

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

October 1st, 2013

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of Rock Falls, Illinois was called to order at 6:30 p.m. October 1st, 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 Attorney Tom Sanders, and City Administrator Blackert were also present.

Special Recognition

Special Recognition was given to the newly appointed Chief Gary Cook, Deputy Chief Bill Milby, and Captain Ken Wolf. They were each presented with pins by their wives.

Community Affairs

City Administrator Robbin Blackert spoke for the Chamber of Commerce. She reported that Congresswoman Cheri Bustos will be meeting with local business owners at the Chamber of Commerce Building on October 9th at 11:30 a.m. Adm. Blackert also spoke about the Rock Falls Uptown Trick or Treat on October 31st starting at 4:00 p.m. She informed the council that Hometown Holidays will be November 21-24 this year, and a guest bartender night is scheduled for October 18th.

Glen Kuhlemier updated the council about the work that Tim Wilson of the Rock Falls Tourism office has been doing with Pastor Brian Tribley at the Jim Arduini Boat Launch. The Firehouse of God group has painted the benches, and done a lot of nice cleanup around the area.

Ordinance: Second Reading / Adoption:

A motion was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Watts to adopt Ordinance 2013-2123 Amending Sec. 10-99 of the Rock Falls municipal code "Refuse collection in certain areas; hours restricted.

Vote 8 Ayes motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Vandersnick, and second by Alderman Snow to adopt Ordinance 2013-2124 Amending Sec. 15-411 and Sec. 15-418 repealing the use of yard waste stickers, and designating containers for yard waste.

Vote 8 Ayes motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Hand to adopt Ordinance 2013-2130 Amending Sec. 15-412 "containers for garbage collection"

Vote 8 Ayes motion carried

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Alderman Hand, and second by Alderman Reitzel to approve the consent agenda by omnibus designation. Items on the consent agenda were:

1. Approve the Minutes of the September 17th, 2013 Council Meeting
2. Approve the bills as presented
3. Approve Ordinance 2013-2133 - Disposal of Equipment - Vermeer Trencher
4. Approval for the Electric Department to seek bids for a Mini Excavator

Vote 8 Ayes, motion carried

City Administrator Report

Administrator Robbin Blackert updated the council on several issues. She informed them that the Municipal Roofing Project will be starting this week, and that the canopies are painted. The roofs on the canopies will also be replaced.

Adm. Blackert reported on the video gaming machines, and she stated that there are currently 26 Machines, and income for August was \$4180.81.

The new Police Interceptors have been delivered, and striped. They will be going to Tinley Park to have the radios, and lights installed.

She also informed the council that engineering has begun for a sewer and water main extension West on Route 30. The extension along with a lift station will be needed to handle future business and residential needs.

Ward Reports

Ward 1

Alderman Daehle Reitzel asked that the Aldermen try to get together before the November 7th Public Works meeting to evaluate the roads and sidewalks in their wards. He asked that each ward report the 4 neediest roads, and 6 sidewalks.

Ward 2

Alderman Glen Kuhlemier stated that he attended an IMEA meeting in Springfield, IL. He wanted to inform the council that contrary to what some people in Cleveland, Ohio may say, the Prairie States power plant will be generating power for our city as the bugs get worked out. He also stated that the demand for natural gas is going up, and if semi-trucks are converting to using it for their fuel, the prices will go up as well. Alderman Hand stated that Trimble County 1 and 2 from which the city obtains electricity are clean coal plants. Mr. Kuhlemier elaborated stating that the Trimble County plants were used by the EPA to write the

regulations for clean coal production, and Prairie States is being used to draft the new regulations.

Ward 3

Alderman Dave Hand hopes for a quick resolution to the Federal Government shutdown.

Alderman Jim Schuneman mentioned an article worth reading in the Illinois Municipal Review magazine for anyone attending the IML conference.

Ward 4

Alderman Lee Folsom wished that the legislators would come to a compromise in Washington.

Alderman John Watts thanked Aldermen Hand, and Kuhlemier for their electric information. He then spoke on the carnival held at the RBW District celebrating the 100th anniversary of St. Mary's. Alderman Hand commented that the lights of the carnival were very nice looking coming across the bridge.

Mayor's Report

Mayor William Wescott spoke about volunteerism in the community, and thanked Pastor Brian Tribley and the Firehouse of God Ministries for their work clearing and painting at the Jim Arduini boat launch. He stated that the group seems to be expanding, and encourages others to grab some gloves and help if they see Brian.

Mayor Wescott gave kudos to the Homecoming parade, and he was impressed with the turnout. The Mayor has been taking calls about the new garbage procedure, and stated that the new truck has 2 buckets on the front that separate the garbage from recycling. He also said that the new truck is longer, but lighter.

The Mayor spoke about the road projects that have been done this year. He stated that the difference in price between a tar and chip road compared to a blacktop road can be very large, and due to fiscal and financial concerns the days of new blacktop roads with curb and gutter are gone. He stated that the money for road projects do not come from property taxes, and the only money that the city gets for street repairs comes from motor fuel tax, and sales tax. Alderman Kuhlemier added that oil and pea gravel have been used for years in the city. Alderman Hand stated that blacktop used to be more cost effective than it is now.

With nothing else for the good of the council a motion was made by Alderman Folsom, and second by Alderman Reitzel to adjourn at 7:20 p.m.

Viva Voce Vote motion carried