

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

August 6<sup>th</sup> 2013

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of Rock Falls, Illinois was called to order at 6:30 p.m. August 6<sup>th</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, Aldermen Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Schuneman, Hand, Folsom, and Watts. In addition City Attorney Jim Reese and City Administrator Blackert were also present.

## **Community Affairs**

Julie Jacobs from the Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce addressed the council with some information about upcoming events. She spoke about the National Night Out taking place at Centennial Park. Julie also invited everyone to a "Market and Mingle" to be held at Wickert Insurance on Thursday August 15<sup>th</sup>.

Timothy Wilson Executive Director of Rock Falls Tourism introduced himself to the Council, and also distributed his business cards.

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

Ordinance 2013-2118 making an amendment to Section 5-126 and 5-128 of the Municipal Code to require building permits for city projects. A motion was made to adopt the ordinance by Alderman Vandersnick and second by Folsom.

**Vote: 8 ayes. Motion carried**

Ordinance 2013-2119 making an amendment to Ordinance 90-1565 "An Ordinance Establishing an Enterprise Zone within the Counties of Whiteside and Carroll, Illinois" to add additional land to the Enterprise Zone for a setback. A motion was made to adopt the ordinance by Alderman Kuhlemier, and second by Hand.

**Vote: 8 ayes. Motion carried**

## **Consent Agenda**

1. Approve the Minutes of the July 16<sup>th</sup> , 2013 Council Meeting
2. Approve the bills as presented
3. Approval of the recommendation from the Public Works Committee to have the city engineer begin the work involved for filing an application with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the dredging of the Arduini Boat Launch in the amount of approximately \$2000
4. Approve the recommendation from the Public Works / Public Property Committee to allow the request from Moring Disposal to change the City to five (5) day garbage pickup.
5. Approve the recommendation from the Public Works / Public Property Committee to establish curbside garbage pickup within the city.
6. Approve the recommendation from The Ordinance / License / Personnel / Safety Committee to have the City Attorney draft an ordinance allowing certain areas within the city be hayed.
7. Adoption of Resolution No. 2013-665 granting an (IRU) Indefeasible Right of Use Agreement with Illinois Fiber Resources Group dba iFiber.

Mayor Wescott spoke on item number five explaining that Moring Disposal will now be using one truck for recycling and garbage. This action of using the city streets for pickup rather than alleys will help keep 50,000lb trucks off of the alleys which are not meant to have that kind of vehicle travelling on them. Alderman Folsom inquired whether or not it would be difficult for emergency vehicles to maneuver through the streets with refuse trucks now sharing the street. Alderman Watts stated that he had spoken to emergency officials, and they stated that it could cause a problem but usually should not. Adm. Blackert also explained that the yard and bulk pickup will still be the same day as garbage pickup. Alderman Hand made a motion to accept the consent agenda, and second by Alderman Kuhlemier.

**Vote 8 ayes. Motion carried**

## **Information / Correspondence**

Clerk Arduini informed the Council that his office had received a "Thank You" card from the Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce for the "Summer Splash" event that was held in the RB&W District last month.

## **Ward Reports**

### Ward 2

Alderman Glen Kuhlemier thanked Electric Supervisor Dick Simon for his hard work and hours on the IRU contract with iFiber.

### Ward 3

Alderman David Hand stated that he has received many good comments on the Dixon Avenue project.

Alderman Jim Schuneman congratulated the Rock Falls age 9-10 Girls' Softball team for winning the State Tournament. He also congratulated the Boy's age 13-14 Little League for winning State and are now playing in Ft. Wayne Indiana. Mr. Shuneman has invited the teams to be guests at a city council meeting.

### Ward 4

Alderman John Watts reminded everyone that the Rock Falls Optimist Club is sponsoring a Touch-A-Truck event at the RB&W District on Saturday August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013. He mentioned numerous types of vehicles confirmed to be attending. He also mentioned that a Selmi's sweetcorn boil will be going on the day of the event along with limo and fire truck rides.

## **Mayors Report**

Mayor Wescott wanted to let everyone know that grinding of the roads will begin this week as part of the 2013 road program. The roads will be seal coated and finished beginning August 12. Mayor Wescott also congratulated the Rock Falls Little league teams, and spoke on the importance of sports for children and families. Mr. Reese congratulated the Mayors of both Sterling and Rock Falls for working together on the Bridge the Community 5K/10K run, as well as their picture on the front page of the Sun Newspaper.

A motion was made by Alderman Vandernick and second by Alderman Watts to enter into executive session for the purpose of Personnel- Section 2 (c)(1) , Collective Bargaining - Section 2(c)(2), Purchase or Lease of Real Estate - Section 2(c)(5), and Discussion of Closed Session Minutes - Section 2(c)(21)

**Vote 8 ayes. Motion carried**

**Enter Executive session at 7:08**

**Exit Executive Session at 7:53**

#### **Actions resulting from executive session**

A Motion was made By Alderman Vandernick, and second by Hand to reject the attempt to overturn the Personnel Committees decision to discharge, and to reject the other requests made, for the reason that no evidence was presented to the City Council by the employee or anyone on his behalf.

**Vote 8 ayes. Motion carried**

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier and second by Reitzel to keep the last 6 months of closed session minutes confidential after review by the council.

**Viva Voce Vote 8 ayes. Motion carried**

#### **Adjourn**

With nothing else for the good of the council a motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Folsom, second by Reitzel

**Vote 8 ayes. Motion carried**