

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

December 1, 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 Region 1 being placed into Tier 3 Enhanced Mitigation Measures. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. December 1, 2020 by Mayor Wescott.

Deputy City Clerk Michelle Conklin called the roll. 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.

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

1. Approval of the Minutes of the November 17, 2020 Regular Council Meeting
2. Approval of bills as presented

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

**Vote 7 aye, motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman and second by Alderman Wangelin to approve Ordinance 2020-2510 - Tax Levy for the Fiscal Year beginning May 1, 2020 and ending April 30, 2021.

**Vote 7 aye, motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Schuneman to approve Ordinance 2020-2511 - Abating the Tax Heretofore Levied for the Year 2020 to Pay Debt Service on \$5,300,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Sources), Series 2017.

**Vote 7 aye, motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alderman Wangelin and second by Alderman Palmer to approve Ordinance 2020-2512 - Abating the Tax Heretofore Levied for the Year 2020 to Pay Debt Service on \$2,115,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Sources), Series 2016.

**Vote 7 aye, motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman and second by Alderman Snow to approve Ordinance 2020-2513 - Abating the Tax Heretofore Levied for the Year 2020 to Pay Debt Service on \$9,200,000 General Obligation Bonds (Electric System Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2018A.

**Vote 7 aye, motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman and second by Alderman Babel to approve Ordinance 2020-2514 - Abating the Tax Heretofore Levied for the Year 2020 to Pay Debt Service on \$1,200,000 General Obligation Bonds (Waterworks System Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2018B.

**Vote 7 aye, motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Wangelin to approve Ordinance 2020-2515 – Abating the Tax Heretofore Levied for the Year 2020 to Pay Debt Service on \$1,200,000 General Obligation Bonds (Sewerage System Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2018C.

**Vote 7 aye, motion carried.**

City Administrator Robbin Blackert informed the City Council that she had submitted a \$155,000.00 Economic Support Payments Grant, if we receive this grant it will reimburse Tourism for the Hospitality and Small Business Grants that were given to City of Rock Falls Businesses. We have also requested an additional \$400,000.00 from the CURES Grant, if we receive the additional funds it will be used as reimbursement for payroll costs.

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman and second by Alderman Palmer to approve the purchase of a 15kV Padmount Distribution Switchgear for the Schmitt Addition Lift Station from RESCO Rural Electric Supply Corp, PO Box 44430, Madison WI 53744 in the amount of \$68,845.00.

**Vote 7 aye, motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman and second by Alderman Snow to approve a Dark Fiber Lease Agreement with Syneo.

**Vote 7 aye, motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman and second by Alderman Wangelin to extend the Cash Farm Lease with Mike Gaulrapp and approve a reduction in the per acre rental amount from \$300.00 per acre to \$225.00 per acre.

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

A motion was made by Alderman Sobottka and second by Alderman Palmer to approve the hiring of Jeremiah Ludewig for the Journeyman Lineman position in the Electric Department, effective December 2, 2020.

**Vote 7 aye, motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alderman Sobottka and second by Alderman Wangelin to approve the hiring of Mason Rhodes for the Apprentice Lineman position in the Electric Department, effective December 2, 2020.

**Vote 7 aye, motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Sobottka to accept the resignation of John Espinoza from his service to the Police and Fire Commission effective immediately.


**Vote 7 aye, motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alderman Sobottka and second by Alderman Snow to approve the appointment of Mike Kuelper to the Police and Fire Commission effective immediately through May 2022.

**Vote 7 aye, motion carried.**

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

**Viva Voce Vote, motion carried. (6:59 p.m.)**

  
Michelle Conklin, Deputy City Clerk