

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

January 19, 2021

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 Enhanced Mitigation Measures. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. January 19, 2021 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.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Sobottka to approve the Proclamation Proclaiming January 2021 as National Mentoring Month in the City of Rock Falls, State of Illinois.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

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

1. Approval of the Minutes of the January 5, 2021 City Council Meeting
2. Approval of bills as presented

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

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Babel to approve Ordinance 2021-2516 - Authorizing Sale/Transfer of 1999 Dodge Ram 2500 Pickup Truck to Firehouse Ministries.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Palmer and second by Alderman Wangelin to approve Resolution 2021-854 - Resolution for Improvement Under the Illinois Highway Code - E. 11th Street Bridge Replacement.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Palmer and second by Alderman Sobottka to approve Resolution 2021-855 - Resolution for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code - Section 21-00000-00-GM / Motor Fuel Tax 2021 General Maintenance.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Palmer to approve Resolution 2021-856 - Awarding Contract for the Sale of Surplus Real Estate - 710 ½ Avenue A, Rock Falls, IL 61071.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Wangelin to approve Resolution 2021-857 – Awarding Contract for the Sale of Surplus Real Estate – 1015 9th Avenue, Rock Falls, IL 61071.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Sobottka to approve Resolution 2021-858 – Awarding Contract for the Sale of Surplus Real Estate – 614 3rd Avenue, Rock Falls, IL 61071.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

City Administrator Robbin Blackert informed the City Council that all of the Downstate Small Business Grant Agreements have been signed and returned to DCEO and we have not heard anything further on when we will receive payment for the Economic Support Grant.

A motion was made by Alderman Wangelin and second by Alderman Snow to approve the Maintenance Engineering to be Performed by a Consulting Engineer – Motor Fuel Tax General Maintenance – Section Number 21-00000-00-GM.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Sobottka for approval to terminate the Lawn Maintenance Contract with Arrezola Law Care and send a 60 day notice of termination of contract.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Sobottka and second by Alderman Palmer for approval to hire Kyle Violet for the Electric Department Apprentice Lineman Position as of February 1, 2021.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

Mayor Wescott informed the City Council that he had received a letter of resignation from Alderman Lee Folsom to be effective January 15, 2021. Alderman Folsom is currently in his 37th year as Ward 4 Alderman, he has had the pleasure of working with 6 different Mayors and has served on just about every standing Committee that there has been over the years. Mayor Wescott thank him for his many years of service to the City and the residents of Ward 4. According to the Illinois State Statutes, the Mayor will have 60 days to appoint someone to fill the vacancy in Ward 4 which will need to occur before the April 6, 2021 Consolidated Election.

A motion was made by Alderman Sobottka and second by Alderman Schuneman to accept the resignation of Fourth Ward Alderman Lee Folsom with an effective date of January 15, 2021.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

Mayor Wescott stated that he had sent all the Alderman the information received from IML regarding the Criminal Justice Reform Bill HB3653. He wants all Alderman to be aware of what is going on with it as it will affect the City in the future.

Mayor Wescott thanked the Coloma Township Park District and the Rock Falls Tourism Department for their outstanding work on the Holiday Light Display at Centennial Park. There was an estimated 9,000 cars that drove through the park this year.

A motion was made by Alderman Sobottka and second by Alderman Wangelin to Adjourn.
Viva Voce Vote, motion carried. (6:56 p.m.)



Michelle Conklin, Deputy City Clerk