

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

September 7, 2021

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of Rock Falls, Illinois was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on September 7, 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.

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

1. Approval of the minutes of the August 17, 2021, City Council Meeting
2. Approval of bills as presented

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

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Wangelin to approve Ordinance 2021-2534 – Authorizing a Variance from Front Yard Setback Requirement for 1000 1st Avenue, Rock Falls, IL 61071.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Sobottka and second by Alderman McKanna to approve first reading of:

1. Ordinance 2021-2535 – Amending Chapter 2, Article VII, Division 1 Regarding the Creation of a Business Office and Tourism Office
2. Ordinance 2021-2536 – Amending Chapter 4, Article 1 Relating to Limitation on Number of Animals per Household

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Babel and second by Alderman Snow to approve Resolution 2021-870 – Resolution Relating to the Termination of Participation by Elected Officials in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Sobottka to approve a Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Rock Falls and the Illinois F.O.P. Labor Council Representing Police Officers and Sergeants for a Lateral Transfer Program.

Vote 7 aye, 1 recuse (McKanna), motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman McKanna and second by Alderman Snow to approve the purchase of cameras and equipment to be placed in the downtown area in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman McKanna and second by Alderman Snow for approval for the Wastewater Department to purchase a pre-owned vehicle in an amount not to exceed \$32,000.00.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Sobottka to approve the bid received from Burke Excavating, Inc. 25668 Jersey Rd, Tampico IL 61283 in the amount of \$9,938.00 for the demolition of the structure at 215 Avenue C, Rock Falls.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Babel to approve the Engineering Agreement with Willett, Hofmann & Associates, 809 E 2nd St, Dixon, IL 61021 for the development of an IEPA Project Plan Report and Planning Documents

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

Alderman Dowd asked if we had decided if we could do anything with the trees that are hanging in the road along Avenue E by the canal. He had spoken to the IDNR regarding this issue but they have given no answer if they would or would not take care of the problem.

Alderman Devers asked if there was any way to put a 4 way stop sign at the intersection of Charles St and Martin Road. Mayor Kleckler stated that this had been discussed in the last few years with no action taken but we can take it back to the committee.

A motion was made by Alderman Sobottka and second by Alderman Snow to approve entering into an agreement with Lexipol, 2611 Internet Boulevard, Suite 100, Frisco, Texas 75034 for an annual Local Government Administration Policy Manual & Daily Training Bulletins with Supplemental Publication Service (12 months) in the amount of \$5,203.15.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

Mayor Kleckler reminded the Alderman that the Fiesta Day Parade is September 18, 2021, anyone who wants to ride on the fire truck in the parade will meet in the City Hall parking lot. He will get the time frame for line up to the Alderman.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Sobottka to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Section 2(c)(1) – Personnel – Employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline and performance.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried. (5:56 p.m.)

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

Vote 8 aye, motion carried. (6:00 p.m.)

A motion was made by Alderman McKanna and second by Alderman Sobottka to approve the increase of the Water Superintendent's salary by \$2,400.00 as of September 8, 2021.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

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

Viva Voce Vote, motion carried. (6:01 p.m.)



Michelle K. Conklin, Deputy City Clerk