

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

May 4, 2021

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of Rock Falls, Illinois was called to order at 6:30 p.m. May 4, 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, Babel, Kleckler, Doane and Sobottka. Alderman Snow and Schuneman being absent. In addition, Attorney Matt Cole, Attorney James Reese and City Administrator Robbin Blackert were present.

Resident Allen Boseneiler congratulated Rod Kleckler on winning the election for Mayor.

David Sigel, a resident of Riverside Mobile Estates addressed the City Council and wanted to know what the City was going to do about what is going on in the Mobile Home Park. Mayor Wescott stated that there is nothing that the City can do at this point, the City has no authority to direct Mr. DeHaan to correct the problems.

A motion was made by Alderman Wangelin and second by Alderman Palmer to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2021 City Council Meeting.

Vote 6 aye, motion carried.

Mayor William Wescott addressed the City Council. He thanked all of the residents, employees and City Council Members of the City of Rock Falls for all that has been accomplished in his 8 years as Mayor. Mayor Wescott also addressed numerous items that were in a letter that went through the community.

Deputy City Clerk Michelle Conklin read the results of the Canvass of Votes cast at the April 6, 2021 Consolidated Election. Results are as follows:

Rodney G. Kleckler, Mayor
Kay M. Abner, City Treasurer
William Wangelin, Ward 1 Alderman
Gabriella Palmer, Ward 1 Alderman (2 year unexpired term)
Brian E. Snow, Ward 2 Alderman
Casey D. Babel, Ward 2 Alderman (2 year unexpired term)
Steven Dowd, Ward 3 Alderman
Violet L. Sobottka, Ward 4 Alderman

A motion was made by Alderman Sobottka and second by Alderman Wangelin to accept the certified results from the Whiteside County Canvassing Board for the April 6, 2021 Consolidated Election.

Vote 6 aye, motion carried.

Deputy City Clerk Michelle Conklin sworn in the newly elected council members.

Deputy City Clerk Michelle Conklin called the roll. A quorum was present including Mayor Kleckler, Alderman Palmer, Wangelin, Babel, Dowd, Doane and Sobottka. Alderman Snow being absent. In addition, Attorney Matt Cole, Attorney James Reese and City Administrator Robbin Blackert were present.

A motion was made by Alderman Palmer and second by Alderman Sobottka to approve the bills as presented.

Vote 6 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Sobottka and second by Alderman Wangelin to approve Ordinance 2021-2526 – Ordinance Amending Chapter 32, Article V of the Rock Falls Municipal Code to Forego the Annual Increase to Monthly Electrical Charges for the 2022 Fiscal Year – Part 2.

Vote 6 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Babel and second by Alderman Palmer to award the bid for the Rock Falls Electric Department Hydro Plant Construction Services – Transformer Replacement Site Modifications to M. J. Electric, LLC, 200 West Frank Pipp Drive, Iron Mountain, Michigan 49801 in the amount of \$119,800.00.

Vote 6 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Wangelin and second by Alderman Babel to award the bid for the Electric Department Excavator from Bob Cat of Dixon, 610 River Lane, Dixon IL 61021 in the amount of \$35,760.00.

Vote 6 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Babel and second by Alderman Palmer to award the bid for the Electric Department Skid Steer from Bob Cat of Dixon, 610 River Lane, Dixon IL 61021 in the amount of \$38,014.00.

Vote 6 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Palmer and second by Alderman Wangelin to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation the Local Agency Maintenance of Traffic Control Devices.

Vote 6 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Babel and second by Alderman Palmer to approve the Animal Control Agreement with Whiteside County Health Department for a 3 year term and direct the City Attorney to prepare a resolution ratifying the contract.

Vote 6 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Wangelin and second by Alderman Babel to approve the January 2021 through March 2021 Utility Write Offs.

Vote 6 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Sobottka and second by Alderman Babel to approve changes to the General Procedures Governing Utility Service – Changing from a 4 Cycle Billing to a 2 Cycle Billing.

Vote 6 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Wangelin and second by Alderman Sobottka to approve the Mayoral appointment of Shane Brown (Rural Resident Representative) to the Utility Committee - Term 05-01-2021 to 04-30-2026.

Vote 6 aye, motion carried.

Mayor Kleckler addressed the City Council. He stated that he would like to see the newly elected officials to receive training and information on their new positions. He stated that all Committees would stay the same for now, if anyone has special training or would like to be a member of any committee please let him know. He is also looking at the dates and times of meetings, trying to get them standardized more.

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

Viva Voce Vote, motion carried. (7:46 p.m.)



Michelle K. Conklin, Deputy City Clerk