

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

July 7, 2020

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of Rock Falls, Illinois was called to order at 6:30 p.m. July 7, 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, Schuneman, Kleckler, Folsom and Sobottka. Alderman Snow being absent. In addition Attorney Matt Cole, Attorney James Reese and City Administrator Robbin Blackert were present.

Mayor Wescott opened the Public Hearing at 6:31 p.m. for the purpose of receiving written or oral comments regarding the proposed Appropriation Ordinance for the Fiscal Year commencing May 1, 2020 and ending April 30, 2021. There were no citizens present who wished to comment and there were no written comments received. Mayor Wescott closed the Public Hearing at 6:32 p.m.

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman and second by Alderman Sobottka to approve the Proclamation Honoring Police Officer Ethan Riley for his actions and demonstration of bravery and service to others without concern for his own safety.

**Vote 6 aye, motion carried.**

Police Chief Tammy Nelson and Retired Sergeant Wayne Abell presented Officer Ethan Riley with the first Mitzi Abell Heroism Award for his heroic actions.

Bethany Bland, President/CEO of the Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce informed the City Council on the Summer Splash events that will be held on July 31, 2020 and August 1, 2020.

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

1. Approval of the Minutes of the June 16, 2020 Regular Council Meeting
2. Approval of bills as presented

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

**Vote 6 aye, motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman and second by Alderman Sobottka to approve Ordinance 2020-2482 Appropriation for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2020 and Ending April 30, 2021.

**Vote 6 aye, motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alderman Kleckler and second by Alderman Sobottka to approve Ordinance 2020-2483 Ordinance Amending the Zoning Map of the City of Rock Falls (301-303 E. Third Street, Rock Falls, IL 61071).

**Vote 6 aye, motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alderman Wangelin and second by Alderman Folsom to approve Ordinance 2020-2484 Ordinance Amending the Zoning Map of the City of Rock Falls (606 Emmons Avenue, Rock Falls, IL 61071).

**Vote 6 aye, motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alderman Sobottka and second by Alderman Folsom to approve Ordinance 2020-2485 Amending Chapter 26, Article VII of the Rock Falls Municipal Code Relating to Construction of Utilities in the Right-Of-Way.

**Vote 6 aye, motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman and second by Alderman Wangelin to approve Ordinance 2020-2487 Sale of Surplus Property.

**Vote 5 aye, 1 nay (Kleckler), motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman and second by Alderman Sobottka to approve Resolution 2020-849 Authorizing Engagement of Ward, Murray, Pace & Johnson, P.C., in their Capacity as City Attorneys, for the Purpose of Intervening and Protesting the Property Tax Appeal Filed by Walgreens.

**Vote 6 aye, motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alderman Wangelin and second by Alderman Sobottka to Approve utility write-off's for January 2020 through March 2020.

**Vote 6 aye, motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alderman Sobottka and second by Alderman Wangelin to approve the Agreement for Community Building Responsibility between the City of Rock Falls and the Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce as amended.

**Vote 6 aye, motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman to approve the Water Department to purchase 5/8X3/4 Meters in the amount of \$16,500.00 from Ferguson Waterworks 1917 1<sup>st</sup> Ave N, Fargo, ND 58102.

**Vote 6 aye, motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman and second by Alderman Sobottka for reconsideration of Approving Waiver of Certain Conditions of the Rock Falls Municipal Code Relating to Carry on Range.

**Vote 5 aye, 1 nay (Kleckler), motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman and second by Alderman Sobottka to approve Ordinance 2020-2486 Approving Waiver of Certain Conditions of the Rock Falls Municipal Code Relating to Carry on Range and Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Agreement with Respect to the Same.

**Vote 5 aye, 1 nay (Kleckler), motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman and second by Alderman Wangelin to approve the License Agreement No. 3088 with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources for a 5 year term and payment of \$550.00 for the full term. (Storm Sewer at Nims Park).

**Vote 6 aye, motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alderman Sobottka and second by Alderman Palmer to approve the Assistant Water Superintendent Job Description.

**Vote 6 aye, motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alderman Sobottka and second by Alderman Folsom to appoint Alderwoman Palmer as the Chairman of Finance/Insurance/Investment Committee.

**Viva Voce Vote, motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman and second by Alderman Folsom to appoint Alderman Snow as a member of the Utility Committee.

**Viva Voce Vote, motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alderman Sobottka and second by Alderman Folsom to accept the resignation/retirement of Police Chief Tammy Nelson - Retirement date of February 12, 2021.

**Vote 5 aye, 1 nay (Folsom), motion carried.**

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

**Viva Voce Vote, motion carried. (7:16 p.m.)**



Michelle K. Conklin  
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