

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

July 16th 2013

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of Rock Falls, Illinois was called to order at 6:30 p.m. July 16th 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, and Watts. Alderman Folsom was absent. In addition Attorney Tim Zollinger, and City Administrator Blackert were also present.

Community Affairs

Mayor Wescott welcomed the viewers at home on Channel 5. This was the first council meeting to be broadcast following the installation of new equipment.

Ordinance: First Reading:

Ordinance 2013-2118 Amendment to Section 5-126 and Section 5-128 of the Municipal Code to require building permits for city projects. Administrator Blackert gave a brief description of the reasons for this amendment. Stating that it will put the city in line with the private contractors when doing work. It was also stated that the City will not be charged for the building permits. A motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance 2013-2118 was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Watts.

Viva Voce Vote 7 ayes motion carried

Consent Agenda

Approve the Minutes of the July 2nd, 2013 Council Meeting

Approve the bills as presented

Approve the Resolution 2013-663 Fiesta Day Parade Road Closures

Approve the Resolution 2013-664 Bridge the Community Run Road Closures

Accept the recommendation from the Public Works / Property Committee to accept the bid from Bonnell Industries Inc. 1385 Franklin Grove Road Dixon, IL for the purchase a 2013 Ford F-550 Utility Truck for the Sewer Department in the amount of \$88,970

Approval of "Pay request No. 2" from Willett Hoffman Associates to Sloan Electric Mendota, IL. for the Sewerage Improvements at the Fairview Lift Station in the amount of \$120,807.47

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

Viva Voce Vote 7 ayes motion carried

City Administrator: Robbin D. Blackert

Administrator Blackert explained that the Purchasing Procedures Manual had now been updated to make some language more specific. The changes also added language pertaining to prevailing wage, and performance bonds for contracts of more than \$5000.00. She also mentioned that tragedy that had occurred in the recent Prophetstown fire. This is her hometown, and she also felt pride in seeing the Rock Falls Fire Department prominently on the scene to help.

Information / Correspondence

Clerk Arduini informed the council as well as citizens that Municode is the company that post all of the city's ordinances online, and they have just released a mobile website that will allow people to easily find the Rock Falls City Codes on smartphones, and tablets.

Department Heads

Superintendent Padilla informed the council that the bids for equipment leases will be opened on the 18th. These bids will give our street department the equipment necessary to start work on the RB&W bike path along the river, and connect to the 1st Avenue Bridge. This project is expected to last two weeks.

Ward Reports

Ward 1

Alderman Mark Vandernick wished his son a happy 29th birthday.

Alderman Daehle Reitzel requested prayers for the people of Prophetstown who lost their homes and businesses.

Ward 2

Alderman Glen Kuhlemier stated that he served as Postmaster in Prophetstown, and that he knows if any town can recover and prosper from this Prophetstown can. He also commented that he has served this community for 27 years, and that along with his serving that time his wife has also served because of the nature of public service. He thanks his wife Deloris, and wishes her a happy 55th wedding Anniversary

Alderman Brian Snow hopes to keep the people of Prophetstown in our thoughts and prayers. He also stated that City inspections of businesses are important, and help keep many city buildings safe from disasters. He also wanted to keep the boy from Sterling in our thoughts after surviving a sand dune accident recently.

Ward 3

Alderman Dave Hand gave kudos to the efforts of all of the firemen involved in the Prophetstown fire, and he is sure that Prophetstown will recover and do well.

Alderman Jim Schuneman thanked everyone involved on the Dixon Avenue project. And stated that the 3rd ward is very pleased.

Ward 4

Alderman John Watts reported on the first of many ward meetings that was held at his residence on July 10th. He also thanked everyone who attended.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor William B. Wescott reported on the Prophetstown fire, and gave let the council know that there were 25 Departments involved spanning 5 counties. The water supply from Prophetstown was impacted, and at some point they began pumping water from the river to help contain the fire. Mayor Wescott commended all involved in the cooperative effort, and stated that 3 Trucks form Rock Falls were on the scene.

The Mayor announced to the council that the next council meeting will be photo day. The photographer will be taking both group pictures as well as individual pictures to be included on the city website.

Mayor Wescott stated that the "We Can" Program in Sterling is an effort to keep an eye on neighbors, and reminds everyone that has elderly neighbors during these hot summer weeks to check on their well-being.

The Mayor explained to the council, the times, route, and activities involved with the Fiesta Parade, and the Bridge the Community Run which will both be held on Sept. 14th starting at 8:00 for the Run and Noon for the Parade. The council was informed that the City Council is invited to ride in that parade and to meet at 11:30 if they are going to be involved. He said to expect much press to be coming soon about these events, and that there will be many organizations helping and a lot of volunteers needed to make this first annual event a success. The Mayor noted that the proceeds of this event will be held in a joint account with members of Sterling and Rock Falls deciding how to use the proceeds to further joint community projects for the benefit of bot towns.

Alderman Vandernick thanked everyone involved in moving this project ahead he stated that it has been a long time coming.

Alderman Kuhlemier remarked that the newly installed fountains at Centennial Park are now going, and they are lit up at night. He thanked the entities that had come together to make this project happen. He also spoke briefly about the Summer Splash event held by the Chamber of Commerce that occurred over the weekend.

With nothing else for the good of the council a motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Watts and second by Alderman Reitzel.

Viva Voce Vote 7 ayes motion carried.

Eric Arduini - City Clerk