

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND  
ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS  
September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of Rock Falls, Illinois was called to order at 6:30 p.m. September 3<sup>rd</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.

**Special Recognition**

Special Recognition was given to Jeremy Vondra, a Rock Falls Police Officer, who had been promoted to Sergeant. Mr. Vondra is also the Rock Falls K-9 officer. Adm. Blackert commented that our K-9 dog Nero is so good because of Mr. Vondra.

**Audience Requests**

Jessica Stickel who is the 2013-2014 Class President for the Rock Falls High School asked the council for permission to hold the Rock Falls Homecoming Parade on Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. The parade will last 30-40 minutes. Alderman Snow made a motion to approve the request, and second by Reitzel

**Viva Voce Vote, motion carried**

### **Ordinance First Reading:**

Ordinances for first reading and approval included:

1. Approve Ordinance 2013-2123 Amendment to Sec. 10-99 Refuse collection hours
2. Approve Ordinance 2013-2124 Amendment to Sec. 15-418 Condition of Refuse for collection.
3. Approve Ordinance 2013-2125 Ordinance allowing for haying within city limits
4. Approve Ordinance 2013-2126 Intergovernmental Agreement with Sterling for consolidation of Fire Administration duties.
5. Approve Ordinance 2013-2127 Prairie Grass Plots Authorization and Regulation

A motion was made by Alderman Vandernick to approve these ordinances for first reading, and second by Snow

#### **Viva Voce Vote, motion carried**

Alderman Kuhlemier asked that Ordinance 2013-2122 an amendment to Sec. 8-256 to allow Convenience Store Liquor Sales be removed from the group of first reading Ordinances, and be discussed with a roll call vote. A motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2013-2122 was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Watts.

**Vote- 5 Aye (Vandernick, Reitzel, Snow, Schuneman, Watts) 3 Nay (Folsom, Kuhlemier, Hand) Motion carried**

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

A motion was made by Alderman Vandernick, and second by Kuhlemier to approve Ordinance 2013 - 2121 an amendment to Section 13-116 Street Numbering System

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

A motion was made by Alderman Hand, and second by Kuhlemier to approve Ordinance 2013 - 2128 an agreement between the city of Rock Falls and the IBEW Local 196 Utility Employees.

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

### **Consent Agenda:**

1. Approve the Minutes of the August 20<sup>th</sup> , 2013 Council Meeting
2. Approve the bills as presented
3. Consent to sign the document and proclaim September 19, 2013 as “Drive 4 Pledges Day”
4. Approve the addition of meter bases to stoplights by Engel Electric 1514 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street Sterling, IL. in the amount of \$14,535  
A motion was made to accept the Consent Agenda by Alderman Hand, and second by Folsom

**Vote 8 ayes, motion carried**

### **City Administrator Report**

City Administrator Robbin Blackert requested that the council approve a “Block Party” on September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013. The event will be on Mary Ave. from East 10<sup>th</sup> Street to East 11<sup>th</sup> Street. The time will be from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. There will be approximately 50 people, and they will need 4 barricades. A motion to approve the block party was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Kuhlemier.

**Viva Voce Vote, motion carried**

Adm. Blackert asked the Council to approve an amendment to the purchasing policy regarding “Letter of Credit “ language which would allow a letter of credit from a bank to be used rather than a performance bond for projects less than \$100,000.00, and that are not being paid by Federal or State funds. A motion to accept the changes was made by Alderman Kuhlemier, and second by Watts.

**Viva Voce Vote, motion carried**

Adm. Blackert asked that the council approve Resolution 2013-666 IRU agreement with iFiber. This resolution is for some language changes in the agreement recommended by the Attorney for the Electric Department. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Alderman Hand, and second by Vandersnick.

**Vote 7aye, 1 Abstention (Kuhlemier) motion carried**

## **Information / Correspondence**

### **Eric Arduini, City Clerk**

Clerk Arduini read a letter from Michael Papoccia announcing a food drive named "Stock up our local Pantries Day" to be held on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013. This event is put on by Newman Central Catholic High School. A motion was made by Alderman Snow to have Rock Falls support this initiative, and second by Vandersnick

### **Viva Voce Vote, motion carried**

Clerk Arduini asked the council for approval of Resolution 2013-667 Review of closed Session minutes. These minutes had been reviewed in closed session by the city council. A motion was made by Alderman Hand, and second by Watts to approve the resolution.

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

## **Department Heads**

Electric Supervisor Dick Simon requested the approval of purchasing a "Reel Trailer" for the Electric Department from Brooks Brothers Trailers in Winfield Mo. In the amount of \$26,989 though this was not the low bid it was discussed that due to the lead time, and current projects being done the \$489.00 difference was acceptable. A motion was made by Alderman Hand and second by Alderman Reitzel.

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

## **Alderman Reports**

Alderman Snow informed the council that there will be a Building Code Committee meeting on September 11, 2013 in the North conference room at 5:15 p.m.

Alderman Watts stated that he has been getting many compliments on the changing landscape of the RB&W District along the riverfront. He mentioned the work that the Firehouse of God ministries has done along Wood Avenue. Mr. Watts mentioned that there has been many Facebook updates showing the progress around the city.

## **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Wescott said he has received many good phone calls on the road and alley work that the city has been doing.

He asked all of the council members to please let Police and Fire Departments know if they plan on being in the Fiesta Day Parade which begins at Noon on September 14<sup>th</sup>. The Mayor spoke about the routes of the 5K-10K Bridge the Community Run to be also held on September 14<sup>th</sup>. He stated that the Illinois Route 40 Bridge will be closed to all traffic at 7:30 a.m., and a "Kid's Fun Run" across the bridge will begin at 8:30 a.m. with the 10K and 5K to follow beginning at 9:00 a.m. The bridge will be re-opened, and closed again for the Fiesta Day Parade. There is a volunteer meeting for the Bridge the Community race being held at the Rock Falls Community Building on September 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Wescott informed the council that there is a Fishing Derby sponsored by the Optimist Club being held at Centennial Park at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

Mayor Wescott also announced that there will be a joint council meeting with Sterling in the Rock Falls Council Chambers on September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Alderman Folsom and second by Alderman Reitzel to adjourn at 7:20 p.m.

**Viva Voce Vote - Motion carried**