

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

October 4th, 2016

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of Rock Falls, Illinois was called to order at 6:30 p.m. October 4th, 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 Logan, Snow, Kuhlemier, Schuneman, Kleckler, and Folsom. Alderman Reitzel was absent. In addition City Attorney Jim Reese was present.

Proclamation:

Clerk Arduini read aloud the proclamation for "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" Sara Hoffman received a copy of the proclamation from Mayor Wescott. Alderman Jim Schuneman stated that this is a tribute to Carol Fitzgerald as she really helped get this started locally. Mrs. Hoffman stated that the event is celebrated nationwide, and many will be wearing purple ribbons in support. A motion to approve the proclamation of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Logan.
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 Logan.

1. Approve the Minutes of the September 20th, 2016 Regular Council Meeting.
2. Approval of bills as presented.
3. Approval of **Resolution 2016-750** - Twin City Hometown Holidays Parade
4. Approval of the amended job description for "Utility Collections Clerk"

Vote 6 aye, motion carried

Ordinance First Reading:

1. A motion to approve the first reading of **Ordinance 2016-2280** Adopting a Revised Zoning Map was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Logan.

Viva Voce Vote, motion carried

Information/Correspondence:

City Clerk Eric Arduini read aloud a letter from Mike Sterba Director of Parks and Recreation for the Coloma Township Park District. The letter thanked the City of Rock Falls, Electrical Director Dick Simon, and the Rock Falls Electric Department for their help installing LED lighting at Centennial Park.

City Engineer Brain Frickenstein presented a change order for the RB&W Riverfront Trail Phase I. A motion to approve the change order with Martin and Company Construction 2456 East Pleasant Grove Rd. Oregon, IL 61061 on the Riverfront Trail Phase I not to exceed \$140,000 was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Folsom. City Attorney James Reese asked if the change order presented was an estimate. Mr. Frickenstein reported that change order is a high estimate. Alderman Rod Kleckler asked if the change order included tree removal, and Mr. Frickenstein confirmed that it did include tree removal. Mayor Wescott added that without this change order, the riprap would have to be purchased from another quarry, which would have a different color, and the price would go up significantly.

Vote 5 aye, 1 nay (Kleckler), motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier, and second by Alderman Schuneman for the approval of the low bid for Phase II of the RB&W Riverfront Park from Gensini Excavating Inc. 10602 Hwy. 26 Princeton, IL 61356 in the amount of \$1,340,377.65. Mr. Frickenstein explained that the low bid was 1.9% higher than the engineer's estimate.

Vote 5 aye, 1 nay (Kleckler), motion carried

Mr. Frickenstein informed the Council that the riprap is installed, curb and gutter is in, and concrete work on the trail will begin the next day.

Department Heads:

Police Chief Tammy Nelson informed the Council that Halloween will be celebrated on October 31st, 2016 from 4:30 to 7:00pm in Rock Falls and Sterling. Chief Nelson also addressed concerns about clowns being spotted in town, and all of the reports have been unfounded. She urges parents to discourage kids from wearing clown costumes now, as there are others looking to beat them up if found. The City does not want that.

Fire Chief Gary Cook informed the Council that October 9th - 15th is Fire Prevention Week with the theme "Don't Wait Check the Date" urging resident to check the age of their smoke alarms. Smoke alarms usually only have a life of around 10 years.

Ward Reports:

Ward 1:

Alderman George Logan Jr. supports Fire Prevention Week, and gives his condolences to the Grennan, and Oetting families.

Ward 2:

Alderman Kuhlemier mentioned that he had missed a meeting due to a recent fall. He thanks all of the well-wishers, and the help that he has received of people giving him a helping hand and with mowing.

Ward 3:

Alderman Schuneman reported that the Hennepin Hundred race went well. One racer finished the race, and then turned around and ran 100 more miles for a total of 200 miles. Mayor Wescott mentioned that there were a number of course records set this year, and the 200 mile runner began at 7:00am on Saturday and Finished at 7:00 am on Tuesday.

Alderman Kleckler urged residents to be involved in the municipal elections. This is the only real way to represent your views in the City.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Bill Wescott reported that he had contacted 38 people about the open Alderman seat in the 4th Ward and none have been interested. He asks residents in the 4th Ward to come forward and talk to him if they are interested. It is vitally important that there is a balance of two Aldermen representing each ward of the City. The appointment would be for the remaining term, and the candidate would then run for office in the April election.

Mayor Wescott informed the Council that there will be a high school food drive held on October 5th, 2016. He encourages everyone to have non-perishables on the front porches by 8:00am.

Mayor Wescott Recognized Police Chief Tammy Nelson who was awarded at the September 21st, 2016 Safe Passage recognition gathering in Dixon Illinois. The award was given to Chief Nelson for her leadership in instituting the Safe Passage program in Rock Falls.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Alderman Logan and second by Alderman Snow to enter executive session for Section 2(c)(1) Personnel

Vote 6 aye, motion carried

City Council enters executive session at 6:55pm

City Council returns to regular session at 7:00pm

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier, and second by Alderman Folsom to approve the employment contract with Robbin Blackert with the City attorney's revisions.

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 Snow to adjourn the meeting at 7:02pm.

Viva Voce Vote, motion carried

Meeting is adjourned at 7:02pm



Eric Arduini, City Clerk