

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

July 20, 2021

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of Rock Falls, Illinois was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on July 20, 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 McKanna, Wangelin, Snow, Babel, Dowd, Devers, Doane and Sobottka. In addition, Attorney James Reese, Attorney Matt Cole, and City Administrator Robbin Blackert were present.

Mayor Kleckler called the Public Hearing to order at 5:31 p.m. The purpose of the Public Hearing was to provide interested parties the opportunity to express their views on the proposed federal funded Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Project.

Matt Hansen from Willett, Hofmann & Associates explained the Community Development Block Grant program for the Flock Avenue Water Main Replacement Project. Each year the State of Illinois receives an appropriation of funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Small Cities Community Development Block Grant program. Those funds are distributed through a grant program administered by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, the Community Development Block Grant program.

The project activities that will be undertaken with CDBG funding will include \$382,875.00 for construction cost and \$20,000.00 for activity delivery (grant administration) costs. The total amount of CDBG funds is \$402,875.00. The project activities that will be undertaken with additional project funding will include \$71,000.00 in funds from the Water Department Capital Fund and will be used for engineering and geotechnical costs. An estimated 67.48% of the CDBG funds available for this project will benefit low to moderate income persons. No persons will be displaced as a result of this project.

The grant funds will be used to replace approximately 1,170 L.F. of water main on Flock Avenue from the alley south of U.S. Route 30 to Roberts Street, installing 3 new fire hydrants, new gate valves, replacing water services for 27 customers from the new main to new shut-off valves at the right-of-way and surface restoration work.

The City has had 11 watermain breaks on this watermain since 1992, each time a break occurs the customers can be without quality drinking water until the repair is made and the boil order, if required, has ended after satisfactory bacteriological test results are obtained.

There were no citizens present at the Public Hearing to provide oral comments and the Business Office did not receive any written comments.

With nothing further Mayor Kleckler closed the Public Hearing at 5:36 pm.

Deputy City Clerk Michelle Conklin administered the Oath of Office to Cris Bouwens, Fire Chief, Ken Wolf, Deputy Fire Chief and Matt Kobbeman, Fire Captain.

Julie Jacobs from the Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce addressed the City Council and informed them of upcoming events that the Chamber is having. Ms. Jacobs also distributed the Blackhawk Hills Regional Council's 2020-2021 Annual report to the Council Members.

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

1. Approval of the minutes of the July 6, 2021 City Council Meeting
2. Approval of bills as presented

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

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Sobottka and second by Alderman Wangelin to approve Ordinance 2021-2533 - Ordinance amending Chapter 18, Article VI, Section 18-163 of the Rock Falls Municipal Code Relating to handicap parking designations in Garden Circle for first reading.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Dowd to approve Resolution 2021-867 - Resolution Transferring Jurisdiction and Control of Real Property to the Industrial Development Commission (PIN # pt. of 11-34-251-004).

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman McKanna and second by Alderman Snow to approve Resolution 2021-868 - Resolution of Support and Commitment of Local Funds from the Water Department Capital Fund in the amount of \$71,000.00.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Sobottka to approve the 12kV Switch SCADA Integration Proposal from PSE (Power System Engineering) 1532 West Broadway, Madison, WI 53713 in the amount of \$22,500.00.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

Mayor Kleckler stated that as his position as Mayor and Liquor Commissioner he has taken the position that he wants to visit the establishments and he spends approximately an hour and a half driving about 15 miles per day through the City looking at road projects, the physical condition of the City and what is going on. Mayor Kleckler submitted a mileage request and the City Administrator, as the administrator of the travel reimbursement policy, is interpreting the travel reimbursement policy for some type of activity that would be traveling outside of town. Mayor Kleckler is asking that the wording in the Travel Policy specifically say for conducting the business of office of Mayor and add "in City" travel to the Travel Policy.

A motion was made by Alderman Devers and second by Alderman Sobottka to approve the reimbursement of expenses and mileage for the Mayor/Liquor Commissioner and to review a change to the City of Rock Falls' Travel Policy. There was a short discussion.

Vote 2 aye, 6 nay (McKanna, Wangelin, Snow, Babel, Dowd, Sobottka), motion failed.

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

Viva Voce Vote, motion carried. (6:03 p.m.)


Michelle K. Conklin, Deputy City Clerk