

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

January 21, 2020

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of Rock Falls, Illinois was called to order at 6:30 p.m. January 21, 2020 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, Kuhlemier, Schuneman, Kleckler and Sobottka. Alderman Snow and Folsom being absent. In addition Attorney Matt Cole and City Administrator Robbin Blackert were present.

Gene Jacoby from the Whiteside County Board presented the City Council Members with a few of the new Whiteside County Yearbooks. He stated that they contained a lot of useful information and will drop off more so that all Council Members have one.

Bethany Bland, President/CEO of the Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce introduced Sam Smith, the Program Coordinator for the Chamber of Commerce. She also handed out save the date cards to the Council Members for the upcoming events. The Annual Meeting and Dinner will be held on February 25, 2020 at the new banquet facility at 205 E 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Rock Falls. The Shoulder to Wheel Award presentation will also be held that night and anyone wishing to nominate an individual or organization can complete a nomination form.

Consent Agenda items 1 through 3 were read aloud by Deputy City Clerk Michelle Conklin, item 4 was removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

1. Approval of the Minutes of the January 7, 2020 Regular Council Meeting
2. Approval of bills as presented
3. Resolution 2020-835 - Appointing an Authorized Agent with Respect to the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund

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

**Vote 6 aye, motion carried.**

After discussion, Consent Agenda item 4 was read aloud by Deputy City Clerk Michelle Conklin.

4. Accept recommendation from the Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals and approve the variance request from James and Kathleen Nicklaus Johnson regarding the porch roof at 1500 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Rock Falls IL and instruct City Attorney to draft an Ordinance approving the Variance

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman and second by Alderman Sobottka to approve Consent Agenda item 4.

**Vote 6 aye, motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman and second by Alderman Sobottka to approve Ordinance No. 2020-2462 - Disposal of Property - 1997 Ford F-150 Pickup Truck

**Vote 6 aye, motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier and second by Alderman Wangelin to approve Resolution 2020-836 - Approval to transfer \$159,890.00 from the Industrial Development Commission to the Wastewater Fund for the sale of West Industrial Park Land to Best Cob.

**Vote 6 aye, motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman and second by Alderman Palmer to accept the recommendation from Willett, Hofmann & Associates to approve the 2020 MFT General Maintenance material proposals as presented.

**Vote 6 aye, motion carried.**

Police Chief Tammy Nelson informed the City Council about correspondence that she received from the Northwest Illinois Criminal Justice Commission. The ILETSB has not received their payments from the State of Illinois for training that was completed, which means that the Police Departments will be charged for any of the mandated training that they received and will be receiving in the future. The ILETSB will reimburse the departments for any payments made if/when they receive reimbursement from the State. More information and discussion on this issue will take place at the January 23, 2020 Police Fire Committee Meeting.

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier and second by Alderman Wangelin to approve the agreement for Hearing Services with Tim Slavin ADR Services, of Morrison, IL commencing May 1, 2020 and ending April 30, 2021 in the amount of \$750.00 per session.

**Vote 6 aye, motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman and second by Alderman Sobottka to approve the reappointment of Terry Gisi to the Rock Falls Police Pension Board (Term May 1, 2020 through April 30, 2022).

**Vote 6 aye, motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman and second by Alderman Palmer to approve the appointment of Mark Searing, Amy Lego, Bethany Bland, Dave Blanton, Brian Tribble and John Benton to the 2020 City of Rock Falls Complete Count Committee.

**Vote 6 aye, motion carried.**

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

**Viva Voce Vote, motion carried. (6:47 p.m.)**



Michelle K. Conklin, Deputy City Clerk