

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

August 16th, 2016

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of Rock Falls, Illinois was called to order at 6:30 p.m. August 16<sup>th</sup>, 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 Ebenezer. In addition City Attorney Jim Reese, and City Administrator Robbin Blackert were present.

**Special Recognition:**

Mayor Bill Wescott thanked the Rock Falls Little League Softball 10U team for their great job in winning the state tournament. The Mayor reminded the players that they play for their team, family, the City of Rock Falls and everyone who lives here. City Clerk Eric Arduini read aloud the proclamation, proclaiming August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016 as Little League Softball 10U State Championship Day in Rock Falls. A motion to approve the proclamation was made by Alderman Logan, and second by Alderman Folsom.

**Viva Voce Vote, motion carried**

**Consent Agenda:**

The Consent agenda was read aloud by Clerk Arduini. Alderman Kleckler noted that the vote count was missing from the final action of the August 2nd, 2016 minutes. A motion to approve the consent agenda by omnibus designation with corrections was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Logan.

1. Approval of the minutes of the August 2nd, 2016 Regular Council Meeting.
2. Approval of bills as presented.
3. Approval of **Resolution 2016-747** 2016 Bridge the Community Run.
4. Approval of **Resolution 2016-748** 2016 Fiesta Day Parade.

**Vote 8 aye, motion carried**

**Ordinance First Reading:**

A motion to approve the first reading of **Ordinance 2016-2284** was made by Alderman Schuneman, and second by Alderman Reitzel.

**Ordinance 2016-2284** Amending Chapter 1 Article II Division 1 Section 1-41 Reducing fines for certain cannabis and cannabis paraphernalia offenses.

**Viva Voce Vote, motion carried**

**Ordinance Second Reading/ Adoption:**

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier, and second by Alderman Logan for the adoption of **Ordinance 2016-2279** Repealing Subsection (39) of Section 18-152 of the Municipal Code removing parking restrictions on West 2nd Street.

**Vote 7 aye, motion carried (Alderman Reitzel recused himself from this vote)**

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier, and second by Alderman Logan for the adoption of **Ordinance 2016-2278** An ordinance authorizing and providing for the issue of not to exceed \$2,115,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2016, of the City of Rock Falls, Whiteside County, Illinois, for the purpose of paying the costs of projects within the Downtown Tax Increment Financing District of the City, including, but not limited to, developing public green space and a hiking and biking trail, improving the riverbank, and constructing an outdoor entertainment venue, public restrooms, a water feature and a skateboard park, the pledge of certain revenues to the payment of principal and interest on the bonds, the levy of a direct annual tax to pay such principal and interest if the pledged revenues are insufficient to make such payment, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof.

**Vote 6 aye, 1 nay (Kleckler) motion carried (Alderman Reitzel recused himself from this vote)**

#### **City Administrator Robbin D. Blackert:**

City Administrator Robbin Blackert reported that she has been pleased with the way working with Baird and Co. on the TIF bonds has gone. They have been very responsive and good to work with.

Administrator Blackert gave an update to the Council about the Illinois EPA Revolving Loan Fund request for the limestone building assessment. The state had earmarked the money in the last annual budget, and it was stopped in February. Last Wednesday the City received word that the funding has now been approved. There will be an intergovernmental agreement in September for the RLF funds, and Terracon has begun working with the demolition company to get the project on their schedule.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Reitzel to approve the request of a street closure for a block party on September 10th, 2016.

**Viva Voce Vote, motion carried**

Administrator Blackert informed the Council that she will be taking six days off for vacation this week and next to spend time with her son.

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

City Clerk Eric Arduini received an RB&W District Event Permit application from JJekkels Inc. to host a "Junk in the Trunk plus More" event on the riverfront patio September 24th, 2016 10am – 2pm. Matty Elliot approached the Council and explained that the new business will be a non-profit that offers respite care to area residents who may have been involved with Kreider Services. Mrs. Elliot explained that it would be a bit of a flea market during the rummage sales days. The vendors would pay for a spot in the sale, and money raised from the sale may go back to the fundraiser too. A motion to approve the application with proof of not-for-profit status and insurance, and waiving of the rental fees was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Schuneman.

**Viva Voce Vote, motion carried**

City Engineer Brian Frickenstein reported that Phase I of the RB&W Riverfront Trail had begun.

## Department Heads:

Building Inspector- Mark Searing

Building Inspector Mark Searing explained the sale of an abandoned property to Eduardo Trujillo. The original sales agreement gave Mr. Trujillo one year to bring the property up to code. A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Folsom for the approval of **Resolution 2016-749** Execution of a second amendment to cash sale real estate contract for the property at 606 East 4<sup>th</sup> Street. This will extend the time to October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016  
**Vote 8 aye, motion carried**

Inspector Searing reported that he has been in contact with Dunkin Donuts, and the project is coming soon.

Water – Ted Padilla

A motion was made by Alderman Reitzel, and second by Alderman Schuneman for the approval of the recommendation from the Public Works Committee to have well pump #4 rebuilt by Layne 721 W. Illinois Avenue, Aurora, IL in the amount of \$15,493.00. This pump can be used as a spare for the other wells in the future.

**Vote 8 aye, motion carried**

## Ward Reports:

### Ward 2

Alderman Glen Kuhlemier wished his wife Delores a happy 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. Alderman Kuhlemier also thanked Cory Jobe Director, Illinois Office of Tourism for having Rock Falls put on the Illinois tourism map. Rock Falls has hotels, and tourist attractions, yet had been left off of the map in the past.

Alderman Brian Snow wished his mother a happy birthday, and reminded residents to look out for children now that school is back in session.

### Ward 3

Alderman Jim Schuneman stated that Cory Jobe was a good speaker at the Blackhawk Trails Annual Conference. He also reminded everyone to watch for children.

### Ward 4

Alderman Folsom wants to inform the State of a bad spot on Route 30 and 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue in the Eastbound Lane.

## Mayor's Report:

Mayor Bill Wescott explained that due to his job, it is difficult for Alderman Ebenezer to make it to the Public Works / Public Property Committee meetings. Alderman Schuneman is available, and usually at the meetings already. A motion was made by Alderman Logan, and second by Alderman Snow to add Alderman Jim Schuneman to the Public Works /Public Property Committee.

**Viva Voce Vote, motion carried**

Mayor Wescott distributed renderings of the RB&W District Park and Veterans Park areas along the riverfront. Local residents plan to erect two memorials. One is for veterans, Police, Fire, and EMS personnel, and the other will be for Prisoners of War. The estimated costs for the memorials is around \$80,000, and the money will be raised privately. The City will provide street lighting, and run power to the lighted flag area. Mayor Wescott stated that this will be a wonderful memorial for our veterans, and the group would like some confirmation from the Council that the project will be allowed in the RB&W District space. A motion was made by Alderman Logan, and second by Alderman Snow for a resolution to be drafted concerning the memorials being placed in the RB&W greenspace.

**Vote 7 aye, motion carried (Alderman Reitzel recused himself from this vote)**

Mayor Wescott announced that he also had good news to share. After working diligently for the OSLAD Grant only to have it put on hold, and then relentlessly contacting the IDNR, and Senator Neil Anderson, along with other law makers this work has paid off. Senator Anderson called the Mayor last week, and the \$400,000 matching grant will be awarded to the City of Rock Falls. The money will be used for the engineering work that has been done, and it is great news to have it come along at this time.

#### **Executive Session**

A motion to enter executive session for collective bargaining section 2(c)(2) was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Logan.

City Council enters executive session at 7:15pm

City Council enters back into regular session at 7:36pm

#### **Actions Taken from Executive Session**

A motion approving the tentative agreement with the IBEW Local 196 Utilities approving the changes as outlined in the template subject to formal ratification was made by Alderman Kuhlemier, and second by Alderman Reitzel.

**Vote 8 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 adjourn the meeting at 7:38pm.

**Viva Voce Vote, motion carried**

Meeting is adjourned at 7:40pm



Eric Arduini, City Clerk