

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

May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of Rock Falls, Illinois was called to order at 6:30 p.m. May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016 in the Council Chambers of Rock Falls by Mayor Pro-Tem Glen Kuhlemier.

City Clerk Eric Arduini called the roll following the pledge of allegiance. A quorum was present including Aldermen Reitzel, Kuhlemier, Schuneman, Kleckler, Folsom and Ebenezer. Aldermen Logan and Snow were absent. In addition City Attorney Jim Reese, and City Administrator Robbin Blackert were present.

A public hearing was held at 6:30 p.m. to hear public comments about an Annexation Agreement governing the annexation to the City of Rock Falls, Illinois of a tract of land comprising approximately 26.59 acres. Hearing no comments the public hearing was closed.

**Proclamation:**

City Clerk Eric Arduini read aloud a proclamation. Alderman Reitzel made a motion and second by Alderman Schuneman to proclaim June 11, 2016 as "American Cancer Society Relay for Life Day of Whiteside County" in the City of Rock Falls. Mayor Pro-Tem Glen Kuhlemier presented a copy of the proclamation to Michael Robillard, Betty Clemenz, Cheryl Faber and Russ Siefken.

**Viva Voce Vote, Motion Carried**

**Community Affairs:**

Bethany Bland, President/CEO, Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce informed the City Council that the City Wide Garage Sale will be held this weekend, there are 120 sales listed and it should bring approximately 3,000 shoppers to the area. This is good exposure for the businesses in the area.

June 1<sup>st</sup> will be the grand opening of the Farmer's Market, the cost will be \$10.00 per retailer. This will help in the marketing of the Farmer's Market. The Harvest Fest will be held in August.

There has been over 30 groups that have signed up for Summer Splash so far.

The Deadline for the City's Sesquicentennial Logo Contest is June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016. So far there has been 5 high school students that have submitted logos.

**Consent Agenda:**

The consent agenda was read aloud by Clerk Arduini.

1. Approve the Minutes of the May 3, 2016 regular Council Meeting
2. Approval of bills as presented

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

**Vote 6 aye, motion carried**

**Ordinance First Reading:**

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman and second by Alderman Reitzel for approval of the first reading of **Ordinance 2016-2255** Adding Section 5.5 to Chapter 16 – Regulating Pawnbrokers.

Viva Voce Vote, Motion Carried

**Ordinances Second Reading/Adoption:**

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman and second by Alderman Reitzel to adopt **Ordinance 2016-2263** Annexing Territory into the City of Rock Falls.

**Vote 6 aye, motion carried**

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman and second by Alderman Ebenezer to adopt **Ordinance 2016-2264** Amending Section 1-41(e) General Penalty; continuing violations

**Vote 6 aye, motion carried**

A motion was made by Alderman Reitzel and second by Alderman Schuneman to adopt **Ordinance 2016-2265** Authorizing Lease of Personal Property for Public Purposes – two International Model 7300 4X2 plow trucks.

**Vote 6 aye, motion carried**

**City Administrator Robbin Blackert:**

Administrator Blackert stated that the Sauk Valley Landlord’s Association would like to have a cleanup day. The group has done a lot of work to solicit local business to join in this clean up. Moore Tires and O’Reilly’s will help with the cleanup. The group has asked that the City donate \$1000 to dispose of TVs. Self Help will bring a vehicle to pick them up. Rock Falls residents will need to produce a utility bill to ensure they live in Rock Falls. A motion was made by Alderman Reitzel and second by Alderman Folsom to approve the recommendation from the Public Works/Public Property Committee for a City-Wide Cleanup Day sponsored by the Sauk Valley Landlord’s Association to waive the RB&W District fee and make a donation of \$1,000.00 from the City to help in the disposal costs for the TVs.

**Vote 6 aye, motion carried**

Administrator Blackert stated that Robert W. Baird Bonding Services presented to the Finance Committee some preliminary structuring numbers and percentage rates for the issuance of \$2.0 million General Obligation Alternate Revenue Source Bonds.

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman and second by Alderman Kuhlemier to approve the recommendation from the Finance Committee for bonding services for riverfront development from Robert W. Baird & Co., 300 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 200, Naperville IL 60563.

Alderman Kleckler stated that Phase 1 development should be delayed for a year to see how funding will be coming in, he believes that this is the wrong time to be doing this.

Alderman Kuhlemier stated that this process has been going on for years with successive mayors and councils. The City needs to proceed sooner than later, the hotel is already there and this trail is for the use of the citizens of Rock Falls as well.

Alderman Ebenezer asked if the trail leads to anywhere, and could any of this money be used for roads?

Attorney Reese stated that they would be voting to engage Robert W. Baird to come up with the proposals for the bond issue. Use of the money in the TIF can only be used in the TIF District and the hotel tax money can only be used to promote overnight stays.

Administrator Blackert explained again that the property taxes and hotel taxes we would conservatively come in at \$170,000.00 for the bond payment. The City's \$400,000.00 grant is on hold from the State of Illinois, and there could be an additional \$1 million grant available. Phase one of the project consists of a trail, retaining wall, and bank work behind the hotel and phase two includes the pathways and entertainment venue.

Alderman Schuneman stated that this project was put into motion before we had the hotel. It may have attracted the hotel, and now the hotel may help fund the project. I'm glad that the citizens of Rock Falls will benefit from this.

**Vote 3 aye, 2 nay (Kleckler, Ebenezer) motion required to pass was 5 for a majority of the Council. The motion did not pass. Alderman Reitzel recused himself from this vote.**

#### **Information/Correspondence:**

A motion was made by Alderman Kleckler and second by Alderman Ebenezer to approve the recommendation from the Finance/Insurance Committee for liability and workman's compensation insurance premium for 2016-2017 to the Municipal Insurance Cooperative Agency (MICA) in the amount of \$447,151.00.

**Vote 6 aye, motion carried**

A motion was made by Alderman Kleckler and second by Alderman Kuhlemier to approve the recommendation from the Finance Committee to hire MWM Consulting Group, 55 East Jackson, Suite 1000, Chicago, IL in the amount of \$12,000.00 for Fire and Police actuarial services.

**Vote 6 aye, motion carried**

Attorney Reese stated that during the recodification of the City Code, a section of the former liquor code was altered by Municode regarding the resident manager, this needs to be put back in to the way it was. A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier and second by Alderman Schuneman to have the City Attorney draft an ordinance to add resident manager language back into the liquor section of the code book.

**Vote 6 aye, motion carried**

#### **Department Heads:**

A motion was made by Alderman Reitzel and second by Alderman Ebenezer to approve the water department purchase of two "Build-A-Boxes" from Lee Jensen Sales Co, 101 West Terra Cotta Avenue, Crystal Lake IL in the amount of \$23,900.00

**Vote 6 aye, motion carried**

A motion was made by Alderman Reitzel and second by Alderman Ebenezer to approve the water department purchase of meter from Ferguson Waterworks, 1720 State St., DeKalb IL in the amount of \$27,939.49.

**Vote 6 aye, motion carried**

#### **Executive Session:**

A motion was made by Alderman Reitzel and second by Alderman Kleckler to enter into executive session for the purpose of Section 2(c)(1) personnel - Review of City Administrator Contract.

**Vote 6 aye, motion carried**

City Council entered executive session at 7:23pm

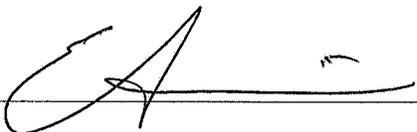
City Council returned to regular session at 7:42pm

A motion was made by Alderman Reitzel and second by Alderman Folsom to approve the City Administrator contract for 1 year with a 4% increase.

**Vote 6 aye, motion carried**

A motion was made by Alderman Folsom and second by Alderman Reitzel to adjourn. (7:45 p.m.)

**Vote 6 aye, motion carried**



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Eric Arduini, City Clerk