

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

April 19th, 2016

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of Rock Falls, Illinois was called to order at 6:30 p.m. April 19th, 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, Snow, Kuhlemier, Schuneman, Kleckler, and Folsom. Alderman Logan was absent. In addition City Attorney Jim Reese, and City Administrator Robbin Blackert were present.

Consent Agenda:

The Consent agenda was read aloud by Clerk Arduini.

1. Approve the Minutes of the April 5th, 2016 Regular Council Meeting
2. Approval of bills as presented.
3. Approval of the low bid from Murray & Sons Excavating 21304 Mathew Rd. for concrete work in the City from May 1st, 2016 to April 30th, 2019 at a cost of \$33.50 /Linear Feet Curb and \$7.35/ Square Feet Sidewalk.
4. Proclamation May 2016 - Motorcycle awareness month.
5. Proclamation Municipal Clerks Week May 1st - 7th 2016.

Alderman Kleckler noted that the minutes presented did not list Alderman Snow as being in attendance at the April 5th Council meeting. A motion was made to approve the consent agenda by omnibus designation by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Folsom.

Vote 6 aye, motion carried

Ordinance Second Reading / Adoption

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier, and second by Alderman Schuneman for the adoption of **Ordinance 2016-2260** Adopting and enacting a new code for the City of Rock Falls, Illinois; providing for the repeal of certain ordinances not included therein; providing a penalty for the violation thereof; providing for the manner of amending such code; and providing when such code and this ordinance shall become effective.

Mayor Wescott noted that this is the end of a process that seemed to go on forever. Due to possible notifications to be made to the state Public Building Committee Attorney Reese asked that it be to be effective beginning June 1st, 2016.

Vote 6 aye, motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Reitzel, and second by Alderman Snow for the adoption of **Ordinance 2016-2261** - Disposal of surplus property

Vote 6 aye, motion carried

City Administrator Robbin D. Blackert:

A motion was made Alderman Reitzel, and second by Alderman Schuneman for the approval of the recommendation from the Public Works Committee for the purchase of a John Deere 5055E Tractor FT4 from Holland & Sons, 908 Bloody Gulch Road, Dixon, IL 61021. In the amount of \$15,810.00 and the trade of a 1995 Kubota L3600.

Vote 6 aye, motion carried

Administrator Blackert informed the Council that the second reading of the FY 17 budget was not included on the agenda. The Council will need to reconvene to approve the budget.

Information/Correspondence:

Eric Arduini, City Clerk

A motion was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Reitzel to approve **Resolution 2016-738** - lien release SFOOR Grant Recapture Agreement - 1202 W. 20th Street. Clerk Arduini explained that this was due to a death of the owner of the property.

Vote 6 aye, motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman, and second by Alderman Snow to approve of **Resolution 2016-740** authorizing the publication of notice of public hearing on proposed annexation agreement.

Vote 6 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Reitzel, and second by Alderman Schuneman for the Schmitt annexation petition to be referred to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Attorney Reese explained that with the purchase of the Schmitt property, there is an option to purchase additional land which will be annexed, and another portion not being purchased that will make the land contiguous to the City.

Vote 6 aye, motion carried.

Department Heads:

Building – Mark Searing

A motion was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Folsom to approve the recommendation from the Building Code Committee to award the 2016-2017 Lawn Maintenance contract to Williams Lawn Care 405 W. 20th Street Rock Falls, Illinois. Mr. Searing remarked that Williams was not the low bidder of the three bids submitted. The low bidder was deemed not responsible, and the second bidder did not understand his bid. The committee accepted a withdrawal of the bid from the second bidder.

Vote 6 aye, motion carried.

Mr. Searing reported that the new Building Department remodel is about 95% complete.

Ward Reports:

Ward 1

Alderman Reitzel reported seeing mattresses being delivered to the new Holiday Inn, it should be opening April 28th. Mr. Reitzel also asks that people look for bicycle riders.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Bill Wescott recommended appointments to the Police and Fire Pension Boards. A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman and second by Alderman Folsom to appoint Terry Gisi to a two year term to the Police Pension Board beginning June 1st, 2016 and ending May 31st, 2018.

Vote 6 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Folsom and second by Alderman Schuneman to appoint Gary Cook to a three year term to the Fire Pension Board beginning May 1st, 2016 and ending April 30th, 2019.

Vote 6 aye, motion carried.

Mayor Wescott explained the process used to find an appointment to the 4th Ward Alderman position after the March 31st resignation of Alderman John Watts. Mayor Wescott then introduced Mr. Troy Ebenezer. Mr. Ebenezer meets all requirements and would be appointed for one year until the election in 2017. A motion to approve the appointment of Troy Ebenezer to the City Council as Fourth Ward Alderman was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Folsom.

Vote 6 aye, motion carried.

A motion to approve Resolution 2016-739 Authorizing Execution of an agreement for Economic Development Consultation Services With Retail Attractions LLC form Owasso, OK. - pending the review of the City Attorney was made by Alderman Schuneman and second by Alderman Reitzel.

Vote 6 aye, motion carried.

Mayor Wescott informed the Council that the company that had filmed the videos that are on the website would like to update them. This is at no cost to the city, and the company will have more offerings to allow for videos to be made by City employees to be uploaded to the City website. A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman, and second by Alderman Reitzel to approve the 2016 Community Video Program Agreement with CGI Communications 130 East Main St. 5th floor Rochester, NY 14604 upon review by the City Attorney.

Vote 6 aye, motion carried.

Mayor Wescott reminded the Council that there will be a Committee of the Whole meeting on April 25th at 5:45pm to discuss the Utility Board formation, and Consolidated Dispatch

Executive Session

A motion to enter executive session for Section 2(c)(1) Personnel – Review of Department Head Contracts was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Schuneman.

Vote 6 aye, motion carried.

City Council entered into executive Session at 7:08pm

City Council returns to regular session at 7:23pm

A motion to approve and authorize the Mayor to re-appointment existing department heads with salaries not in excess of the amounts presented subject to signing an agreeable

employment agreement excluding Tourism Department, and the Utility Office Supervisor was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Schuneman.

Vote 6 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made to authorize wage increases as presented for the three hourly employees not covered by a collective bargaining agreement by Alderman Reitzel, and second by Alderman Schuneman.

Vote 6 aye, motion carried.

With nothing else for the good of the Council a motion was made by Alderman Folsom, and second by Alderman Reitzel to suspend the meeting and reconvene on Monday April 25th at 6:30pm.

Viva Voce Vote, motion carried

Meeting is suspended at 7:27pm



Eric Arduini, City Clerk