

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

July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Aldermen of the city of Rock Falls was called to order at 6:30 p.m. July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013 in the Council Chambers of Rock Falls by Mayor William B. Wescott.

City Clerk Eric Arduini called the roll following the pledge of allegiance. A quorum was present including Mayor William B. Wescott, Alderman Vandernick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Schuneman, Hand, Folsom, and Watts. In addition Attorney Reese, and City Administrator Blackert were also present.

## **Community Affairs**

A plaque was presented to Dick Linville for his service to the City as serving on the Industrial Development Committee for ten years. Mayor Wescott also thanked Mr. Linville for helping make Rock Falls a better place to live, not only by serving on the IDC, but also by refurbishing the train bridge over the Hennepin Canal into the Linville Crossing.

## **Ordinance: Second Reading/ Adoption**

Ordinance 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 was made by Alderman Vandernick, and second by Alderman Reitzel.

## **Vote 8 aye, motion carried**

Ordinance 2013-2117 Amendments to Sec. 2-76 - Standing Committees. This amendment consolidates the committees of Ordinance and Finance into one, and also consolidates the committees of Public Works, and Public Property into one. This ordinance also contains language defining the main functions of each committee. A motion was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Schuneman.

## **Vote 7 aye 1 nay -Folsom, motion carried**

## **Consent Agenda**

Approve the Minutes of the June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013 City Council Meeting.

Approve the bills as presented. A motion to accept the consent agenda.

Alderman Hand made a motion to accept, and a second by Folsom to approve the consent agenda by omnibus vote designation.

**Vote 8 aye motion carried**

## **City Administrator Robbin Blackert**

Admintrator Blackert wished the Mayor Happy Birthday. She also announced that the roof bids were opened, and there was only one bid. It was from Sterling Commercial roofing for a total of \$321,700. She explained that the City was approved for grants to pay for this project fully, however the State has not yet released these funds for public projects. She stated that the general fund does have enough in reserves to cover the cost until the grant money is released. She also explained that due to the specifications required by the grants, this made the available contractors who can perform this work limited, and that may be the reason for only one bid. A motion to accept the bid from Sterling Commercial Roofing for \$321,700 was made by Alderman Kuhlemier, and second by Alderman Folsom.

**Vote 8 aye motion carried**

## **City Clerk Eric Arduini**

Clerk Arduini reminded the Council that the IML conference is coming up in October, and he urged the council to inform the Clerk's office of who will be attending, so that proper arrangements can be made.

## **Water / Street Superintendent Ted Padilla**

Superintendent Padilla reported that on June 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m. a water main break occurred when a steam roller being used for the Dixon Avenue repair project rolled over it. He wanted to thank all of the city workers across many departments for their cooperation in getting this fixed. He also wanted to thank the employees of Twin City Construction for their help during the event. He stated that Dixon Avenue is very busy at that time of day, and many workers were there until near dusk. He commented on the new ADA ramps that were installed on the sidewalks during the project due to the requirements of it being a Federal-Aid Urban road project. Alderman Folsom wanted to say thanks for the good job the Street Department did on 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Alderman Kuhlemier commented on the good work done on the corner of W.12<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. The mayor stated that Adm. Blackert and he had been on the scene during the water main break, and they were struck by how efficiently this repair was done, and the

cooperation with the city employees, and Twin City. Mr. Padilla stated that the item on the agenda will be going to the Public Works Committee for further discussion.

## **Ward Reports**

### Ward 1

Aldermen Mark Vandernick and Daehle Reitzel both encouraged the Mayor to have a Happy Birthday.

### Ward 2

Alderman Glen Kuhlemier reported that someone had removed a plaque for Sam Leaf from the cement in front of the Library. He stated that he found the plaque and returned it to city hall, where the Mayor then gave it to the Optimist club to be replaced. He spoke many good words of Sam.

Alderman Brian Snow wished everyone a safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

### Ward 3

Alderman Dave Hand wished everyone a safe 4<sup>th</sup>, and reported on the APPA conference that he had attended. He specifically brought up the technology in cell phones, and the role that they can play in customer service for municipal electric agencies.

Alderman Jim Schuneman hoped that everyone would wish his wife a Happy Birthday on Thursday. He also spoke of the APPA, and how his eyes were opened up to the dangers that our city electrical workers can face, and the dangers of hooking up a generator to your household electric. He was also enlightened by how well our department compares with other municipal electric agencies. He stated that the City of Rock Falls once again earned the RP3 Award for Reliable Public Power. This is an asset to our community because it can lower insurance costs, and provide for better bonding. Mayor Wescott stressed the importance of the continuing training of our leaders, and employees at these conferences. Alderman Schuneman also spoke in regards of the 19 firefighters who recently lost their lives in Prescott Arizona. The Granite Mountain Hotshots as they were known were a specialized crew for fighting wild fires. Alderman Schuneman made a motion that the city draft a letter to the city of Prescott with our sympathy, and concern. Second by Kuhlemier who also stated that this elite group were members of the community Fire Department.

**Viva Voce Vote 8 ayes motion carried**

Ward 4

Alderman Lee Folsom wished everyone a happy 4th of July.

Alderman John Watts announced that the new Dollar General is open at the former Walgreens location, and thanked the new developers for all the work that they put into the corner of 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, and 10<sup>th</sup> Street. Alderman Watts thanked the owners, and workers of Moore Tires for the great job they did in bringing family friendly activities to the City. They had a High School burn-out competition, ladies car care clinic, and monster truck show all free to the public.

Alderman Watts also wanted to inform the community about the events that are coming to the Firehouse Museum on the Fourth of July. There will be free fire truck rides, free lunch, and the museum will be open. He wants to thank Brian Tribley from The Firehouse of God and all of the volunteers for the work that they have done downtown. Alderman Watts also would like to remind residents and officials that he will be hosting a community meeting at his garage at 1407 11<sup>th</sup> Ave. Rock Falls on July 10<sup>th</sup> for anyone who wishes to come and ask questions of the city.

This is a way we can keep our residents informed and have a more open government.

Alderman Watts stated that the city's Facebook page is going well, and Alderman Snow thanked Alderman Watts for all of the work that he has put into the Facebook page.

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor William B. Wescott offered the council two appointments to the Industrial Development Commission. First Mr. Jeff Moore with a term beginning April 30<sup>th</sup> 2013 and ending April 30<sup>th</sup> 2018, and also Mr. Brian Snow with a term beginning April 30<sup>th</sup> 2013, and ending April 30<sup>th</sup> 2016. A motion to accept these nominations was made by Alderman Kuhlemier, and second by Alderman Vandersnick.

### **Viva Voce Vote 8 aye motion carried**

Mayor Wescott asked for a motion to accept the new Standing Committee memberships, dates, and times. A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Reitzel.

### **Viva Voce Vote 7 aye, 1 nay -Folsom**

#### **motion carried**

The Mayor requested a motion to go into executive session under Section 2(c) (5) of the open meetings act for discussion of purchase or lease of real estate. Alderman Vandersnick made the motion, and second by Alderman Snow.

### **Vote 8 ayes motion carried**

**Executive Session begins at 7:16p.m.**

**The city council exited Executive session at 8:00p.m.**

No actions resulted from executive session and a motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Folsom, second by Alderman Reitzel.

**Viva Voce Vote 8ayes motion carried**

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**Eric Arduini - City Clerk**