

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

March 17, 2020

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of Rock Falls, Illinois was called to order at 6:30 p.m. March 17, 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, Kleckler and Sobottka. Alderman Kuhlemier, Schuneman and Folsom being absent. In addition Attorney Matt Cole and City Administrator Robbin Blackert were present.

Rene Sotelo addressed the City Council and requested that they look over the upcoming Liquor License renewal that is due on April 30, 2020. A lot of the business are looking at expenses coming up and without business something has to be done and he is hoping that the City can come up with a plan that will be good for everybody.

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

1. Approval of the Minutes of the March 3, 2020 Regular Council Meeting
2. Approval of bills as presented
3. Refer Petition for a Special Use Permit for Sand & Sea, LLC to the Planning and Zoning Commission

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

Vote 5 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Palmer to approve a Change Order from MacQueen Emergency 14607 Felton Ct #109, Apple Valley, MN 55124 for the Enforcer Pumper in the amount of \$1,550.00.

Vote 5 aye, motion carried.

City Administrator Robbin Blackert updated the City Council on the Limestone property. As you know we were awarded the USEPA Grant, I have been dealing with Linda Yang from Terracon and because of the way the land is laid out it is going to be very hard to maintain. We are looking at starting to remove soil that will need to be removed because of the ground contamination and then we will use dirt from the Storm Sewer Drainage and Detention Pond project to fill in and level out the property so that it can be maintained. Every 500 cubic yards of the soil that we use will need to be tested but we will not have to be purchasing soil so that should save us a lot of money.

A motion was made by Alderman Sobottka and second by Alderman Wangelin to Approve Change Order No. 1 - Fisher Excavating, Inc. 1567 Heine Road, Freeport, IL 61032 for the Storm Water Drainage and Detention - West Side Business Park in the decreased amount of \$11,169.43.

Vote 5 aye, motion carried.

Building Inspector Mark Searing asked the Aldermen to consider taking a 2020 Census sign and put them in their yards. The signs were done by the Census with a grant from Blackhawk Hills and the signs were \$17,000.00, we need to get them out.

Alderman Wangelin addressed the upcoming license renewal, he would like everyone to look at that. We need every business that we have in town to stay here.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Wangelin to award the bid for demolition of 614 3rd Avenue in the amount of \$13,100.00 to Furr Excavating 30529 Duden Road, Rock Falls, IL 61071.

Vote 5 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Wangelin to award the bid for demolition of 710 ½ Avenue A in the amount of \$9,484.00 to Burke Excavating 25668 Jersey Road, Tampico, IL 61283.

Vote 5 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Palmer to approve the appointment of Bill Groleau to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a three year term - March 2020 - April 2023

Vote 5 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Sobottka to approve the appointment of Stephanie Brall to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a three year term - April 2020 - April 2023

Vote 5 aye, motion carried.

Mayor Wescott briefed the City Council on the pandemic. The airwaves and print media have been inundated by what is going on what is going on at the Federal and State levels and a lot of that has filtered down to us and does affect us here. There seems to be a lot of apathy by a lot of people, they don't seem to think that this is a real thing that is happening. A lot of things have changed from our normal days, this is scary, this is real please follow the rules that are being laid out.

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

Viva Voce Vote, motion carried. (6:50 p.m.)



Michelle K. Conklin, Deputy City Clerk