

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

January 20th, 2015

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of Rock Falls, Illinois was called to order at 6:30 p.m. January 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, Kuhlemier, Snow, Schuneman, Hand, Folsom, and Watts. In addition Attorney Tom Sanders, and City Administrator Robbin Blackert were present.

Proclamations:

City Clerk Eric Arduini read aloud a proclamation proclaiming the week of January 25th – 31st as Catholic Schools Week for St. Andrews Grade School, and Newman Central Catholic High School. A motion was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Logan to approve the proclamations.

Viva Voce Vote, motion carried

Representatives from both schools were present to receive copies of the proclamations from Mayor Bill Wescott.

Community Affairs

Randy Balk, Executive Director from the Rock Falls Community Development Corporation was present to give a summary of the activities at the RFCDC. He spoke about the success of the façade grant, and mentioned a few of the success stories from the grant. He states that other businesses are inquiring about the façade grant, and hopes that the City will be able to continue to fund the grant. Mr. Balk mentioned a new business that has moved in on Bourbon St. it is called Products in Motion, and manufactures bellows to protect machinery shafts.

Mr. Balk mentioned that the RFCDC is looking to start a capital fund, and they are considering beginning a capital campaign to grow the fund. They now have a marketing agreement with the Industrial Development Commission. He thanks the city for having shovel ready sites, and utilities ready for business.

Consent Agenda:

1. Approve the Minutes of the January 6th, 2015 Council Meeting
2. Approval of bills as presented.
3. Ratify Tolling Agreement with Willet Hofmann Associates signed by the Mayor on January 5, 2015.
4. Ratify the award of repair services to WIRFS of 4021 W. Main St. McHenry, Illinois for repairs to Fire Department Truck #41 for estimated cost of \$54,941.00.

5. Approval of Resolution 2015-705 Supplemental MFT Funds for Maintenance of Streets and Highways in the amount of \$54,000
6. Approval of Resolution 2015-706 Adoption of the city time clock policy

A motion to approve the consent agenda by omnibus designation was made by Alderman Hand, and second by Alderman Watts.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried

City Administrator Robbin D. Blackert:

Administrator Blackert spoke about Resolution 2015-704 which will allow for temporary funds to be moved from the General Fund to the Downtown TIF fund. The TIF fund is not yet funded well, and the City would like to keep all of the qualifying money that is spent in that area coming out of the TIF fund. The City does know that there will be 50% of the OSLAD Grant money coming soon to the TIF Fund, and the General Fund money will then be repaid. A considerable amount of engineering and design has been done for the greenspace in the TIF, and the money will be used to pay for that. Adm. Blackert states that this is a cleaner way to show what money was spent in the area.

Mayor Wescott reiterated that the City is not using General Funds for this project, and keeping all of the money spent along the riverfront coming from the TIF increases transparency.

Alderman Glen Kuhlemier said that he is glad that engineering costs can be paid for with this grant, as that has been a sticking point in the past.

Alderman David Hand thanked Administrator Blackert for her work on the grant.

Administrator Blackert pointed out that it has been a team effort with Willett Hoffman helping greatly with the work.

A motion to approve Resolution 2015-704 was made by Alderman Kuhlemier, and second by Alderman Schuneman.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried

Ward Reports:

Ward 1:

Alderman Reitzel thanked Chief Cook and the Twin City Joint Fire Command for saving a house that had a fire in its garage. Mr. Reitzel also thanked the newspaper for catching Street employee Paul Lawyer working, and putting a picture of it in the paper.

Ward 2:

Alderman Kuhlemier reported that he and Mayor Wescott had attended the Citizens Advisory Committee for the Route 30 expansion. He also mentioned that there will be a visitation for former Housing Administrator Karl Myers at the VFW on Saturday January 24th 2015 from 2-4pm

Alderman Snow congratulated the Fire Department for a job well done.

Ward 3:

Alderman Hand congratulated the Fire Department, and reminded everyone to be careful of oncoming bad weather.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Bill Wescott spoke more about the Route 30 meeting that he had attended with Alderman Kuhlemier. He mentioned that this would be the last meeting for the Community Advisory Group, and they had to come to a consensus. The group agreed that Route 30 would travel south of Morrison due to less of an impact on wildlife and parkland. He mentioned that this group had been meeting about the expansion of Illinois Route 30 for seven years.

With nothing else for the good of the Council a motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Folsom, and second by Alderman Reitzel at 6:54pm
Viva Voce Vote motion carried

Eric Arduini, City Clerk