

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

October 15th, 2013

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of Rock Falls, Illinois was called to order at 6:30 p.m. October 15th, 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, Folsom, and Watts. Alderman Hand was absent. In addition City Attorney Jim Reese, and City Administrator Blackert were also present.

Mayor Wescott led the council in a moment of silence for the passing of Marcella Hand, the mother of Alderman David Hand.

Ordinance Second Reading / Adoption

A motion was made by Alderman Vandersnick and second by Schuneman to adopt Ordinance 2013-2131 for the annexation of the property located at 424 Haskell Ave. into the city of Rock Falls.

Vote 7aye, motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Vandersnick to adopt Ordinance 2013-2132 for the annexation of the property located at 420 Haskell Ave. into the city of Rock Falls.

Vote 7aye, motion carried

Consent Agenda

1. Approve the Minutes of the October 1st, 2013 Council Meeting
2. Approve the bills as presented
3. Approve the amendment of the lease agreement with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources associated with the Rock Falls Hydro Facility.
4. Approve Resolution 2013-668; Request Approval for the Hometown Holidays Parade November 23rd, 2013, sponsored by the Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier, and second by Reitzel to approve the consent agenda by omnibus vote.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

Clerk Arduini presented all of the council members with a preliminary draft of the 2013 Audit. He asked that the council review it and bring any questions to the Finance Committee meeting on October 22, 2013.

Electrical Director Dick Simon asked the council for approval of a quote from Clawson Communications of 474 Park 800 Drive, Greenwood, IN. to provide labor for fiber splicing in Rock Falls. The amount of the quote is \$10,560.00. Attorney Reese noted that the quote was lacking a prevailing wage addendum. A motion to approve the quote with all legal requirements of prevailing wage was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Kuhlemier.

Vote 7 Aye, motion carried

Mr. Simon asked the council to approve the low bid for the City of Rock Falls Electric Department Fiber Build Out project to Kelso Burnett Co. of 5617 Sockness Drive Rockford, IL. in the amount of \$446,537.00. A motion to accept the bid was made by Alderman Kuhlemier, and second by Schuneman.

Vote 7 Aye, motion carried

Mr. Simon asked the council to approve the contract for the fiber build including the boring of 5 miles of 4" pipe for the iFiber project out with Kelso Burnett Co. of 5617 Sockness Drive Rockford, IL. in the amount of \$446,537.00. A motion to accept the contract was made by Alderman Kuhlemier, and second by Schuneman. Adm. Blackert, and Alderman Kuhlemier thanked Mr. Simon for all of his hard work on this project.

Vote 7 Aye, motion carried

Police Chief Mike Kuelper requested approval for the 2013 Halloween hours. He reported that he has met with the Sterling Police, and the Whiteside County Sherriff about Halloween 2013. The trick-or-treating hours will be 4:30- 7:00 on October 31st. He stated that there is to be no leaf burning in the city on that day. He also requested that all children be accompanied by an adult. He reminded everyone that if you get any suspicious candy, you can bring it to the Police Station, and if you see any suspicious activity please report it to the police. He also thanked the officers, and detectives for their work in finding the vandals who had caused damage at the Street Department and parks around the community. A motion was made to accept the Halloween hours, and ban leaf burning for October 31st, 2013 by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Watts.

Viva Voce Vote, motion carried

Ward Reports

Alderman Glen Kuhlemier spoke about the death of LaVerne Montgomery. She and her husband Bill had started Yellow Cab Company, Her husband was Township Supervisor, and LaVerne was the founder of the Women's Garden Club. She was very active in the Church as well.

Alderman Lee Folsom hopes that the legislators in Washington get to work.

Mayor's Report

Mayor William Wescott announced that he will be out of town for the IML conference in Chicago, and asked that in his absence Alderman Lee Folsom be appointed Mayor Pro-Tem for the dates of October 16th - 20th, 2013. He also asked that the city personnel attending IML make contact with one another, to cover as many of the classes as possible. A motion to accept Alderman Folsom as Mayor Pro-Tem was made by Alderman Kuhlemier, and second by Schuneman.

Viva Voce Vote, motion carried

Mayor Wescott announced that he will also be out of town October 23rd - 25th, and asked that in his absence Alderman Glen Kuhlemier be appointed Mayor Pro-Tem for the dates of October 23rd - 25th, 2013. A motion was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Schuneman.

Viva Voce Vote, motion carried

With nothing else for the good of the council a motion was made by Alderman Folsom, and second by Alderman Reitzel to adjourn at 6:55 p.m.

Viva Voce Vote motion carried