

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

September 20th, 2016

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of Rock Falls, Illinois was called to order at 6:30 p.m. September 20th, 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, Schuneman, and Kleckler, Alderman Folsom and Kuhlemier were absent. In addition City Attorney Jim Reese, and City Administrator Robbin Blackert were present.

Proclamation:

Clerk Arduini read aloud the proclamation for "National Public Power Week" This year it will be celebrated October 2nd – 8th, 2016. A motion was made by Alderman Logan and second by Alderman Snow to approve the proclamation. Rock Falls Electric Director Dick Simon was presented the proclamation from Mayor Wescott.

Viva Voce Vote, 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 Schuneman, and second by Alderman Snow.

1. Approve the Minutes of the September 6th, 2016 Regular Council Meeting.
2. Approval of bills as presented.

Vote 5 aye, motion carried

Ordinance Second Reading / Adoption:

A motion was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Schuneman for the adoption of **Ordinance 2016-2281** Amending Chapter 6 Article III Division I Section 6-79 – Insurance Requirements for Contractors in the City.

Vote 5 aye, motion carried

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

Vote 5 aye, motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Reitzel for the adoption of **Ordinance 2016-2283** amending Section 32-132(a) Accepting wastewater from private septic or sewage systems.

Vote 5 aye, motion carried

City Administrator Robbin D. Blackert:

City Administrator Robbin Blackert asked for the approval of a change order for Martin and Company Construction 2456 East Pleasant Grove Rd. Oregon, IL 61061 on the Riverfront Trail Phase I. This would be for the continuation of riprap along the bank of the river. A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman to approve the change order not to exceed \$140,000. **The motion failed due to a lack of a second.**

Administrator Blackert gave an update to the Council about the Limestone Building. A draft of the intergovernmental agreement is still working through Illinois EPA's legal department. Terracon has made contact with Green Construction of Chicago who was originally awarded the low bid.

Information/Correspondence:

City Clerk Eric Arduini mentioned the thank you letter from Doug Becknell. Mr. Arduini also informed the Council that September 20th is the first day for circulating petitions for the April 4th 2017 election, and they are available in the Clerk's office. The filing period for the election is December 12th - 19th 2016.

Department Heads:

Building Inspector- Mark Searing

A motion was made by Alderman Logan, and second by Alderman Snow to approve the low bid from Martin and Company 2456 East Pleasant Grove Rd. Oregon, IL 61061 for the demolition of the storage buildings in the Glen's Garden Subdivision in the amount of \$19,100.

Alderman Kleckler expressed concern that the buildings were originally to be sold, and now they are up for demolition. He asks the Aldermen to reject these bids. Alderman Reitzel stated that these bids could have gone either way with the company retaining salvage rights. Alderman Kleckler would like to see \$20,000 spent on infrastructure rather than this demolition. **Vote 5 aye, (Mayor Wescott exercised voting power due to one half of the council voting in the affirmative), 1 nay (Kleckler) motion carried.**

Inspector Searing informed the Council that the City auction of the storage building contents netted \$2423.91. Mr. Searing also reported that Dunkin Donuts is still coming. They have applied for a sign permit to install a "Coming Soon" sign, and may begin construction in November.

Tourism - Janell Loos

Tourism Director Janell Loos informed the committee that this is the opening weekend for Haunted Haven. There are a couple of pre-sale opportunities such as meeting "Leather Face", and the screening of a new horror movie called "Slaughterhouse". These are new added attractions at the Haunted Haven this year.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Bill Wescott read aloud a resignation letter from 4th Ward Alderman Troy Ebenezer. The resignation is to begin immediately due to a conflict of interest with his position on the District 13 School Board. Mayor Wescott urges anyone living in the 4th Ward who has an interest in the position to contact him. Mayor Wescott would like to fill the position quickly. Alderman Logan asked what the conflict may be, and Attorney Reese explained that there are Attorney General opinions from 1985 that it should be considered a conflict of interest. There is currently no state statute that prohibits serving in both capacities. An Appellate Court also held up a similar ruling due to the issue of a TIF District.

Mayor Wescott reported on the Sesquicentennial Committee, and their meetings. The meetings are gaining popularity, and some chairmen of events have been created. The next meeting of the group will be on October 11th, 2016.

Mayor Wescott gave thanks for all who were involved with the "Bridge the Community Race" and "Fiesta Day Parade".

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 6:55pm.

Viva Voce Vote, motion carried

Meeting is adjourned at 6:55pm



Eric Arduini, City Clerk