

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

April 6, 2021

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

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

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

1. Approval of the Minutes of the March 16, 2021 City Council Meeting
2. Approval of bills as presented

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Babel 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 the first reading of:

1. Ordinance 2021-2521 - Amending Chapter 20, Section 20-42 Relating to Recovery of Costs for Weed Removal
2. Ordinance 2021-2522 - Amending Section 32-348 (a) Purchase Power Adjustment Factor

**Viva Voce Vote, Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alderman Palmer and second by Alderman Wangelin to approve the recommendation from the Finance Committee for the approval of the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget.

**Vote 7 aye, motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman and second by Alderman Snow to approve the Solar Payment Rate of .084 with an effective date of May 1, 2021.

**Vote 7 aye, motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Sobottka to approve the formation of a Special Committee per Section 2-80 of the Rock Falls Municipal Code and appoint Alderman Casey Babel (Chairman), Melinda Jones, Amy Williamson, Paul Gierhart, John Larson and Alderman Jim Schuneman (Non-Voting Member) to the Eagle Trail Committee.

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

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman and second by Alderman Babel to approve the appointment of Lori Cortez, Steve Brenner and Becky Hunter to the Industrial Development Commission for a 5 year term (2021-2026).

**Vote 7 aye, motion carried.**

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

1. Personnel - Section 2(c)(1) - Employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline and performance.

**Vote 7 aye, motion carried. (6:40 p.m.)**

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

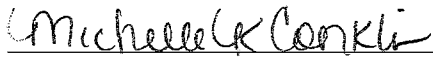
**Vote 7 aye, motion carried. (6:42 p.m.)**

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman and second by Alderman Sobottka to approve the Employment Agreements with the Department Heads and the wage increases with the non-contractual employees.

**Vote 7 aye, motion carried.**

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

**Viva Voce Vote, motion carried. (6:43 p.m.)**

  
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Michelle K. Conklin, Deputy City Clerk