

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND

ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS

September 16th, 2014

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

Audience Request:

Ashley Meenan, member of the Rock Falls Student Council approached the Council to request permission for the Rock Falls High School Homecoming Parade. The parade will be held October 9th, 2014 at 5:30pm. Police Chief Kuelper stated that he has reviewed the route and he approves the route. A motion to approve the Rock Falls High School Homecoming Parade was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Watts.

Viva Voce Vote, motion carried

Community Affairs:

Tim Wilson, Executive Director of Rock Falls Tourism announced that the last Voluntourism event for 2014 will be held on October 11th at the Firehouse Museum. He said that the parade, race and Carnival were all well attended this past weekend. Mr Wilson stated that the Tourism office will be purchasing paint for the floor of the Fire Museum. Tim Wilson informed the council that the Tourism Office will be moving on September 26th, 2014 to their new location at 102 East Route 30 Suite 5. He hopes that the City and Tourism board will agree to a time to meet and work out an agreement.

Alderman Watts thanked Tim Wilson for all of his help with the weekend events.

Executive Session:

A motion to enter executive session for Personnel Section 2(c)(1) was made by Alderman Folsom, and second by Alderman Hand.

Vote 8 Aye, motion carried

The council entered executive session at 6:47pm

The council returned to regular session at 7:10pm

Any action taken from Executive Session

A motion was made by Alderman Logan, and second by Alderman Schuneman to uphold the decision of the City Administrator, and deny the grievance brought forward by the IBEW Local 196.

Vote 8 Aye, motion carried

Ordinance Second Reading/ Adoption:

1. Adoption of Ordinance 2014-2178 Amending Section 9-149 (b) to add prohibited parking areas during school events. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Watts.

Mayor Wescott explained that this will affect East 5th, and East 6th Street, and no parking will be allowed on the north side of these streets during school events.

Vote: 8 Aye Motion carried

Consent Agenda:

1. Approve the Minutes of the September 2nd, 2014 Council Meeting
2. Approve the bills as presented
3. Resolution 2014-687 assigning a 2 acre parcel of land in the Industrial Park West to the Industrial Development Commission for future sale.
4. Resolution 2014-688 Agreement for offer of conditional employment with Police Operations Commander Tammy J. Nelson

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

Vote 8aye, motion carried

Information/Correspondence:

City Clerk Eric Arduini informed the council that petitions for the April 7th Consolidated Election may begin circulating on September 25th, 2014. He mentioned that the packets are available in the Clerk's office. The filing dates are December 15th - December 22nd 2014.

Department Heads:

Water Superintendent Ted Padilla informed the Council that the 7th Avenue water main project is 2/3 complete. The water main is installed, and the service lines are installed. The new lines have been pressure tested, and water samples have been sent in for testing. Mr. Padilla stated that the residents, and hydrants should have better water pressure.

Mayor Wescott mentioned that the street will now have 2 new fire hydrants.

Administrator Blackert reminded everyone that the road will remain gravel until improvements are done and the road is refinished.

Ward Reports:

2nd Ward

Alderman Glen Kuhlemier stated that he has been on the Route 30 Citizen's Advisory Group since its inception. IDT is holding a public hearing on October 9th at the Odell Library in

Morrison. There is a copy of the Environmental Impact Study at each of the libraries to be reviewed. Included in the study are many facts about traffic, and accidents along Route 30. Mayor Wescott added that this is not a typical public hearing. It will be open from 1:00 - 7:00pm, and this road got bumped up on the IDOT list due to the opening of the Thompson Prison. Mr. Kuhlemier also invited the council to attend the upcoming Finance meeting on September 23rd at 6:00pm, where the audit will be presented.

Alderman Brian Snow thanked everyone who helped with the 5K- 10K race, and parade. He also gave thanks to the police for placing the barricades for the weekend events.

3rd Ward

Alderman David Hand reported that the turnout was good for the Races, and parade, and these events are good for the city.

Alderman Schuneman would like to thank the IDNR for removing the five large trees that fell along the towpath after the recent storms. They came quickly to clean up the debris so that the Canal Crawl, and Bridge the Communities races could be held.

4th Ward

Alderman John Watts thanked all involved with this weekend's activities, and mentioned some more community events coming up. The Rock Falls Optimist Club is hosting a fishing derby this Saturday at Centennial Park from 8-11am. On September 27th the Rock Falls Optimist Club is also sponsoring a concert by "Heartache Tonight" an Eagle's tribute band also Rock Falls native Lauren Adams will be performing. That concert is from 6-9pm at the Sterling High School Centennial Auditorium.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Bill Wescott asked that Mr. George Logan Jr. be appointed to the following committees until after the election when the committees will be adjusted. Ordinance / License / Personnel / Safety (OLPS), Police / Fire, Building Code, Planning & Zoning. A motion to accept the appointments was made by Alderman Kuhlemier, and second by Alderman Folsom.

Viva Voce Vote, motion carried

Mayor Wescott announced that he will be in Chicago for the IML conferences, beginning Wednesday September 17th, through Sunday September 21st, 2014. A motion was made by Alderman Hand, and second by Reitzel to appoint Alderman Lee Folsom "Mayor pro tem" for the time that Mayor Wescott is gone.

Mayor Wescott also announced that there will be a Special City Council meeting at 6:00pm on September 29th, 2014. Following the Council Meeting the Committee of the Whole meeting will be held to discuss the rental inspection program, and ½ cent sales tax referendum.

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 7:30pm

Viva Voce Vote motion carried