.

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman and second by Alderman Sobottka to approve the appointment of Gabriella Palmer to the vacant 1<sup>st</sup> Ward Alderman position until the elections in April 2021.

**Vote 7 aye, motion carried.**

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

**Viva Voce Vote, motion carried. (6:48 p.m.)**

  
Michelle K. Conklin, Deputy City Clerk