

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

January 3rd, 2017

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of Rock Falls, Illinois was called to order at 6:30 p.m. January 3rd, 2017 in the Council Chambers of Rock Falls.

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

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 Folsom.

1. Approve the Minutes of the December 20th, 2016 Regular Council Meeting.
2. Approval of bills as presented.

Vote 5 aye, motion carried

Information/Correspondence:

City Clerk Eric Arduini informed the Council that the January 24th Finance / Investment / Insurance Meeting has been changed from 5:00pm to 5:30pm. A Committee of the Whole meeting will follow that night beginning at 6:00pm.

City Engineer Brian Frickenstein presented the bid tabulations, and a motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier, and second by Alderman Kuhlemier for the approval of the General Maintenance Bids Section 17-00000-00-GM.

Vote 5 aye, motion carried

Department Heads:

Mayor Wescott informed the Council that Street Department Assistant Superintendent Larry Spinka was unable to attend the City Christmas Party because he was prepping the plow trucks for a snow fall. Mayor Wescott called Mr. Spinka to the center of the Council and presented him with a plaque for 30 years of service to the City of Rock Falls. Mayor Wescott expressed his thanks, and stated Larry Spinka's dedication is appreciated.

Committee member items:

City Administrator Robbin Blackert presented three job descriptions to the Council. The positions of Police Services – General, Police Services Coordinator, and Community Service/Code Enforcement Officer. Adm. Blackert stated that these positions are being created for when the station is not manned. They may need to be modified as that day comes closer.

Ward Reports:

Ward 3:

Alderman Schuneman welcomes back Mayor Wescott.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Bill Wescott presented **Resolution 2017-754** Preliminary Approval for License to Utilize Real Estate. Mayor Wescott stated that this resolution will help an organization raise funds to build a new Veteran's Park and P.O.W. Memorial on the west side of the RB&W District green space. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Alderman Logan, and second by Alderman Kuhlemier.

Alderman Kuhlemier stated as a Korean War Veteran he is very proud to second the motion for this.

Alderman Kleckler said that the resolution does not say much. He asked if the funds are not raised would the City be approving a half of a park being built.

Alderman Logan stated that the issue has already come before the Council in the past, and it was approved.

Mayor Wescott added that the question of ComEd power lines running across the property is what has been holding this up. ComEd has never provided anything contrary to building the park, and any final plans for the park will be brought back to the Council for approval.

Vote 5 aye, motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier, and second by Alderman Schuneman for the approval of **Resolution 2017-755** authorizing a Payment Agreement with Willett Hofmann & Associates. This is for additional costs related to the lift station rebuild.

Vote 5 aye, motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman, and second by Alderman Folsom for the appointment of Tim Cain to the Board of Police and Fire Commissioners. Chairman Darla Schryver resigned as of December 15th 2016, and Tim Lawrence was voted in by the board as Chairman. Mr. Cain is a former Sherriff Chief Deputy and will be a great addition to the board.

Vote 5 aye, motion carried

With nothing else for the good of the Council a motion was made by Alderman Folsom and second by Alderman Logan to adjourn the meeting at 6:46pm.

Viva Voce Vote, motion carried

Meeting is adjourned at 6:46pm


Eric Arduini, City Clerk