

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND

ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS

November 4th, 2014

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of Rock Falls, Illinois was called to order at 6:30 p.m. November 4th, 2014 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 Reitzel, Logan, Kuhlemier, Schuneman, and Watts. Aldermen Snow, Hand, and Folsom were absent. In addition Attorney Tom Sanders, and City Administrator Robbin Blackert were present.

Mayor Wescott announced that Alderman Snow was absent due to the unexpected death of his father-in-law. Alderman Hand was with his wife in the hospital, and Alderman Folsom was an election judge, and could not join the council.

Ordinance Second Reading/ Adoption

1. Ordinance 2014-2181 Amending Section 9-168 Resident parking on sections of West 2nd Street and 12th Avenue. A motion to approve the ordinance was made by Alderman Schuneman, and second by Alderman Watts.

Vote 5 Aye, motion carried

2. Ordinance 2014-2183 Amending Section 15-422. Burning. Mayor Wescott explained that this change will assure that yard waste is burnt only in the yard from which it originates, and it is not transported to be burned. A motion to approve the Ordinance was made by Alderman Watts, and second by Alderman Reitzel.

Vote 5 Ayes, motion carried

Consent Agenda:

1. Approve the Minutes of the October 21st, 2014 Council Meeting
2. Approval of bills as presented
3. Approval of Resolution 2014-699 Review of closed session minutes.

A motion to accept the consent agenda by omnibus designation was made by Alderman Schuneman, and second by Alderman Logan.

Vote 5 Aye, motion carried

City Administrator Robbin D. Blackert

City Administrator Robbin Blackert stated that Toys for Tots has installed a drop box for new unwrapped gifts in City Hall. She encourages all officials and Department Heads to help with donations for Toys for Tots. She stated that the box will be on site until December 8th, 2014.

Adm. Blackert announced that the City is will be applying for a Tourism Attraction Program grant through DCEO. The "TAP Grant" is a matching grant for up to one million dollars to bring an attraction to the area which would be marketed to people more than 50 miles

away. The city has been working with Willett Hofmann and Associates for the green space area, and the city will continue with WHA for preliminary, and more detailed plans for this grant. The RB&W District has been well received by the state with the city receiving over 6 million in funding for cleanup, and revitalization.

Information/Correspondence:

City Clerk Eric Arduini reminded the Council that the filing period for the April 7th, 2014 consolidated election is December 15th – 22nd. Due to the holidays, the deadline for filing any objections will be December 31st, 2014.

Department Heads:

Electrical Director Dick Simon asked the council for approval of the bid in the amount of \$63,075 from Kirby Cable Service 17842 Sumner Rd, Pecatonica, IL 61063 for the West 2nd Street lighting project. A motion to accept the bid was made by Alderman Kuhlemier, and second by Alderman Logan.

Vote 5 Aye, motion carried

Police Chief Mike Kuelper informed the Council of the road closures associated with the Hometown Holidays, and the events on November 21st and November 22nd. A motion to approve the closures, and parade was made by Alderman Reitzel, and second by Alderman Watts.

Viva Voce Vote, motion carried

Fire Chief Gary Cook explained that in order to receive FEMA funds for future disasters our MABAS agreement needed to be amended to adhere to the FEMA funding policies. A motion to approve Ordinance 2014-2184 for a MABAS contract addendum was made by Alderman Logan, and second by Alderman Schuneman.

Vote 5 Aye, motion carried

Chief Cook shared a picture of a Former Rock Falls Fire Truck that was purchased by the city in 1954, and sold to the town of Dalzell in 1980. This vehicle has now been fully restored to its original paint, and finish. Brian Tribley from the Firehouse Museum helped the restorer by providing pictures of the original paint job. This Fire Truck is now on display in Australia.

Building Inspector Mark Searing informed the council that prairie seed harvesting will be happening at Sauk Valley College with the help of Tim Keller. The harvesting will be Saturday November 8th from 9am-11am.

Ward Reports:

Ward 2:

Alderman Glen Kuhlemier sends his condolences to the friends and family of Kent McGonigle. Kent was a charter member of the RRDA, and a long time business man with former Alderman Ray Kulas. He also wanted to thank everyone for voting.

Ward 3:

Alderman Jim Schuneman echoed Alderman Kuhlemier's comments, and wanted to recognize Rick Rogers who finished 37th in his class at an Ironman competition in Hawaii. He had to swim in the ocean, bike 112 miles, and run a 5 hour marathon.

Ward 4:

Alderman Watts sends his thoughts out to Alderman Brian Snow and his wife.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Bill Wescott announced that the Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a meeting with the Council on December 9th, or 10th.

Mayor Wescott informed the Council that he was asked to speak on Sunday at 2pm before the Sterling Rock Falls Historical Society about the RB&W District history and future.

Mayor Wescott updated the Council on the OSLAD Grant, and reported that Matt Hanson from Willett Hofmann and Associates and himself went to Springfield for the second round of qualifying for the grant. He gave a 3 minute speech and said that the judges were impressed with the project. They are pleased to see Rock Falls is revitalizing the Brownfield area. He stated that we will not know until February or March if we will receive the grant.

Adjournment

With nothing else for the good of the Council a motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Watts, and second by Alderman Reitzel at 6:55pm

Viva Voce Vote motion carried

Eric Arduini, City Clerk