

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

June 18th 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 18th, 2013 in Rock Falls by Mayor William B. Wescott.

City Clerk Eric Arduini called the roll following the Pledge of Allegiance. Present was Mayor William B. Wescott, Alderman Vandernick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Folsom, and Watts. Alderman Hand and Schuneman were absent. In addition Attorney Reese, and City Administrator Blackert were present.

A Public Hearing was held for written, or oral comments from citizens regarding the proposed Appropriation Ordinance 2013-2112 for the Fiscal Year commencing May 1, 2013 and ending April, 30, 2014. There was no correspondence or oral questions. Mayor Wescott gave a brief explanation of the Appropriation Ordinance.

Ordinance First Reading

2013-2115 Amendments to Sec. 15-54 **(d)** adding language to the violations and penalties section of the City Code to bring it in line with the current code enforcement process utilized by the city. A motion to accept the first reading was made by Alderman Vandernick and second by Alderman Snow.

Vote: 6 aye, motion carried

Ordinance Second Reading/ Adoption

Ordinance 2013-2110 Amendments to Sec. 15-422 burning to change the language stating that yard waste is not to be transported through town to be burned. A motion to accept was made by Alderman Vandernick and second by Alderman Snow.

Vote: 6 aye, motion carried

Ordinance 2013-2111 Amendments to Sec. 15-1 Utility Office Created to change language including the term “manager” to “crew leader” Adm. Blackert stated that this will put the utility office in line with the union contracts. A motion to accept was made by Alderman Kuhlemier, and second by Alderman Vandersnick

Vote: 6 aye, motion carried

Ordinance 2013-2112 Appropriation Ordinance 2013-2014. A motion was made to accept by Alderman Kuhlemier, second by Alderman Watts.

Vote: 6 aye, motion carried

Ordinance 2013-2114 Amendment to Ordinance 90-1565 Whiteside County Enterprise Zone to amend the Enterprise Zone boundaries. It was explained by Mayor Wescott, and Adm. Blackert that this expansion is necessary for a new elderly care facility in Morrison. A motion was made to accept by Alderman Kuhlemier, and second by Alderman Vandersnick.

Vote: 6 aye, motion carried

Consent Agenda

1. Approve the Minutes of the June 4th, 2013 Council Meeting
2. Approve the bills as presented
3. Request from the Public Works Committee to accept bids for a new utility truck for the Sewer Department as specified with an estimated cost of \$97,500
4. Accept the bid from Merema Brothers Inc. – 2900 Waller Rd. Fulton, Il. for a 2013 Bobcat S570 in the amount of \$30,249.00
5. Accept the Bid from Murray and Sons Excavating Inc. – 21304 Mathew Rd. Sterling, IL for roto tilling, shaping, and removing coarse aggregate in the process of road repairs at various locations in the amount of 20,800.00
6. Approval of the recommendations from the Planning and Zoning Committee for a rezoning request at 3307 West Route 30 which is within the 1-1/2 mile radius of the city limits from B-3 to I-2
7. Approval of the recommendations from the Planning and Zoning Committee for a special use permit for 2206 Prophet Road which is within the 1-1/2 mile radius of the city limits from R-2 to R-2/SPU

8. Approval of the Proclamation that June 15th, 2013 be proclaimed "Juneteenth" in the City of Rock Falls

Mayor Wescott asked that item number nine from the consent agenda be moved to Adm. Blackert's report as item number three. Alderman Folsom made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda, and a second by Alderman Vandersnick.

Vote 6 ayes, motion carried

City Administrator Robin Blackert:

1. Recommendation for the lease of 4 2014 Police Interceptor Utility squad cars from Pete Harkness Ford Inc. - 2811 Locust St. Sterling, Il on a 4 year lease in the amount of \$41,016.00 per year. Adm. Blackert explained that the city has shopped 3 quotes for leasing. Along with the price, Pete Harkness also has a dealership in Rock Falls. Due to the age and condition of the current Police cars the city will not be able to keep the others running safely while purchasing one per year to replace them. This is why the decision was made to lease four cars rather than purchase one at this time. Alderman Kuhlemier expressed his dislike for leasing cars, but agreed that this is necessary at this time. Alderman Watts commented that at the end of the four year lease, the City will be able to purchase the cruisers for \$1.00 each. A motion to accept the lease agreement was made by Alderman Kuhlemier, and second by Alderman Reitzel.

Vote: 6 ayes, motion carried

2. Renewal of contract with Tympani Inc. 2001 Butterfield Road Suite Number 250 Downers, Grove IL. for Cisco SMARTnet IP telephone maintenance for one (1) year. In the amount of \$12,398.15. Adm. Blackert explained that this may be less than the quoted price due to the fact that this contract has 100 voicemail boxes, and that the city has no need for that many. City Attorney Reese also stated that there is a significant savings to the city, if we sign this contract for three years rather than one year. Adm. Blackert stated that she did not anticipate any changes in phones in the next three years, and if it was the wish of the city then she would agree with the longer contract. A motion was made to approve the three year contract with Tympani Inc. for phone maintenance upon review of the contract from the city attorney by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Watts.

Vote: 6 ayes, motion carried

3. Approve the revised contract with Moring Disposal Inc. P.O. Box 158 Forreston, IL. for the collection of residential solid waste, recyclable materials, and yard waste for the period of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2018. City Attorney noted 2 small changes in the contract to the Aldermen. The first change was the hours of operation from 5p.m. to 6p.m. and another changing 3(three) Christmas trees to 1(one) Christmas tree per house for disposal. Mayor Wescott thanked the representatives from Moring Disposal for attending the City Council meeting, and made note that yard waste is now unlimited in a container marked with an X or Kraft bags. Larry Moring thanked the council. Alderman Watts also stated the cost reductions to the citizens of Rock Falls from this contract. He stated that the cost of a bulk sticker is going from \$1.40 to \$1.00, and yard waste stickers no longer have to be purchased. Alderman Reitzel reminded residents that garbage items set out need to be 30 lbs. or less. City attorney Reese made mention of the previously adopted ordinance that does not allow yard waste to be transported through town for disposal. Motion to accept was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Watts.

Vote: 6 ayes, motion carried

City Engineer Brian Frickenstein

Mr. Frickenstein reported that grinding will begin next week on the Dixon Avenue road project.

Alderman Report

Alderman Kuhlemier commented that the parking lot at the City Hall Complex looks nice with new striping, and the sandblasting of all of the old paint from the curb. He also informed the council on the passing of Lois Fulrath, wife of the former Rock Falls Alderman Paul Fulrath.

Alderman Watts informed the council that there are many family friendly activities scheduled for next week at Moore Tires on East Rt. 30 in Rock Falls. Including a burnout competition, and Bigfoot monster truck. He stated that in an effort to improve communication in the 4th ward, he will be hosting a neighborhood meeting at his house on Wednesday July 10th. He stated that his address along with more information is available on Facebook.

Standing Committees:

Electric – Chairman Hand (06-25-13 @ 8:15 a.m.)
Finance-Chairman Kuhlemier (06-25-13 @ 6:00 p.m.)
Ordinance/License- Chairman Vandersnick (06-27-13 @ 6:00 p.m.)
Personnel/Safety-Chairman Vandersnick (06-27-13 @ 6:00 p.m.)
Building Code- Chairman Snow (cancelled)
Public Works –Chairman Reitzel (07-11-13@ 5:30 p.m.)
Public Property – Chairman Folsom (07-11-13 @ 6:00 p.m.)

Mayor’s Report

Mayor Wescott announced the appointments that he recommends for the Hennepin Canal Committee. He stated that this will be an advisory committee to the city council. They are John Larson, Larry Spinka, Mike Sterba, and Tim Wilson. Alderman Reitzel stated that these people are a good choice for this committee. A motion to accept these appointments was made by Alderman Folsom, and second by Alderman Reitzel.

Vote: 6 ayes, motion carried

Mayor Wescott also announced that he plans to hold regular “Committee of the Whole” meetings in the future, and the first one will be on July 22th at 6:00p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Adjournment

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

Vote 6 aye, motion carried

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

Eric Arduini, City Clerk