

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

November 19th, 2013

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of Rock Falls, Illinois was called to order at 6:30 p.m. November 19th, 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.

Audience Request

Janna Groharing representing Sauk Valley Shop Small informed the council about Small Business Saturday to be held on Saturday, November 30, 2013. She also asked the council to approve the signing of a proclamation by Mayor Wescott along with the Mayors of Dixon, and Sterling proclaiming Saturday, November 30, 2013 "SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY".

Community Affairs

Administrator Blackert reported on the Chamber of Commerce's "Hometown Holiday" events. Thursday November 21st is Bingo, Friday November, 22nd is the Love Light ceremony at 5:30 followed by the downtown Christmas Walk. Saturday November 23rd is the parade at 1p.m., and The Rock Falls High School Band will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast at the community building on Sunday November 24th from 8a.m. to 12:00 Noon. A motion was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Vandersnick to sign the proclamation.

Viva Voce Vote, motion carried

Tim Wilson from the Rock Falls Tourism office highlighted some of the long term projects he has been working on. He stated that updates to the website have been completed. He encouraged anyone with upcoming events to contact his office so he may add them to the calendar. Alderman Watts questioned the address of the website, and commented on the Tourism Facebook page. The tourism website is www.visitrockfalls.com

Ordinance Second Reading / Adoption

Ordinances 2013-2136, and 2013-2138 were pulled off of the agenda due to the fact that they cannot be adopted until after a public hearing.

1. Adopt Ordinance 2013-2134 amending Rock Falls Municipal Code Section 9-147 and Section 9-148 parking restrictions on West 2nd Street. A motion to adopt was made by Alderman Vandersnick, and second by Watts.

Vote 8 ayes, motion carried

2. Adopt Ordinance 2013-2135 changes in liquor sales hours. Mayor Wescott explained that this will put our hours in line with Sterling. Alderman Snow inquired as to when this ordinance would take effect, and Mayor Wescott explained it would be 10 days. A motion to adopt was made by Alderman Watts, and second by Schuneman.

Vote 8 ayes, motion carried

3. Adopt Ordinance 2013-2137 amending Rock Falls Municipal Code Section 13-37 for surface restoration of sidewalks. Mayor Wescott explained that this ordinance defines the formula for fill under sidewalks when repairs are done. A motion to adopt was made by Alderman Kuhlemier, and second by Hand.

Vote 8 ayes, motion carried

4. Adoption of Ordinance 2013-2139 amending Ordinance 90-1565 for adding land to the E-Zone in Mt. Carroll. Mayor Wescott explained that these ordinances are sent to all of the communities in the e-zone when changes are needed. A motion to adopt was made by Alderman Kuhlemier, and second by Vandersnick.

Vote 8 ayes, motion carried

Consent Agenda

1. Approve the Minutes of the October 15th, 2013 Council Meeting
2. Approve the bills as presented
3. Proclamation December Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month
4. Allow the application of an abandoned property program grant from the Illinois Housing Development Authority

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

Vote 8 aye, motion carried

Department Heads

Police Chief Mike Kuelper informed the council, and residents of the road closures for the Hometown Holidays Christmas Walk and Parade.

Fire Chief Gary Cook presented the council with a monthly report for the Fire Department's activities. He also informed the council that due to the recent tornados, the Fire Department delivered a generator to the town of Washington, Illinois.

Ward Reports

Alderman Mark Vandernick informed the council that the Ordinance- License- Personnel- Safety Committee meeting will be moved to Thursday, November 21st at 5:30pm due to Thanksgiving.

Alderman Glen Kuhlemier wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

Alderman Brian Snow asked that our thoughts and prayers be with the residents of the city of Washington, IL.

Alderman Dave Hand asked that our thoughts and prayers be with the residents of the city of Washington, IL. and the other communities affected by the tornados.

Alderman Jim Schuneman wished the Newman Comets good luck at the state championship for football, and wishes everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

Alderman John Watts asked that people be thinking about the residents of Washington, IL, he also wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving. He reported that the city's Facebook page has extremely positive feedback, and its largest amount of activity from the pictures posted of the Police Department's new Interceptors.

Mayor's Report

Mayor William Wescott pointed out that on the City's website there are a number of "storybooks" with information about different parts, and departments of Rock Falls. He stated that economic development will soon be added to the page. Mayor Wescott spoke about Washington, IL. and its proximity to Eureka College. He also noted that the former City Administrator for Rock Falls and Washington, Richard Downey's house was one that was destroyed by the tornado. He urged the public to attend and enjoy all of the Hometown Holidays activities, and last year's Christmas Walk was one of the largest ever.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Alderman Vandernick, and second by Watts to enter executive session for Section 2(c)(11) threatened or pending litigation.

Vote 8 ayes, motion carried

Executive session began at 6:51p.m.

Actions resulting from Executive session

Alderman Reitzel made a motion, and was second by Schuneman requiring a super majority to waive the bid requirement for the installation of covers for 6 screw pumps at the Sewer Treatment Plant.

Vote 8 aye motion carried

Alderman Reitzel made a motion, and second by Schuneman to proceed with Sjostrom to perform the necessary work to install covers over the 6 screw pumps at the Sewer Treatment Plant in the amount of \$35,192.00

Vote 8 Aye, motion carried

Adjournment

With nothing else for the good of the council a motion was made by Alderman Folsom, and second by Alderman Reitzel to adjourn at 7:07 p.m.

Viva Voce Vote motion carried

Eric Arduini, City Clerk

William Wescott, Mayor