

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

September 6th, 2016

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

Audience Requests:

Mr. Jack Spencer approached the Council asking for the approval of the RB&W District application for the Bridge the Communities 5K/10K run. The funds raised go to have artistic banners placed on the First Avenue Bridge. A motion to approve the request along with a waiver of the fees and to provide electric at no charge was made by Alderman Reitzel, and second by Alderman Logan.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

Consent Agenda:

The Consent agenda was read aloud by Clerk Arduini. A motion to approve the consent agenda by omnibus designation was made by Alderman Reitzel, and second by Alderman Logan.

1. Approve the Minutes of the August 16th, 2016 Regular Council Meeting.
2. Approval of bills as presented.
3. Approval of the request of the Rock Falls High School for the annual Homecoming Parade on September 22nd, 2016 at 5:30pm.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

Ordinance First Reading:

Alderman Kuhlemier asked that the first reading of **Ordinance 2016-2282** be considered separately.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Reitzel to approve the first reading of:

1. **Ordinance 2016-2281** amending Chapter 6 Article III Division I Section 6-79 - Insurance Requirements for Contractors in the City.
2. **Ordinance 2016-2283** amending Section 32-132(a) Accepting wastewater from private septic or sewage systems.

Viva Voce Vote, motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman and second by Alderman Reitzel to approve the first reading of **Ordinance 2016-2282** amending Chapter 2 Article VI, Division 2 Section 2-198 Compensation for City Clerk.

Vote 6 aye, 1 nay (Kuhlemier) motion carried

Ordinance Second Reading/ Adoption:

A motion was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Schuneman for the adoption of **Ordinance 2016-2284** Amending Chapter 1 Article II Division 1 Section 1-41 Reducing fines for certain cannabis and cannabis paraphernalia offenses.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

City Administrator Robbin D. Blackert:

City Administrator Robbin Blackert reported that write offs for the utility office have been approved by the Electric, and Finance Committees. A motion to approve the recommendations from the Electric and Finance Committees for utility write-offs in the amount of \$28,440.74 was made by Alderman Logan and second by Alderman Schuneman.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

Administrator Blackert informed the Council that the City has received a draft intergovernmental agreement for the demolition of the Limestone Building to allow for assessment of the site. Initially the loan was for \$130,000 to pay for the demolition. Terracon has been working with the IEPA and has secured \$200,000 in grants with a revolving loan for another \$100,000.

Alderman Klecker asked about the repayment schedule for the loan, and the scope of work. Adm. Blackert explained that the state has worked very well with the City of Rock Falls, and these loans do not begin being paid back until the site is redeveloped. The building will be taken down, and because the building is built into the side of a hill, the sides will be sloped in. Alderman Kuhlemier mentioned that the additional funds may be useful for unexpected things that may come up during the demolition and assessment.

A motion to approve the intergovernmental agreement with the approval of the final draft by the City Attorney was made by Alderman Logan, and second by Alderman Kuhlemier.

Vote 6 aye motion carried (Alderman Reitzel recused himself from this vote)

Information/Correspondence:

City Clerk Eric Arduini stated that the City's thoughts are with the family and friends of Carol Fitzgerald. She was a great lady who did a lot of behind the scenes work for the city on the Police and Fire Board of Commissioners.

City Attorney James Reese gave an update to the Council on the ongoing issues pertaining to sewage from Civic Plaza I and II. Civic Plaza I is going to install a grinder, but Civic Plaza II who initially said they would, is now not communicating with the City. The City is planning to file a lawsuit seeking an injunction for a court order to have the equipment installed. There is nothing in the suit for loss of sewer and water services.

Administrator Blackert thanked Lynn Deter, and the Whiteside County Housing Authority for all of the work that they have done to get their grinder installation going as quickly as they have.

Department Heads:

Street – Larry Spinka

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman, and second by Alderman Reitzel for the replacement of two Garage Doors at the Street Department by Garage Door Specialists 1311 West 4th Street Sterling, IL. in the amount of \$12,545.25. Mr. Spinka explained that one of the openers is waterproof near the area where the trucks are washed.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

Water – Ted Padilla

A motion was made by Alderman Reitzel, and second by Alderman Logan for the approval of the change order for Well #7 Contract 2 for the restoration of the SCADA system to a new control PC and testing in an amount not to exceed \$5680.50. This will transfer all items from Well #4 to Well #7.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

Mr. Padilla reported that after a lightning strike, the equipment for the red light on the green water tower was damaged. A motion was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Reitzel for the approval of the recommendation from the Public Works committee from for the installation of a new light on the green water tower from Complete Electrical Contractors 215 West 14th St. Rock Falls, IL. in the amount of \$7720.00.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Reitzel, and second by Alderman Schuneman for the purchase of filter piping from Ferguson Waterworks 1720 State Street Dekalb, IL. in the amount of \$11,730.44. This piping was installed in the 1960s and the City crews will install the new pipe.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

Tourism – Janell Loos

Tourism Director Janell Loos informed the Council that there are many events happening each weekend throughout September. Director Loos gave the schedule of many upcoming events to the Council.

Ward Reports:

Ward 1

Alderman Daehle Reitzel stated that the City spends \$100,000 per year on sidewalks. If residents take time to edge them, and remove plants they will last longer.

Alderman George Logan Jr. gave his condolences to the Fitzgerald family. He also congratulated Rock Falls High School Football on their 2-0 start to the season.

Ward 2

Alderman Glen Kuhlemier gave his support to Sewer Superintendent Ed Cox and the City Attorney for the issues at Civic Plaza II.

Alderman Brian Snow asked that the sweeper begin working on the newly resurfaced roads throughout town, as he has received a couple of calls about it.

Ward 3

Alderman Jim Schuneman gave his congratulations to Rock Falls, Sterling, Newman, and Dixon Football Teams as they all currently sit with a 2-0 record.

Alderman Rod Kleckler inquired if the Mayors of Rock Falls and Sterling will be leading the Bridge the Community Race.

Mayor's Report:

A motion was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Kuhlemier for the appointment of Rodolfo I. Luevano to paid on call firefighter with the City of Rock Falls, upon completion of all requirements, background check, and physical.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Kuhlemier for the approval and signing of the intergovernmental agreement, and Adoption of **Ordinance 2016-2285** establishing the New Whiteside Carroll Enterprise Zone.

Mayor Wescott explained that the current enterprise zone expires in 2018. The committee had cities remove areas that are not going to be developed, and add other areas. This is the largest of its kind in the State in so far as the number of cities that are included in the e-zone. The State will only be approving 12 based on a point system. The new zone will include the West Industrial Park in Rock Falls.

Mayor Wescott urged that drivers be cautious this weekend. There will be road closures, and detours due to the Bridge the Community run, and Fiesta Day parade.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

Executive Session

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

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

City Council enters executive session at 7:13pm

City Council enters back into regular session at 7:37pm

Actions Taken from Executive Session

A motion approving the tentative agreement with the IBEW Local 196 Clerical approving the contract as presented, and also approving the side letter agreements for Larry Spinka, and Conny Sanders.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

With nothing else for the good of the Council a motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Reitzel to adjourn the meeting at 7:38pm.

Viva Voce Vote, motion carried

Meeting is adjourned at 7:38pm



Eric Arduini, City Clerk