

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

June 4th, 2013

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Rock Falls was called to order at 6:30 p.m., June 4th, 2013 in Rock Falls, IL. by Mayor William B. Wescott.

City Clerk Arduini called the roll following the pledge of allegiance, present was Mayor William B. Wescott, Aldermen Vandersnick, Reitzel, Kuhlemier, Schuneman, Hand, Folsom, and Watts. Alderman Snow was absent. In addition Attorney Tom Sanders and City Administrator Robbin Blackert were present.

Audience Requests:

Sandi Ivey from "Team Underwires" announced that the 6th Annual Proud to Wear Pink Ride will be August 17th at 10:00 a.m. The ride will leave from Workman Harley Davidson in Rock Falls, and return to Day's Inn in Rock Falls. She requested that the fee be waived and that the amp permit be extended until 10:00p.m. Motion was made by Alderman Reitzel, and second by Ald. Kuhlemier to allow these requests for this event.

Vote: 7 aye, motion carried

Ordinance First Reading:

2013-2110: Amendments to Sec. 15-422- Burning (with recommendations from City Attorney Reese on the verbiage of the amended section.)

2013-2111: Amendment of Sec. 15-1 Utility Office Created to make changes including the changing of the names from "Manager", to "Crew Leader"

2013-2112: Appropriation Ordinance 2013

Motion was made by Alderman Vandersnick, and second by Alderman Kuhlemier

Vote: 7aye, motion carried

Ordinance Second Reading/ Adoption

2013-2113: Prevailing Wage Ordinance 2013

Motion was made by Alderman Vandersnick, and second by Alderman Schuneman

Vote: 7aye, motion carried

Consent Agenda

1. Approval Approve the Minutes of the May 21st, 2013 Council Meeting
2. Approve the bills as presented
3. Request to move Doug Wolber to Jr. Detective police
4. Telecommunicators hiring procedure
5. Pay Order Fischer Excavating 204,084.08 – Improvements Dog Pound Lift Station
6. Survalent Annual Support Agreement 18,340.00
7. Refer to Planning and Zoning Committee for the meeting on June 13th a Special -Use Request for 2206 Prophet Rd.

Mayor Wescott asked that item number 4 be removed, and that item number 6 be approved subject to the City Attorney's review.

Motion was made by Alderman Hand and second by Alderman Vandersnick.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

City Administer Report: Robbin D. Blackert

Administer Blackert spoke of volunteerism in the community by the Firehouse of God Ministries. She reminded the council about the discussion that arose during the last City Council meeting after this organization asked for the city's help with concrete work at the Firehouse Museum site. Adm. Blackert told the council that she had spoken with the IBEW union, and that they also support volunteerism in the community. The union stated that they would treat volunteer workers the same as summer help, and there would be no conflict with them doing the concrete work at the site. The Firehouse Ministries group is asking the city for 3-4 yards of concrete for the project. Building Inspector Searing stated that this would cost the city around \$400.

Motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier to approve the work and that the city provide the concrete needed. A second was made by Alderman Watts.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

Information / Correspondence

City Engineer Brian Frickenstein reminded the council that the Dixon Ave. project is under way and urges that everyone drive safely through the construction area. He also stated that during

this project there will be no lane closures when the road crew is not working. This project is planned to be finished in 35 days.

Department Heads

Sewer Superintendent Ed Cox reported that the Dog Pound Lift Station project is now complete except for some very minor punch list items. He also stated that the generator installed at the Fairview Lift Station was received from the manufacturer with the wrong fuel tank. A new tank is ordered and it will be installed. Mr. Cox reported to the city council that the Ash trees marked with green paint were treated for the abatement of the Emerald Ash Borer. He also stated that the trees marked in red will be cut down over the next few years.

Ward Reports

Alderman Vandernick from the 1st Ward gave kudos to the new owners, and construction team making improvements to the parking lot and building at the former Walgreens building.

Alderman Hand from the 3rd ward commented on how nice the newly remodeled Utility office looks at City Hall.

Alderman Schuneman from the 3rd Ward congratulated the Milledgeville Softball team for their State Finals victory, and also wished luck for the Sterling Softball team in their games at state.

Alderman Watts from the 4th Ward reminded everyone to visit and “like” the city’s Facebook page.

Mayor’s Report

Mayor Wescott introduced Ron and Roger Hoffman. Mr. Hoffman asked that the mayor and council recommend to the planning and zoning committee a zoning change from B-3 to I-2 for their property on Route 30.

Alderman Kuhlemier mentioned that along with his motion to approve the sending of this to the Planning and Zoning Committee for their meeting on June 13th, he would like to remind the council how helpful the Hoffman family has been for the city. A second was made by Alderman Folsom.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

Mayor Wescott invited everyone to the ribbon cutting for the Utility Office on Wed. June, 5th at 8:30 a.m. He also stated that he has been working on appointments, and will have more information about that to bring to the council in the future.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn by Alderman Folsom and second by Alderman Reitzel

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

Minutes for approval at the June 18th, 2013 City Council Meeting

Eric Arduini, City Clerk