

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

September 21, 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 21, 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 and Doane, Alderman Sobottka being absent. In addition, Attorney Matt Cole and City Administrator Robbin Blackert were present.

Rock Falls High School Student Council requested permission to hold their Annual Homecoming Parade. They have been in contact with the Police Department and the route will be the same as it was in 2019.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Doane to approve the Rock Falls Homecoming Parade.

**Vote 7 aye, motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Dowd to approve a Proclamation, proclaiming that the month of October 2021 be recognized as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month".

**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 September 7, 2021, City Council Meeting
2. Approval of bills as presented

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

**Vote 7 aye, motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman McKanna to approve Ordinance 2021-2535 - Amending Chapter 2, Article VII, Division 1 Regarding the Creation of a Business Office and Tourism Office.

**Vote 7 aye, motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Babel to approve Ordinance 2021-2536 - Amending Chapter 4, Article 1 Relating to Limitation on Number of Animals per Household.

**Vote 7 aye, motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alderman Wangelin and second by Alderman Dowd to approve Resolution 2021-871 - Resolution Authorizing a Loan Applicant's Authorized Representative to Sign PWSLP Loan Application Documents, with a correction of adding Mayor Keckler's name to paragraph two.

**Vote 7 aye, motion carried.**

City Administrator Robbin Blackert informed the City Council that there was a new grant through DCEO, Rebuild Downtown's and Main Streets. This grant would allow the demolition of the Micro building and will also pay for the costs to acquire the property and would pay to build the parking lot. We will be able to use the structural and environmental information that we have already paid to have completed.

We are also working on a grant for Tourism which is a 50/50 match grant for Festivals. Tourism Director Melinda Jones is looking at doing a Jazz Festival that the RB&W Park.


Alderman Dowd stated that we have to do something about allowing alcohol in the RB&W Park, if we are having events & festivals there should be some way to allow alcohol. This will be placed on an Ordinance Committee meeting for further discussion.

Mayor Kleckler informed the City Council that there will not need to be any adjustments to the Ward boundaries, the preliminary census block data shows that we are within the statistical allowances.

Mayor Kleckler would like any Aldermen who would like to volunteer to be on the committee for the American Recovery Plan Funds please let him know.

The Rock Falls High School Homecoming Parade will be on October 7, 2021. Any Alderman who would like to ride in the parade should contact Mayor Kleckler.

A motion was made by Alderman Doane and second by Alderman Dowd to adjourn.  
**Viva Voce Vote, motion carried. (5:46 p.m.)**

  
Michelle K. Conklin, Deputy City Clerk