

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

October 6, 2020

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

James Star informed the City Council that he has been installed as the new Commander of Rock Falls Post #902. The Post is in dire straights and there are about 10 members that want to get it built back up again. The shut down has left the Post almost broke. Most people don't understand what the American Legion is about, it is not just a building it is a home. Some things that American Legion does is sponsor little league baseball and the park district, support veterans homes in Quincy and LaSalle, donate to food banks, school events and sports programs, there is a high school scholarship program and a nursing program.

Bethany Bland, Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce informed the City Council about the Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce Business Boot Camp Workshops and Training Program that will be held over the next few months. Bethany also thanked the City Council for all of the upgrades to the Community Building over the last year.

Consent Agenda item #3 was pulled from the consent agenda for further discussion. Consent Agenda items 1 and 2 were read aloud by Deputy City Clerk Michelle Conklin.

1. Approval of the Minutes of the September 15, 2020 Regular City 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 Schuneman and second by Alderman Snow to approve Consent Agenda item #3.

3. Approve Letter of Engagement of Ice Miller LLP 200 W. Madison Street, Chicago IL 60606-3417 as bond counsel for the issuance of General Obligation Debt Certificates, Series 2020.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Sobottka and second by Alderman Wangelin to approve first reading of Ordinance 2020-2499 Amending Chapter 18, Article VI, Section 18-152 of the Rock Falls Municipal Code Prohibiting Parking Along Portions of Wolf Creek Drive.

Viva Voce Vote, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman and second by Alderman Palmer to approve Resolution 2020-853 - Resolution Waiving Customary Practice of First and Second Reading for Adoption of Ordinance in Relation to General Obligation Refunding Debt Certificates, Series 2020.

Vote 6 aye, 1 nay (Kleckler), motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman and second by Alderman Snow to approve Ordinance 2020-2496 Authorizing and providing for an Installment Purchase Agreement for the purpose of financing the costs of certain capital related projects in and for the City of Rock Falls, Whiteside County, Illinois, and authorizing and providing for the issue of not to exceed \$2,427,000 General Obligation Refunding Debt Certificates, Series 2020, of said City evidencing the rights to payment under such Agreement, prescribing the details of the Agreement and Certificates, and providing security for and means of payment under the Agreement of the Certificates.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Schuneman to approve Ordinance 2020-2497 Sale of Electric Department Surplus Property.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Sobottka to approve Ordinance 2020-2498 Ordinance Authorizing Transfer of Real Property in Connection with the City's Homestead Program (215 Avenue C, Rock Falls, IL 61071). After a short discussion it was decided that item 12 (b) would state that the time period to bring the property and the dwelling thereon into compliance with all applicable health and safety standards of the City, will be within a period of time not to exceed 12 months from the date of closing.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Palmer to approve and ratify the emergency repair as authorized by the Mayor and City Administrator for the repair of a sink hole on W 2nd St and 12th Ave in the amount of \$20,340.23. Helm Group 2883 Rt 20, East Freeport, IL in the amount of \$18,996.28 and Willett, Hofmann & Associates in the amount of \$1,343.95.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman and second by Alderman Snow to approve a lease agreement with Quadient Leasing USA, Inc., 478 Wheelers Farms Road, Milford CT 06461 in the amount of \$479.94 per month for 60 months for a folding machine in the Utility Office.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman and second by Alderman Wangelin to approve the Water Department to install a 12" isolation Insta Valve north of Coloma Homes. Estimated cost for the project will be \$15,000.00.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman and second by Alderman Snow to approve Resolution 2020-852 - Resolution approving the Bylaws of the Rock River Watershed Group.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman and second by Alderman Sobottka to Approve Change Order No. 4 with Gensini Excavating, 10602 Highway 26, Princeton, IL 61356 for directional boring and reinstating broken I-Fiber Line in the amount of \$23,657.82

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Kleckler and second by Alderman Wangelin to approve an extension of the Laydown and Storage Lease with Commonwealth Edison Company - Extension Term to be February 1, 2021 through June 1, 2021.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Sobottka and second by Alderman Snow to approve the revised job description for Fiber Outside Plant Supervisor

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Sobottka and second by Alderman Snow to approve the appointment of Chris King to the Whiteside/Carroll County Enterprise Zone Board for a term to run from October 2020 through October 2023.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Palmer to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of:

1. Section 2(c)(2) - Collective negotiation matters and deliberations concerning salary schedules

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

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Schuneman to return to regular session.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried. (7:16 p.m.)

A motion was made by Alderman Sobottka and second by Alderman Snow to approve the Side Letter Agreement between the City of Rock Falls and the I.B.E.W. Union No. 196.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

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

Viva Voce Vote, motion carried. (7:19 p.m.)



Michelle K. Conklin, Deputy City Clerk