City of Rock Falls 150th Anniversary Celebration

Fourth Meeting 8-9-2016 6:00pm

Attendees:

Mayor Wescott, Clerk Arduini, Russ Siefken, Marie Hoagland, Gene Jacoby, Melinda Jones, Tim Keller,

Mayor Bill Wescott welcomed the guests. Mayor Wescott explained that the books that were created and sold will need updates made to the clubs, churches, and organizations. Sauk Valley College, and Judy Bell from the Sauk Valley Sun will help with the books. Mayor Wescott has mailed letters out to other cities asking them for information on their parades, and letting them know about the event here.

The City Attorney is working on creating a 501-C3 organization for the celebration. The fund has around $3,000 in it now, and Mayor Wescott would like $15,000 to begin the work that needs to be done.

Mayor Wescott spoke to Louis Pignatelli about the old bank building on the corner of 1st Avenue and East 2nd Street. That could be a good place for the headquarters. Mr. Pignatelli is to get back to the Mayor about it in a week.

Mayor Wescott had a discussion about the pageant with Rock Falls High School. Perhaps a 7-8 act play. There just aren't as many people involved now as there were in the past.

Ideas from the group

Carnival

A central gathering place every night (RB&W Patio?)

Need to find ways to advertise the meetings – Possible website or its own Facebook Page

Dress like 150 years ago. -   Have a store for women's dressed, and men's suits, vests

Beards-   Residents who do not grow a beard would need to purchase a pass

Have a Louie Bellson Statue commissioned, and sell small versions of it.

Honor Bud Stigall as the area naturalist and writer

Finish the trail under the Route 40 Bridge

An oral history from a local historian such as Glen Kuhlemier.

Names of historical places and thigs with a contest. – Pictures of the old businesses

Bachelor Auction

A Chairman is needed for each event day.

1644th would like to be involved

A possible air show with planes going to / from Oshkosh that weekend.