

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

February 18, 2020

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of Rock Falls, Illinois was called to order at 6:30 p.m. February 18, 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, Snow, Schuneman, Kleckler, Folsom and Sobottka. Alderman Kuhlemier being absent. In addition Attorney Matt Keegan and City Administrator Robbin Blackert were present.

Michael Hills addressed the City Council about concerns that he has with the noise coming from the Carry On Gun Range. He has addressed this issue before and is asking for the City's help on coming up with a solution to the problem. He stated that the noise is constant issue at all times of the day and night, he is not sure if there needs to be more soundproofing done or if there is a solution to the hours that the range is open.

Mayor Wescott stated that there has been discussion with the City Attorney's as to any action that could be taken on the issue. There is not a Business License Classification for this type of business so there are no sound or hours of operation stipulations on the business. Even if we adopted an ordinance, the businesses that are in place now would be grandfathered in. There have been sound decibel readings taken around the range and the noise is no louder than trucks traveling on the roadway.

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

1. Approval of the Minutes of the February 4, 2020 Regular Council Meeting
2. Approval of bills as presented

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman and second by Alderman Wangelin to approve Consent Agenda items 1 and 2.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Sobottka to approve Ordinance 2020-2467 - Amending Chapter 32, Article V, Section 32-343 of the Rock Falls Municipal Code (Connection; Application, Certificate of Wiring Compliance).

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Sobottka and second by Alderman Schuneman to approve Ordinance 2020-2468 - Amending Chapter 16, Article V of the Rock Falls Municipal Code Relating to Fees for Liquor License Renewal and Sunday Sales and Compensation of Liquor Control Commissioner.

Vote 6 aye, 1 recuse (Snow), motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman and second by Alderman Palmer to approve Ordinance 2020-2469 - Amending Chapter 32, Article III, Section 32-150 of the Rock Falls Municipal Code (Survey of Water Users).

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Palmer and second by Alderman Wangelin to approve Ordinance 2020-2470 – Amending Chapter 6, Article III, Section 6-79 of the Rock Falls Municipal Code (Bond and Registration Requirements).

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Wangelin and second by Alderman Snow to approve Ordinance 2020-2471 – Laydown and Storage Lease Agreement with Commonwealth Edison Company for a Portion of the property Comprising the Schmitt Addition to the City.

Vote 7 aye.

Ordinance requires three-fourths vote, Mayor Wescott voted aye.

Final Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Palmer to approve Ordinance 2020-2472 – Authorizing the Publication of Notice of the Invitation to Bid for the Sale of Real Property 214 W 12th Street, Rock Falls, IL 61071.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

Building Inspector Mark Searing introduced the City Council to Chris Heier. Chris is the candidate for the Code Enforcement Officer.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Sobottka to approve Resolution 2020-837 – Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Real Estate 200 ½ E. 4th Street, Rock Falls, IL 61071.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman and second by Alderman Snow to approve the purchase of a 2019 RAM ProMaster 2500 Cargo High Roof Van from Ken Nelson Auto Group 1100 N. Galena Avenue, Dixon Illinois 61021 in the amount of \$28,440.00 for Tourism.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman and second by Alderman Snow to approve proposed changes to the General Procedures Governing Utility Service, adding additional language to 2. New customers in the RFU service area, letter a.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Wangelin to appoint Alderman Schuneman as Mayor Pro Tem from February 23, 2020 through February 27, 2020.

Vote 6 aye, 1 abstention (Schuneman), motion carried.

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

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

Vote 7 aye, motion carried. (6:54 p.m.)

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

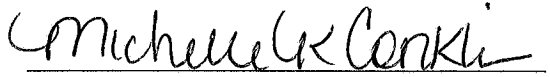
Vote 7 aye, motion carried. (7:06 p.m.)

A motion was made by Alderman Sobottka and second by Alderman Folsom to approve hiring Chris Heier for the Code Enforcement Officer position with a start date of February 24, 2020.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

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

Viva Voce Vote, motion carried. (7:08 p.m.)



Michelle K. Conklin, Deputy City Clerk