

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

June 15, 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 15, 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, Devers, Doane and Sobottka. Alderman Dowd was absent. In addition, Attorney James Reese, Attorney Matt Cole, and City Administrator Robbin Blackert were present.

Richard Simon, Electric Utility Department Head informed the City Council that Kennedy Oltmans had won the Groundwater/Electric Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.00 for 2021. Ms. Oltmans was not able to attend the meeting to accept the scholarship.

Ed Cobau from the Illinois Municipal Utilities Association informed the City Council that Kassandra Estrella from Rock Falls was the 2021 winner of the IMUA Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.00. Ms. Estrella was not able to attend the meeting to accept the scholarship.

Arletta Pack, 605 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Rock Falls addressed the City Council regarding an invoice and a citation that she received for tall grass. The invoice was for the city mowing her yard but she stated that no one had mowed her yard. Attorney Cole stated that the Administrative Hearings were the place to address any issues that she had with the citation or invoices.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Wangelin to approve the Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce's request to close E 2<sup>nd</sup> Street from Avenue A to Emmons Avenue on June 25, 2021 from 5:45 p.m. until 7:15 p.m. for the Rock Falls Chamber Summer Splash 5K and the request to close the 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue Parking Lot from June 24, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. until June 26, 2021 at 10:00 p.m. for Rock Falls Chamber Summer Splash Craft & Vendor Show.  
**Vote 7 aye, motion carried.**

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

1. Approval of the minutes of the June 1, 2021 City Council Meeting
2. Approval of bills as presented

A motion was made by Alderman Sobottka and second by Alderman Babel to approve Consent Agenda items 1 and 2.

**Vote 7 aye, motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Sobottka to approve Resolution 2021-864, Authorization to accept a grant through the Illinois Housing Development Authority from the Abandoned Residential Property Municipal Relief Program in the amount of \$20,000.00  
**Vote 7 aye, motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alderman Sobottka and second by Alderman Wangelin to approve Resolution 2021-865 Authorizing notice of termination of the Twin City Joint Fire Command  
**Vote 7 aye, motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Babel to approve first reading of the following ordinances:

1. Ordinance No. 2021-2527 – Appropriation Ordinance for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2021 and ending April 30, 2022
2. Ordinance No. 2021-2528 – Amending Chapter 32, Article V, Relating to Electrical Requirements

**Viva Voce Vote, motion carried.**

City Administrator Robbin Blackert informed the City Council of a Illinois State Fire Marshall Grant that was awarded to the Rock Falls Fire Department in the amount of \$26,000.00 to replace some of the radios. Administrator Blackert thanked Captain Sommers for writing the grant.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Sobottka to approve the appointment of Alderman Bill Wangelin, Chairman, Alderman Steve Dowd and Alderman Casey Babel to the Police Fire Committee.

**Vote 5 aye, 2 recuse (Wangelin and Babel), 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. (6:50 p.m.)**

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

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

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Sobottka to approve the Fire Chief employment agreement and appoint Cris Bowens as Fire Chief.

**Vote 7 aye, motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alderman Wangelin and second by Alderman Babel to approve the Deputy Fire Chief employment contract and appoint Ken Wolf and Deputy Fire Chief.

**Vote 7 aye, motion carried.**

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

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



Michelle K. Conklin, Deputy City Clerk