

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

February 2nd, 2016

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of Rock Falls, Illinois was called to order at 6:30 p.m. February 2nd, 2016 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, Kleckler, Folsom, and Watts. In addition City Attorney Tom Sanders, and City Administrator Robbin Blackert were present.

Consent Agenda:

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda as presented by omnibus designation was made by Alderman Schuneman and second by Alderman Logan.

1. Approve the Minutes of the January 19th, 2016 Regular Council Meeting
2. Approval of bills as presented

Vote 8 aye, motion carried

City Administrator Robbin D. Blackert:

City Administrator Robbin Blackert informed the Council that the Electric Committee would like approval of the recommendation for a "Cost of Service Study" to be performed by Utility Financial Solutions - 1285 Sun Meadow Ct. Holland Mi. in the amount of \$27,450. The Committee reviewed the three lowest cost RFPs and recommend UFS. A motion to approve was made by Alderman Schuneman, and second by Alderman Logan.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Watts, and second by Alderman Snow to approve the job description for the Superintendent of the Utility Office with the starting salary range of \$55,000.00 to \$60,000.00 annually. Alderman Kuhlemier stated that this position was recommended by the auditors.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Shuneman, and second by Alderman Logan for the approval to advertise to fill the position of Superintendent of the Rock Falls Utility Office.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried

Administrator Blackert reported that she will be working on budgets, and the budget presentations will be held on March 28th and 29th.

Information/Correspondence:

Eric Arduini, City Clerk

Clerk Arduini informed the Council that the draft of the new codebook after the Municode revisions have been emailed to the Aldermen, and it will be on the Ordinance Committee agenda for approval.

Brian Frickenstein, City Engineer

Mr. Frickenstein presented the results of the MFT General Maintenance Bids, and recommended that the Council accept all bids.

Alderman Klecker asked about the miles/ adjusted unit cost stated in the bids. Mr. Frickenstein informed him that this is part of the IDOT specification.

Administrator Blacker added that we use both emulsion providers, to ensure adequate supply of product for the patching machine. A motion to accept all bids for the 2016 MFT General Maintenance was made by Alderman Reitzel, and second by Alderman Folsom.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried

Department Heads:

Twin City Joint Fire Command Chief Gary Cook informed the Council that the Red Cross will return to Rock Falls on March 12th. The Red Cross will be distributing smoke alarms to residents that requested them after they received door hangers. If anyone in the city does not have a smoke alarm the Red Cross can be reached at 815-963-8471 extension 8822.

Tourism Director Janell Loos informed the Council that Percussion-Palooza will be held at the Rock Falls High School on Sunday February 28th, 2016. The Louie Bellson Award will be presented, and the recipient has been invited to play on stage at the Big Cat Quest Tournament in June. Louie Bellson's drum set will be on display at the Percussion-Palooza event.

Mayor's Report:

A motion to approve the appointment of Mike Spain to the Planning & Zoning Committee to replace the current vacancy created with the resignation of Matt Lillpop was made by Alderman Folsom, and second by Alderman Reitzel. The term of the appointment will be from 2/1/2016 - 4/30/2018. Mayor Wescott added that the Planning and Zoning Committee requests the members to be seated on the committee.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried

Mayor Wescott invited the Council to a Breakfast Meeting with the Rock Falls Chamber on Thursday, February 18th @ 9:00 a.m. in the Community Building. He mentioned that there was a lot of good sharing at the last meeting like this.

Mayor Wescott informed the Council that a Committee of the Whole meeting will be scheduled on Monday February 22nd at 6:00pm. The meeting will be for discussion about establishing a Utility Board to oversee the Sewer, Water, Garbage, and Electric Departments. Any recommendations made by the board will be taken to the City Council for approval.

Mayor Wescott reminded the Council that on March 9th and 10th, 2016, the 27th Annual Rural Community Economic Development Conference will be held in Springfield. Any Alderman wishing to attend should let the Mayor know before the deadline of 2-16-2016.

With nothing else for the good of the Council a motion was made by Alderman Folsom, and second by Alderman Reitzel to adjourn the meeting at 6:53pm.

Viva Voce Vote, motion carried



Eric Arduini, City Clerk