

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

February 16, 2021

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of Rock Falls, Illinois was called to order at 6:30 p.m. February 16, 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 and Kleckler. Alderman Sobottka being absent. In addition, Attorney Matt Cole and City Administrator Robbin Blackert were present.

The Rock Falls City Council recognized retiring Police Chief Tammy Nelson for her 30 years of service and dedication to the City of Rock Falls.

Chris Pilling and Lori Cortez from Sauk Valley Community College presented the IMPACT Program to the City Council. This program will provide eligible students residing in the Sauk district the opportunity to earn tuition and fees for up to three years at Sauk Valley Community College, upon completion of high school. The SVCC Impact Program is part of a strategy to propel the entire region toward a smarter, brighter future.

Consent Agenda items 1 through 3 were read aloud by Deputy City Clerk Michelle Conklin.

1. Approval of the Minutes of the February 2, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting
2. Approval of bills as presented
3. Forward the Petition Requesting Rezoning of Real Estate from Larry McCormick for property located on Cardinal Street (Benchmark Subdivision Phase III, PIN 11-26-153-005) to the Planning Zoning Commission

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Palmer to approve Consent Agenda items 1 through 3.

**Vote 6 aye, motion carried.**

City Administrator Robbin Blackert informed the City Council that we received the checks for the Downstate Business Stabilization Grant and those checks are being distributed the businesses and we should be on track to ask for reimbursement for the Economic Support Grant by the end of February.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Wangelin for approval to place for bid the 2021-2024 Lawn Maintenance Contract.

**Vote 6 aye, motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman and second by Alderman Snow to approve the appointment of the following individuals to serve on the City of Rock Falls Comprehensive Plan Review Ad Hoc Committee – David Blanton, Coloma Township Supervisor, Chris King, United Country Sauk Valley Realty, Jeff Guthrie, Owner of Hill's Electric, Gary Camarano, Whiteside County Economic Development Director, Alderman Rod Kleckler, Alderman Gabriella Palmer, City Administrator Robbin Blackert, Mayor Bill Wescott and Building Inspector Mark Searing (Non-voting member).

**Vote 6 aye, motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman and second by Alderman Now to approve the appointment of Alderman Gabriella Palmer to the Public Works/Public Property Committee.

**Vote 5 aye, 1 recuse (Palmer), motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman and second by Alderman Wangelin to approve the appointment of Brian Tribley, Amy Williamson, Tom Rynott and Bethany Bland to the Tourism Committee (Terms 02-16-2021 through 02-16-2023).

**Vote 6 aye, motion carried.**

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

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

  
Michelle K. Conklin, Deputy City Clerk