

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

August 6, 2019

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of Rock Falls, Illinois was called to order at 6:30 p.m. August 6, 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 Palmer, 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 Kuhlemier and second by Alderman Sobottka to approve the Proclamation proclaiming Sunday, August 11, 2019 as "Rock Falls United Methodist Church Day" in the City of Rock Falls on the occasion of their 150th Anniversary.

Reverend Solomon Sudhakar and members of the Rock Falls United Methodist Church were presented with a Proclamation from the City of Rock Falls, a copy of the Congressional Record from Representative Cheri Bustos, and a Certificate from the Illinois General Assembly in recognition and celebration of the Rock Falls United Methodist Church by Liz Buckwalter from Representative Tony McCombie's office.

Reverend Sudhakar address the City Council and thanked the Mayor, City Council and State for the incredible recognition. The Church will continue to be faithful in it's ministry to the City and the Community. On Sunday, August 11, 2019 in celebration of the Church's 150th Anniversary there will be a special worship followed by brunch and invited everyone to attend

Bethany Bland, Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce thanked the City Council, Robbin and Mark for the soon to be remodeled bathrooms at the Community Building. Bethany updated the Council on a program that the Chamber of Commerce had started a few years ago called the Rock Falls Chamber Collectives. They are all about learning and meeting new people. There is no charge and anyone may attend.

Consent Agenda items 1 and 2 were read aloud by Deputy City Clerk Michelle Conklin.

1. Approval of the Minutes of the July 16, 2019 Regular Council Meeting
2. Approval of bills as presented

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

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman and second by Alderman Kuhlemier to approve Ordinance 2019-2432 - Amendment to Section 32-348(a) Purchase Power Adjustment Factor.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Schuneman to approve Ordinance 2019-2433 - Authorizing the disposal of a 2000 Dodge Dakota Pickup.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Sobottka to approve Ordinance 2019-2434 – Authorizing the disposal of a 1984 International F2574, 1989 Ford E350 and a 1990 Ford F350 Van.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Wangelin and second by Alderman Sobottka to approve Ordinance 2019-2435 – Amending Chapter 16, Article XIII, Division 9, Video Gaming Terminals.

Vote 7 aye, 1 abstention (Snow), motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Sobottka and second by Alderman Folsom to approve Ordinance 2019-2436 – Authorizing the Publication of Notice of the Invitation to Bid for the Sale of Real Property 1606 4th Avenue, Rock Falls, IL 61071 PIN # 11-33-257-012, with a correction to Section 2 and Section 3 for the date to read September 17, 2019.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

City Administrator Robbin Blackert on behalf of the City thanked Bev Frazier for the donation of a 5 X 8 US Flag for the Veteran's Park. Bev's 5 brothers and 1 sister in law have a combined 134 years of loyal military service, the 5 brothers were all Charleston's from Rock Falls. The flag will be flown in the Veteran's Park as soon as permanent lighting is installed that will illuminate the flags during the night.

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier and second by Alderman Schuneman to refer an Application for Variance to the Planning/Zoning Commission for a special exception of variance for the purpose of M-1 Zoning 50 foot height limit to be removed and M-1 Zoning Building side and rear yard setback requirements to 30 foot.

Vote 7 aye, 1 nay (Kleckler), motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Kleckler and second by Alderman Snow to Award bid for the Restroom Remodel to Swedberg & Associates, Inc., 1135 East State Street, Sycamore, IL 60178 in the amount of \$207,500.00

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier and second by Alderman Folsom to approve the Utility Office Write-Offs for April 2019 through June 2019.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Wangelin to approve the appointment of Ward 1 Alderman Gabriella Palmer to the Finance Insurance Investment Committee and the Ordinance License Personnel Safety Committee.

Vote 7 aye, 1 abstention (Palmer) motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman and second by Alderman Snow to approve the appointment of Tom Rynott, Coloma Township Park District Director (Term 07-2019 until 11-15-2020), replacing Michelle Kreezmer on the Tourism Committee.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman and second by Alderman Sobottka to approve the appointment of Don Koehler (Term 07-2019 until 05-2023) and Mike Spain (Term 07-2019 until 05-2023) to the Planning/Zoning Commission.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier and second by Alderman Snow to approve the appointment of Tim Lawrence (Term 07-2019 until 05-2023), John Espinoza (Term 07-2019 until 05-2022) and Tim Cain (Term 07-2019 until 05-2021) to the Police and Fire Commission.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

Mayor Wescott informed the Council that there will be a Committee of the Whole Meeting on August 26, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss issues relating to legalization of recreational marijuana and there will be a Public Hearing held regarding the same issue at the September 12, 2019 Planning/Zoning Commission Meeting.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Sobottka to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Personnel - Section 2(c)(1) Employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline and performance and Collective Bargaining - Section 2(c)(2) Collective negotiating matters and Deliberations concerning salary schedules.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried. (7:07 p.m.)

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Sobottka to return to Regular Session.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried. (7:22 p.m.)

A motion was made by Alderman Sobottka and second by Alderman Wangelin to offer the position of Tourism Assistant to the individual discussed.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Sobottka and second by Alderman Palmer to approve the employment contract for the position of Business Office Department Head to the individual discussed.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Schuneman to accept the collective bargaining agreement for the I.B.E.W. Clerical Unit for a 1 year extension of the current contract with a 3% salary increase.

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

Viva Voce Vote, motion carried. (7:25 p.m.)



Michelle K. Conklin, Deputy City Clerk