

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

May 5th, 2015

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of Rock Falls, Illinois was called to order at 6:30 p.m. May 5th, 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, Hand, Folsom and Watts. In addition City Attorney Jim Reese, and City Administrator Robbin Blackert were present.

Proclamation:

A Proclamation was read aloud by City Clerk Eric Arduini. A motion was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Watts to approve a proclamation for National Police Week May 10th - 16th, 2015, and May 15th, 2015 as Peace Officers Memorial Day.

Viva Voce Vote, motion carried

Appointment of Officers:

Police Chief Tammy Nelson was sworn into office by Clerk Arduini. Chief Nelson gave special recognition to officers receiving promotions.

Veronica Jaramillo - Detective Sergeant

Chad Hermes - Investigations

Dave Pilgrim - Patrol Sergeant

Jay Koett - Operations Commander

Ordinance 1st Reading

A motion was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Logan to approve the first reading of **Ordinance 2015-2211** Amendment of Section 5-611 Storm Water Drainage

Vote 8 aye, motion carried

Ordinance 2nd Reading / Adoption

A motion was made by Alderman Folsom, and second by Alderman Hand for the adoption of **Ordinance 2015-2208** - Energy Conservation Code

Vote: 8 aye motion carried

Consent Agenda:

1. Approve the Minutes of the April 21st, 2015 Council Meeting
2. Approval of bills as presented.
3. Approval of Raffle Licenses
 - a. Rock Falls American Legion
 - b. St. Andrews Catholic School
 - c. Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce
 - d. Rock Falls Optimist Club
4. Approve the Utility write offs at the recommendation of the Public Works and Electric Committee. The period covered is February 2014 - March 2015 with a total of \$18,950.34.

A motion was made by Alderman Hand, and second by Alderman Snow to approve the Consent Agenda by omnibus designation

Vote: 8 aye motion carried

City Administrator Robbin D. Blackert:

City Administrator Robbin Blackert has consulted with the Finance Committee regarding the returned Tourism money. A recommendation was made that \$250,000 be put into a 12 month CD, \$250,000 be put into a 24 month CD, and \$84,000 be put into a 6 month CD all three will be at Sauk Valley Bank.

Alderman Kuhlemier hopes that this ends the turmoil with the Tourism Office. He stated that all of the people involved with Tourism were fine upstanding citizens, and spent the City money sparingly. A motion to invest the money into the 3 CDs at Sauk Valley Bank was made by Alderman Schuneman, and second by Alderman Watts.

Vote: 8 aye motion carried

Administrator Blackert informed the council that since the processing center at the United States Postal Service was closed, our local mail now goes through Carol Stream, and it can sometimes take 10 days for it to be delivered. The Rock Falls Post Office has been helpful, but they can't change it. A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier, and second by Alderman Reitzel to change the due date to the 22nd day after the billing date; penalty posted the 23rd day after the billing date; notice of disconnect generated the 24th day after billing date; disconnection the 32nd day after billing date.

Vote: 8 aye motion carried

Information / Correspondence

City Clerk Eric Arduini informed the Council that the Public Works / Public Property Committee meeting has been moved to May 14th, 2015 at 4:30pm.

City Engineer Brian Frickenstein reported that Phase 2 of the 7th Avenue rebuild will begin on Monday May 11th, 2015. He gave an overview of the work that will be done during this phase.

Department Heads:

Water Reclamation:

Water Reclamation Supervisor Ed Cox requested the approval of the recommendation from Willett Hoffman & Associates. This was to accept the low bid from Go Excavating - 447 S. Hancock Avenue Freeport, IL. The bid is for Addendum No. 1- Directional Boring to the Sanitary Sewage Extension to Holiday Inn Express and Suites in the amount of \$21,270.00. A motion to approve the bid was made by Alderman Reitzel, and second by Alderman Kuhlemier.

Vote: 8 aye motion carried

Electric:

Electrical Director Dick Simon requested the approval of the estimate from Kuhlemier Painting - 28401 Woodside Drive Rock Falls for crack filling, and painting at the Hydro Plant in the amount of \$16,300.00. A motion to accept the bid was made by Alderman Hand and second by Alderman Schuneman. Alderman Kuhlemier abstained from voting due to the bidder being related.

Vote: 7 aye motion carried

Director Simon requested the approval of the purchase of two handheld meter reading machines from Ferguson Waterworks - 1720 State Street Dekalb, IL. 60115-2617 one for the Service Trucks and one for the Meter Reader in the amount of \$21,465.00. A motion to approve the purchase was made by Alderman Hand, and second by Alderman Schuneman.

Vote: 8 aye motion carried

Alderman Hand read aloud a letter highlighting the moments of his 24 years as Alderman. Mayor Wescott presented him a plaque, and he received a standing ovation for his service.

A motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Folsom at 7:00pm.

Viva Voce Vote, motion carried

After a brief recess, City Clerk Eric Arduini swore in the newly-elected officials.

City Treasurer - Kay M. Abner

Alderman Ward 1 - Daehle Reitzel

Alderman Ward 1 (two years) - George Logan Jr.

Alderman Ward 2 - Glen R. Kuhlemier

Alderman Ward 3 - Rodney G. Kleckler

Alderman Ward 4 - Lee R. Folsom

At 7:05pm City Clerk Arduini called the roll. 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.

Ward Reports:

Ward 1

Alderman Daehle Reitzel congratulated Police Chief Tammy Nelson

Alderman George Logan Jr. congratulated Tammy Nelson, and welcomed Alderman Rodney Kleckler.

Ward 2

Alderman Kuhlemier congratulated Chief Nelson, and thanked the Rock Falls Police for helping a resident when a burglar was found hiding in the garage of a 100 year old person. Mr. Kuhlemier informed the Council of the death of Mary Baker at 101 years old. She was the wife of former Rock Falls Treasurer Winfred Baker. Her father John Kadel was one of the City's first 2nd Ward Aldermen.

Alderman Brian Snow congratulated Police Chief Nelson, and the other Police who moved up in ranks. Mr. Snow welcomed Rodney Kleckler to the council.

Ward 3

Alderman Jim Schuneman gave congratulations to all who advanced in rank, and called attention to Coach Robinson from Prophetstown. He also welcomed Alderman Kleckler.

Alderman Rod Kleckler thanked the residents of the 3rd Ward. He wanted to let the constituents know that his number is in the phone book, and he visits Downtown Shell regularly from 7:00 to 7:30am. He reminded everyone that the new ½ cent funds will not be available until next year, and he encourages residents to volunteer.

Ward 4

Alderman Lee Folsom congratulated the Police, Rod Kleckler, and the other re-elected Aldermen.

Alderman John Watts congratulated the Police, and elected officials. He also thanked the Firehouse of God Ministries for their efforts in making the RB&W District Patio accessible, and able to continue being used.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Bill Wescott informed the Council that he will be presenting his committee appointments next week.

Mayor Wescott discussed in detail the timeline for the 7th Avenue Phase 2 reconstruction project.

The project will start on Monday May 11th. During all of May, the storm water work will be done. Man holes will be replaced at the 7th Avenue and 5th Street intersection, as well as, the manhole at 7th Avenue and 6th Street. Also a large amount of storm water pipe are to be installed on 7th Avenue. June 1 - 15 the crews will be excavating the road, building a new base, taking out sidewalks, curb, gutters, and driveway approaches. June 16-30 New curb and gutter will be installed the length of 7th Avenue between 2nd Street and 6th Street. July 1 - 30 new sidewalks, driveway approaches, ADA ramps, etc. will be put in. August 1st Soil backfill, and seeding of areas will take place.

Mayor Wescott has informed Moring disposal of the construction, and the garbage pickup will be in the alley during this time.

Mayor Wescott gave his congratulations to Police Chief Tammy Nelson, and the Police Officers who moved up in rank. Mayor Wescott thanked David Hand for his service, and welcomed Rodney Kleckler.

With nothing else for the good of the Council a motion was made by Alderman Folsom, and second by Alderman Reitzel to adjourn at 7:15pm.

Vote: 8 aye motion carried

Eric Arduini, City Clerk