

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

February 2, 2021

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of Rock Falls, Illinois was called to order at 6:30 p.m. February 2, 2021 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. In addition, Attorney Matt Cole and City Administrator Robbin Blackert were present.

Julia Deets, Rock Falls Police Department Detective addressed the City Council with her concerns on the termination of the Blackhawk Area Task Force Interagency Agreement.

Sam Smith, Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce Program Coordinator informed the City Council on upcoming events and training opportunities.

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

1. Approval of the Minutes of the January 19, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting
2. Approval of bills as presented

A motion was made by Alderman Snow 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 Sobottka to approve Ordinance 2021-2517 - Amending Chapter 14 of the Rock Falls Municipal Code Creating the Position of Deputy Chief of Police and Removing the Position of Police Commander.

**Vote 7 aye, motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Palmer to approve Resolution 2021-859 - Resolution Accepting a Grant from the Illinois Housing Development Authority's Strong Communities Program.

**Vote 7 aye, motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alderman Kleckler and second by Alderman Palmer to approve Resolution 2021-860 - Resolution Authorizing Notice of Termination from Blackhawk Area Task Force Interagency Agreement.

**Vote 7 aye, motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alderman Palmer and second by Alderman Schuneman to approve the Utility Office Write-Offs / October 2020-December 2020.

**Vote 7 aye, motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alderman Palmer and second by Alderman Babel to approve the Engagement Letter from Sikich, LLP for the Fiscal Year 2021 Audit.

**Vote 7 aye, motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alderman Sobottka and second by Alderman Palmer to approve the Chief of Police Job Description.

**Vote 7 aye, motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alderman Sobottka and second by Alderman Wangelin to approve the Deputy Chief of Police Job Description.

**Vote 7 aye, motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alderman Sobottka and second by Alderman Snow to table the request from Phil McDermott for his storage facility located at 1805 Industrial Park Road to have a fence placed beyond the building set back line to provide security for the property, and to return the request to the Ordinance License Personnel Committee.

**Vote 7 aye, motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Palmer to approve the Mayor's appointment of Alderman Casey Babel as a member of the Police Fire Committee.

**Vote 6 aye, 1 recuse (Babel), motion carried.**

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

1. Section 2(c)(21) - Review of Closed Session Minutes
2. Personnel - Section 2 (c)(1) - Employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline and performance

**Vote 7 aye, motion carried. (6:58 p.m.)**

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

**Vote 7 aye, motion carried. (7:02 p.m.)**

A motion was made by Alderman Kleckler and second by Alderman Snow that all Executive Session minutes reviewed remain closed.

**Vote 7 aye, motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alderman Sobottka and second by Alderman Snow to approve the Employment Agreement with the Chief of Police.

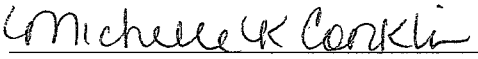
**Vote 7 aye, motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alderman Sobottka and second by Alderman Palmer to approve the Employment Agreement with the Deputy Chief of Police.

**Vote 7 aye, motion carried.**

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

**Viva Voce Vote, motion carried. (7:05 p.m.)**

  
Michelle K. Conklin, Deputy City Clerk