

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

December 3, 2019

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of Rock Falls, Illinois was called to order at 6:30 p.m. December 3, 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 Wescott, Aldermen Palmer, Wangelin, Snow, Kuhlemier, Schuneman, Kleckler, Folsom and Sobottka. In addition Attorney Matt Cole and City Administrator Robbin Blackert were present.

Mayor Wescott opened the Public Hearing at 6:30 p.m. to approve a proposed property tax levy increase for 2019. City Administrator Blackert presented the proposed tax levy and information pertaining to the need for a 13.86% increase over the previous year. No one in the audience wished to address the City Council so the Public Hearing was closed at 6:46 p.m.

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

1. Approval of the Minutes of the November 19, 2019 Regular Council Meeting
2. Approval of bills as presented
3. Approval of Change Order #2 from Gensini Excavating, 10602 Hwy 26, Princeton, IL 61356 in the amount of \$36,750.00

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Wangelin to approve Consent Agenda items 1 through 3.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Folsom to approve the 1st reading of:

1. Ordinance 2019-2459 - Amending Chapter 16 of the Rock Falls Municipal Code for the Regulation of Recreational Cannabis and Cannabis Business Establishments
2. Ordinance 2019-2460 - Authorizing the City of Rock Falls of Whiteside County, Illinois to Borrow Funds from the Public Water Supply Loan Program

Viva Voce Vote, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier and second by Alderman Wangelin to approve Ordinance 2019-2453 - Abating the Tax Levied for the Year 2019 to pay Debt Service on \$9,200,000 General Obligation Bonds (Electric System Alternate Revenue Source) Series 2018A.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier and second by Alderman Sobottka to approve Ordinance 2019-2454 - Abating the Tax Levied for the Year 2019 to pay Debt Service on \$1,200,000 General Obligation Bonds (Waterworks System Alternate Revenue Source) Series 2018B.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier and second by Alderman Schuneman to approve Ordinance 2019-2455 - Abating the Tax Levied for the Year 2019 to pay Debt Service on \$1,200,000 General Obligation Bonds (Sewerage System Alternate Revenue Source) Series 2018C.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier and second by Alderman Snow to approve Ordinance 2019-2456 - Abating the Tax Levied for the Year 2019 to pay Debt Service on \$5,300,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) Series 2017.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier and second by Alderman Schuneman to approve Ordinance 2019-2457 - Abating the Tax Levied for the Year 2019 to pay Debt Service on \$2,115,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) Series 2016.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier and second by Alderman Schuneman to approve Ordinance 2019-2458 - Tax Levy for the Fiscal Year beginning May 1, 2019 and ending April 30, 2020.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Wangelin to approve the City of Rock Falls Grant Management Policies & Procedures manual.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman and second by Alderman Snow to approve the submission of an application to the State of Illinois for a Special Bridge Program Grant for a complete rebuild of the East 11th Street Bridge in the amount of \$2,457,000.00. We are requesting \$1,821,600.00 from the State with the City's 20% match, design engineering and ROW costs at \$635,400.00 which would be paid for from Motor Fuel Tax funds and Non-Home Rule Sales Tax funds.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Wangelin and second by Alderman Schuneman for approval of the purchase of a Pierce Enforcer Pumper from Global Emergency Products 1401 N. Farnsworth Ave., Aurora, IL 60505 in the amount of \$650,000.00.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Palmer and second by Alderman Snow for approval to finance a Pierce Enforcer Pumper through Tax Exempt Leasing Corp., 203 E. Park Avenue, Libertyville, IL 60048 for a 8 year term with an annual payment of \$57,344.00.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Sobottka and second by Alderman Schuneman to change the Tourism Administrative Assistant position from part time to full time.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Sobottka and second by Alderman Wangelin to move the current Community Service/Code Enforcement Officer to the position of Police Administrative Assistant as of February 3, 2020 and begin the hiring process to fill the vacant position of Community Service/Code Enforcement Officer.

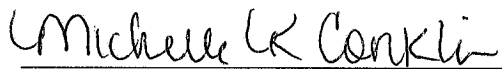
Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Sobottka to approve Alderman Schuneman to be appointed Mayor Pro Tem from December 10, 2019 through December 14, 2019.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

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

Viva Voce Vote, motion carried. (7:09 p.m.)



Michelle K. Conklin
Michelle K. Conklin, Deputy City Clerk