

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

May 19, 2020

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of Rock Falls, Illinois was held electronically (via Zoom) due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and Illinois Governor Pritzker's stay at home order. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. May 19, 2020.

The City Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Deputy City Clerk Michelle Conklin called the roll. A quorum was present including Mayor Wescott, Wangelin, Snow, Schuneman, Kleckler and Sobottka. Alderman Palmer, Kuhlemier and Folsom being absent. In addition Attorney Matt Cole, Attorney James Reese and City Administrator Robbin Blackert were present.

Consent Agenda items 1 through 4 were read aloud by Deputy City Clerk Michelle Conklin.

1. Approval of the Minutes of the May 5, 2020 Regular Council Meeting
2. Approval of bills as presented
3. Forward the Petition Requesting Rezoning of Real Estate from Larry McCormick for 301-303 E 3rd Street, Rock Falls, IL to the Planning Zoning Commission
4. Recognition of Emma Lutz - Awardee of the Groundwater/Electric \$1,000.00 Scholarship

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Sobottka to approve Consent Agenda items 1 through 4.

Vote 5 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman and second by Alderman Snow to accept the Retirement/Resignation of Fire Chief Gary Cook.

Vote 5 aye, motion carried.

Administrator Robbin Blackert informed the City Council that the Downstate Stabilization Grant Applications had been submitted to the State, no inquiry can be made on the grants for 30 days after submission. Also, we will be submitting an application for the Rebuild Illinois Fast-Track Public Infrastructure Grant through the State of Illinois' Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) for the 3rd Avenue Reconstruction Project. There will be no matching funds for this grant, it will be for 100% of the project.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Schuneman to approve the sale of 200 ½ E 4th Street, Rock Falls IL to Jack Wilson 10104 Edward St, Rock Falls, IL in the amount of \$603.00.

Vote 5 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman and second by Alderman Snow to approve Resolution 2020-838 - Approving a Water Tower Space License Agreement with Rotary Airlock, LLC.

Vote 5 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman and second by Alderman Wangelin to approve Change Order #2 for Tri-City Electric Co. 6225 N. Brady, Davenport, IA 52806 in the amount of \$50,906.94.

Vote 5 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman and second by Alderman Sobottka to waive bidding on the Generator I and Generator II repairs by Inman Electric Motors, 318 No. 30th Road, LaSalle, IL 61301.

Vote 6 aye, (Mayor Wescott voted aye for a 2/3 vote) motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman and second by Alderman Sobottka to approve the generator repair estimates by Inman Electric Motors, 318 No. 30th Road, LaSalle, IL 61301 in the amount of \$11,133.00 for Generator I and \$41,287.00 for Generator II.

Vote 5 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman and second by Alderman Snow to approve the Letter of Interest with Surf Broadband Solutions, P.O. Box 1401, La Porte, IN 46352.

Vote 5 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Kleckler and second by Alderman Wangelin to reject all bids received for the 3rd Avenue Reconstruction Project due to an expected loss of revenues due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.


Vote 5 aye, motion carried.

The Aldermen expressed their condolences to Mayor Wescott for the loss of his mother and to the family of Glen Kuhlemier.

Mayor Wescott thanked the Aldermen for their expressions of sympathy for his family. He stated that today the City of Rock falls lost an icon, Mr. Kuhlemier has served in about every capacity that the city has to serve in as well as participating in other organizations throughout the City. Mr. Kuhlemier has facilitated many improvements in the City and has always put the city and its residents in the forefront of everything that we have done. He will be missed.

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

Viva Voce Vote, motion carried. (6:55 p.m.)



Michelle K. Conklin, Deputy City Clerk