



City of Rock Falls 150th Anniversary Celebration

16th Meeting 7-11-2017 6:00pm

Sesquicentennial Headquarters 110 West 2nd Street

Attendees:

Mayor Wescott, Clerk Arduini, Marie Hoagland, Mike Dowell, Marsha Melchi, Gene Jacoby, Russ Siefken, Charlene Smith, Jodi Perez, Bill Abate, Robert Bales, Becky Wilkinson, Rene Sotelo, Kendra Sotelo, Connie Selmi, Betty Clementz

1. Call to order – Mayor Wescott

Mayor Bill Wescott gave a recap of the events coming up over the sesquicentennial week.

Monday, July 17, 2017

- Miss Sesquicentennial Semi-Finals @ 6:00 p.m. – Holiday Inn Express and Suites

Monday, July 24, 2017

- Opening of the Time Capsule @ 10:00 a.m. – Seward Park
 - The items will be taken to the Community Building to be assessed by Terry Buckaloo from the Sterling Rock Falls Historical Society.
 - Connie Selmi will Live Stream the event on Facebook

Wednesday, July 26, 2017

- Dedication of the RB&W District Park @ 1:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 29, 2017

- Mike Dowell gave an update about the Air Celebration at the Whiteside County Airport 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
 - 10950 Hoover Rd (Route 40)
 - The airport board will help support the event and cover overages
 - Burritos and Culvers will be supplying food
 - Parking may possibly be free
 - They are advertising free food and gas discounts to the warbird pilots at Oshkosh.
 - 2- C-47s and possibly a B-25 and Blackhawk helicopter – The planes coming will be listed at www.warbirdsoverwhiteside.com
- Sesquicentennial Ball at the Rock Falls High School Gymnasium – 101 12th Ave.
 - Attire is business casual to formal to vintage
 - Doors Open @ 5:00 p.m. – First Look At The Time Capsule Items
 - Finals – Miss Sesquicentennial 2017 @ 5:30 p.m.
 - Dinner from Candlelight @ 6:30 p.m.
 - Dance to Class Act II 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
 - Candlelight will supply dishes tablecloths and napkins.
 - Balloon pillars are being made.
 - Parking will be in the back parking lot, and handicapped on the s-curve
 - The group will try to sell tickets and programs at the door.

Sunday, July 30, 2017

- Historical Services at City Churches
- Beard Competition Finals at the RB&W Riverfront Venue 1:00 p.m.
- Dedication of Peace Pole at the RB&W Riverfront Park 3:00 p.m.
- Family Bike Ride Hennepin Canal Parkway Entrance 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Heritage Sunday Community Worship Service at the RB&W Riverfront Venue 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.
 - Community Chorus
 - Community Hand Bell Choir
 - Old Fashioned Community Hymn Sing

Monday, July 31, 2017

- 78th Annual Rock Falls Rotary Corn Boil at the Community Building 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- Historical Displays and Living in the 1800's demonstrations at the Rock Falls High School 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Open House: City of Rock Falls Electric Facilities 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
 - Rock Falls Hydro Plant – 898 East 2nd Street
 - 1109 Industrial Park Road – Pulled Pork Sandwiches and drinks served 11:00am – 2:00pm
- Farmers Market at the Firehouse Museum Parking Lot 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
- Mayor Wescott will be filling in for Frank Yaklich who passed away suddenly two Saturdays ago at the Merrill School Cafeteria 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
 - 600 4th Ave

Tuesday, August 1, 2017

- Historical Displays and Living in the 1800's demonstrations at the Rock Falls High School 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Open House: Rock Falls Wastewater Facilities 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
 - Main Lift Station – 102 12th Avenue
 - Wastewater Treatment Plant -101 Clearwater Drive
- Farmers Market at the Firehouse Museum Parking Lot 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
- Presentation: 1867-1917- Mr. Russ Siefkin at the Merrill School Cafeteria 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
 - 600 4th Ave

Wednesday, August 2, 2017

- Farmers Market at the Firehouse Museum Parking Lot 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
- Open House: Rock Falls Police & Fire Departments 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
 - 1013 7th Avenue
- Historical Displays and Living in the 1800's demonstrations at the Rock Falls High School 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Family Bike Ride – Hennepin Canal Parkway Entrance 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
 - East 2nd Street
- Presentation: 1918-1967- City Clerk Eric Arduini at the Merrill School Cafeteria 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
 - 600 4th Ave

Thursday, August 3, 2017

- Farmers Market at the Firehouse Museum Parking Lot 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
- Historical Displays and Living in the 1800's demonstrations at the Rock Falls High School 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Open House: Street Department 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
 - 905 Industrial Park Road
- Presentation: 1968-2017- Mayor Bill Wescott at the Merrill School Cafeteria 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
 - 600 4th Ave

Friday, August 4, 2017

- Farmer's Market at the Firehouse Museum Parking Lot 8:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m.
 - Open House: Rock Falls Water Department 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
 - 2200 9th Avenue
 - Music on the Riverfront at the RB&W Riverfront Venue 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
 - Barber shoppers
 - Alumni Drum Band
 - RFHS Alumni Band
 - RFHS Band has a new director and will finish up the night.
- Walking tacos will be served as well as pork chop sandwiches from the boosters.

Saturday, August 5, 2017

- Fire House of God Fire Museum Tours 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- Arts/Craft Show Over 60 Booths! – Love Light Tree Parking Lot 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
 - 100 Block of West 1st Street
 - The booths will be marked off on Thursday August 3rd
- Sesquicentennial Parade 10:30 a.m.
 - North from 10th Street on 1st Avenue – North on 1st Avenue to West 2nd Street – West on West 2nd Street to 5th Avenue
 - Eric will check with MICA about the liability of horses.
 - The parade judging cannot be on the portable stage. The armory will set it up on 2nd Street.
- Children's Events West 2nd Street – Immediately following the parade
 - 300-400 Block of West 2nd Street
- Street Dance: West 2nd Street 3:00 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.
 - \$5.00 entry fee goes back to sesquicentennial fund
 - Bobbi and Shay 3:00 – 4:00
 - Cal Stage 4:30 – 6:30
 - Smokin Guns 7:00- 8:45
 - River Country Stomp line dancing will be performing between acts.
 - 100 Block of West 2nd Street
 - The porta pots will be set up on the north corner of 2nd St. and 2nd Ave.
 - Banners for sponsors can go up on the stage, and fencing of the street dance
 - The fencing will be put in some parking spots after the event. The fencing company should be back on Sunday to pick it up.
 - The Park District is bringing picnic tables, and trash cans
 - The entrance will be on the southwest corner of the street dance area at 2nd St. and 2nd Ave. – Emergency vehicles will be able to enter from 1st Avenue

- Fireworks Gala “Over the Rock River” 9:15 p.m.
 - Fireworks to be launched from Lawrence Park Sunday is the scheduled rain date.
 - Limestone Building is being taken down on July 17th, 2017

Mayor Wescott will check on food sales at the high school if the events are moved there due to rain

The Sound system will need to be set up for Friday and Sunday.

RFHS Historical Displays

- Will be set up Wednesday or Thursday of the prior week
 - o One room will be the time capsule items
 - o One room will be the 100th and 125th items
 - o One room Industry
 - o One room Sterling Rock Falls Historical Society
 - o Will need to make name plates for the various items.

Committee chair reports

Melinda Jones suggested that the craft show needs more advertisement. There are now 60 vendors, but many people don't know that it is coming. Some of these vendors are coming from 3-4 hours away.

A paid FB post will be made for the craft fair. Eric will follow up on the banner.

Sesquicentennial Store Update

All of the hotels are nearly full for the event. Beginning 7-20 -2017 the committee would like to see the store open every day. From 10am- 7:00pm.

The Keepsake Program will be ready Wednesday and will sell for \$10.00

Some items will be taken to the ball for sale.

Connie Selmi will set up an Etsy account, or FB sales account for mail orders of the programs.

More t-shirts will be ordered.

Committee Member Items

Schedules may be taken to the Ice Cream Social on Sunday July 16th. Programs may also be sold there.

Meeting Adjourns at 7:00pm