

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND

ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS

December 16th, 2014

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of Rock Falls, Illinois was called to order at 6:30 p.m. December 16th, 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, Snow, Schuneman, Hand, Folsom, and Watts. In addition City Attorney Jim Reese, and City Administrator Robbin Blackert were present.

Audience Request:

Rod Klecker of 219 Avenue C took a minute to explain that it would be helpful if the City would update their website with agendas, and minutes sooner. He also asked what is happening to the bike path with the hotel now being built on the riverfront.

Mayor Wescott explained that the city is working on building a new website that will help the city get more information to the public sooner. He also explained that the Bike and Walk Path will be along the park and extend under the First Avenue Bridge.

City Administrator Robbin Blackert explained that the path will continue behind the hotel and go east from the park.

Gift of Real Estate to the City - Doris M Celletti Revocable Trust

Mayor Wescott introduced Dennis Celletti to the Council. Mr. Celletti's parents Louis and Doris Celletti are gifting a parcel of land to the City. This land is just east of the new hotel. Mayor Wescott explained that there will be a path across the land, and within three years the City is to develop a picnic area, or overlook recognizing the Celletti Family.

Alderman Kuhlemier agrees with giving recognition to Mr. and Mrs. Celletti

Dennis Celletti considers it an honor to contribute to the city, and remember his parents.

A motion to approve resolution 2014-702 approving the gift of real estate and conditions for acceptance was made by Alderman Kuhlemier, and second by Alderman Folsom.

Vote 8 Aye, motion carried

Ordinance 2nd Reading / Adoption

A motion was made by Alderman Hand and second by Alderman Snow to adopt Ordinance 2014-2187 Tax abatement for electric bond.

Vote 8 Aye, motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Logan to adopt Ordinance 2014-2188 Tax abatement for motor fuel tax bond.

Alderman Kuhlemier explained that the tax abatement bond ordinance contains language that if the tax abatements do not take place, they would end up costing the taxpayers money in taxes.

Vote 8 Aye, motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Reitzel and second by Alderman Logan to adopt Ordinance 2014-2189 Building Valuation Data for Building Permit Fee Calculations

Vote 8 Aye, motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Shuneman to adopt Ordinance 2014-2191 Directing the advertisement for bids to sell surplus real estate (606 East 4th Street)

Vote 8 Aye, motion carried

Consent Agenda:

1. Approve the Minutes of the December 2nd, 2014 Council Meeting
2. Approval of bills as presented.
3. Resolution 2014-703 2015 M.F.T. General Maintenance materials

Mayor Wescott asked what the amount for MFT would be and Adm. Blackert stated \$152,000. She explained that MFT totals need to be given ahead of time, and they run calendar year. The city has been able to acquire salt at \$77.77 per ton which is higher than last year, but lower than many other communities that are going to be paying \$100.00 per ton. Adm. Blackert also explained that emulsion and rock for the emulsion machine has been added to this amount this year.

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

Vote 8 aye, motion carried

City Administrator Robbin D. Blackert:

Administrator Blackert informed the Council that she will be in her office until the end of the week, and then she will be on vacation for two weeks while her son is home visiting.

Ward Reports:

Ward 1:

Alderman Reitzel wishes everyone a Merry Christmas
Alderman Logan wishes everyone a Merry Christmas

Ward 2:

Alderman Kuhlemier mentioned that is nice to see the street sweeper out working in December

Alderman Snow wishes everyone a Happy Holidays, and a Safe New Year. He also wished his brother Grant Snow a Happy Birthday

Ward 3:

Alderman Hand wishes everyone a Merry Christmas, and a safe holiday
Alderman Schuneman wishes Merry Christmas and New Year to all of the Department Heads, and a Happy Birthday to Alderman Kuhlemier

Ward 4:

Alderman Folsom wishes everyone a Merry Christmas
Alderman Watts wishes everyone a Merry Christmas, and safe travels.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Wescott reminded the Council that the Christmas Party will be held on December 20th.

Executive Session

A motion to enter executive session for Section 2(c)(11) Threatened or pending litigation was made by Alderman Schuneman, and second by Alderman Snow

Vote 8Aye, motion carried

City Council entered Executive Session at 6:52pm

City Council resumed regular session at 7:13pm

Adjournment

With nothing else for the good of the Council a motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Folsom, and second by Alderman Reitzel at 7:14pm

Viva Voce Vote motion carried

Eric Arduini, City Clerk