

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND

ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS

October 20th, 2015

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of Rock Falls, Illinois was called to order at 6:30 p.m. October 20th, 2015 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 Watts. In addition City Attorney Jim Reese, and City Administrator Robbin Blackert were present.

Proclamations:

A proclamation recognizing the first permanent Storybook Trail in Illinois was read aloud by City Clerk Eric Arduini. A motion to approve the proclamation was made by Alderman Schuneman, and second by Alderman Folsom. Alderman Schuneman noted that it was truly because of the hard work of Mark Searing, and the Illinois Extension Service that the project is a success.

Viva Voce Vote, motion carried

Consent Agenda:

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda as presented by omnibus designation by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Logan.

1. Approve the Minutes of the October 6th, 2015 Regular Council Meeting
2. Approval of bills as presented.
3. Approval of **Resolution 2015-717** Hometown Holiday Parade

Vote 8 aye, motion carried

Ordinances 1st Reading:

Clerk Arduini read aloud the following Ordinances:

1. Approval of **Ordinance 2015-2238** adding "black wrought iron look" for fencing to the design guide.
2. Approval of **Ordinance 2015-2241** Repeal of Municipal Code 8-825 - Character of applicant.
3. Review of **Ordinance 2015-2236** Regulation of portable toilets.
4. Review of **Ordinance 2015-2237** Residential Commercial Containers.

A motion to approve the first reading of these ordinances was made by Alderman Watts, and second by Alderman Reitzel.

Viva Voce Vote, motion carried

City Administrator Robbin D. Blackert:

City Administrator Robbin Blackert presented a revised Assistant Sewer Superintendent job description to the Council. Adm. Blackert stated that approximately 8 years ago the job description was changed to require only a Class II license for the job. The new sewer treatment plant requires signatures on EPA forms by a Class I license holder. If the City does not have a Class I license holder in that position, the City may, in absence of the Supervisor, have to hire someone to sign, or have another City sign it for us.

A motion to approve the revised job description as presented was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Folsom.

Vote 8aye, motion carried

Information/Correspondence:

City Clerk Eric Arduini announced that the Public Works / Public Property Committee meeting on November 5th will be at 8:15 am. The time for the regular meetings will be permanently changed to 8:15am.

City Engineer Brian Frickenstein stated that the contractor Martin and Co. has begun work on paving 7th Avenue. It will be paved in the next two weeks. Adm. Blackert mentioned that door hangers have been distributed concerning parking on the street. If it goes into the following week door hangers will be left again.

Ward Reports:

Ward 1

Alderman Daehle Reitzel thanked Brian Tribley for the great job painting downtown.

Alderman Logan thanked everyone for the well wishes during his time in the hospital.

Ward 4

Alderman Watts informed the Council of the Uptown trick-or-treat, and city-wide trick-or-treat times.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Bill Wescott informed the Council that he had recently made a trip to Springfield IL. to visit with legislators, and IML personnel to gain more information concerning the state budget. While he was in Springfield the Municipal Clerks of Illinois held their 50th Anniversary Institute and Academy. Mayor Wescott was present for the graduation of City Clerk Eric Arduini from the MCI Institute after 3 years of training.

Executive Session:

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Logan to enter into executive session for section 2(c)(1) Employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline and performance.

Vote 8 aye motion carried

City Council entered executive session at 6:51pm

City Council returned to regular session at 7:02pm

Any action taken from Executive Session:

A motion was made by Alderman Watts, and second by Alderman Logan to offer an employment agreement to Janell Loos for the position of Tourism / Event Director for 10-21-2015 to 4-30-2017.

Vote 8 aye motion carried

With nothing else for the good of the Council a motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Folsom, and second by Alderman Reitzel at 7:04pm.

Viva Voce Vote, motion carried

Eric Arduini, City Clerk