

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

June 1, 2021

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of Rock Falls, Illinois was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on June 1, 2021 in the Council Chambers by Mayor Rod Kleckler.

Deputy City Clerk Michelle Conklin called the roll following the pledge of allegiance. A quorum was present including Mayor Kleckler, Aldermen Palmer, Wangelin, Snow, Babel, Dowd, Devers, Doane and Sobottka. In addition, Attorney Matt Cole, Attorney Tim Zollinger and City Administrator Robbin Blackert were present.

Marlene Detweiler Flynn addressed the City Council with concerns about the Arduini Boat Ramp. Ms. Flynn and a few other citizens mowed and trimmed weeds but there is still a lot to do and a lot of dead trees that need to be removed. Ms. Flynn asked if the City could help the IDNR with up keep and tree removal. Mayor Kleckler stated that the City has been helping out the IDNR for over 15 years and has received no help with the up keep or other maintenance items so the City made a decision to use the City resources elsewhere.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Sobottka to approve the Proclamation proclaiming Saturday, June 5, 2021 as "Rock Falls Rotary Club's 85th Anniversary Day" in the City of Rock Falls.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

Mayor Kleckler presented the Proclamation to the Rock Falls Rotary Club.

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

1. Approval of the minutes of the May 18, 2021 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 8 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Sobottka and second by Alderman Babel to approve Resolution 2021-863 authorizing engagement of Ward, Murray, Pace & Johnson P.C., in their capacity as City Attorneys, for the purpose of intervening and protesting the property tax appeal filed by Walgreens for the year 2020.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Babel to approve the Wastewater Department to purchase a EnviroSight Jet Scan II Nozzle Camera from Standard Equipment, 625 S IL Route 83, Elmhurst, IL 60126 in the amount of \$12,500.00.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Sobottka and second by Alderman Wangelin to direct the City Attorney to draft a Resolution authorizing the dissolution of the Twin City Joint Fire Command Intergovernmental Agreement and send notice to the City of Sterling.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Babel to approve the updated Easement Agreement with ComEd (Railroad Bike Path) pursuant to the approval of the City Attorney.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

City Administrator Robbin Blackert informed the City Council that the City has received an Abandoned Properties Program Grant in the amount of \$20,000.00. House Bill 1931 passed, which will allow Municipalities to turn over any city owned property to the Industrial Development Commission.

Police Chief Dave Pilgrim informed the City Council that the City is setting up a new public notification system called Code Red. This will allow residents, at no cost to them, sign up to receive notifications by phone call, email or text message on utility outages, street closures, weather related emergencies and other public safety notifications. The cost to the City will be very reasonable and will allow us to keep the citizens informed of emergency situations.

A motion was made by Alderman Palmer and second by Alderman Sobottka to approve the revised Electric Budget for Fiscal Year 2022.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Sobottka to approve changes to the Procedures Manual Governing Utility Service with the change of Cycle 2 billing date to final day of the month from the first day of the following month.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Babel to approve a one year SCADA support contract with Survalent Technology, Inc., 1967 Wehrle Drive, Sute 1, PMB 122, Buffalo, NY 14221 in the amount of \$18,501.00.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Babel to approve a five year Extended Coverage Quote for Gen Sets 8 and 9 from Caterpillar, 2120 West End Avenue, Nashville, TN 37203 in the amount of \$37,040.00.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Sobottka and second by Alderman Snow to accept the resignation of Wastewater Superintendent Ed Cox.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Sobottka and second by Alderman Wangelin to approve the Wastewater Superintendent Job Description.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Sobottka and second by Alderman Palmer to approve the Payroll Clerk Job Description.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Sobottka and second by Alderman Snow to approve a Side Letter of Agreement with the IBEW Clarifying the Accumulation of Compensatory Time in Lieu of Overtime.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Wangelin to approve the appointment of Pam Martinez to the Planning/Zoning Commission for a 4 year term (06-01-2021 to 05-31-2025).

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Babel and second by Alderman Snow to approve the re-appointment of Tim Cain to the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners for a 3 year term (06-01-2021 to 05-31-2024).

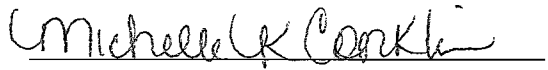
Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Devers and second by Alderman Wangelin to approve appointment of Wayne Squire as City Clerk for a 4 year term. During discussion the Alderman stated that they would like to be able to speak with Mr. Squire and receive more information.

Vote 2 aye, 5 nay, 1 abstention, motion died.

A motion was made by Alderman Sobottka and second by Alderman Babel to adjourn.

Viva Voce Vote, motion carried. (7:34 p.m.)


Michelle K. Conklin, Deputy City Clerk