

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

June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of Rock Falls, Illinois was called to order at 6:30 p.m. June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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, and Folsom. In addition City Attorney Jim Reese, and City Administrator Robbin Blackert were present. Alderman Watts was absent.

**Audience Requests**

Terry Hick who is the organizer of the Rock Falls River Chase approached the Council to ask permission for road closures, and a donation of electric and water hookups during the event. Mr. Hicks requested that East 2<sup>nd</sup> St. between Avenue B and Avenue D be closed. This is the same request as last year.

Mayor Wescott thanked Mr. Hicks for his work on bringing this event back to Rock Falls, and said it should be an even larger Rock Falls River Chase than last year.

A motion to approve the requests was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Folsom.

**Vote: 7 aye motion carried**

**Ordinance 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman, and second by Alderman Logan to approve the second reading of **Ordinance 2015-2214** authorizing the City of Rock Falls to borrow Funds from the Public Water Supply Loan Program. Attorney Reese reminded the Clerk that the ordinance would need to be published after passage.

**Vote: 7 aye motion carried**

**Consent Agenda**

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

1. Approve the Minutes of the May 19th, 2015 Council Meeting
2. Approval of bills as presented.
3. Approval of the recommendation from the Electric Committee for Platinum Service, Annual Software Support, and Maintenance in the amount of \$18,890.00 from Survalent Technology located at 2600 Argentia Road, Mississauga, Ontario Canada.
4. Approval of the recommendation from the Electric Committee for Cylinder Plus located at 1777 Roscoe Rd, Deer Grove, IL to replace the trash rake cylinders in the amount of \$19,500.00
5. Adoption of Resolution 2015-710 - Customer Information Confidentiality policy for committee or board members.

**Vote: 7 aye motion carried**

City Administrator Robbin Blackert explained the Fund Balance Policy to the Council. Adm. Blackert explained that though there may be many correct ways of accounting, one constant with GASB and GFOA rules is a policy for keeping a minimum days of working cash in an account for disasters. Approving the new minimums as spelled out in this policy will protect the money in the accounts especially with future cuts from the state being a possibility. Adm. Blackert stated that the new Tourism Department should soon be added to this policy. The new policy will require a  $\frac{3}{4}$  majority of the Council to approve using any of the minimum fund balance money.

Alderman Kuhlemier made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-711 adopting the Fund Balance Policy second by Alderman Logan.

Alderman Kuhlemier stated that last year we had an unforeseen emergency, and it worked out. If it had not we would not have worked out we could have had to borrow money. This policy will help prevent that.

Mayor Wescott added that the Finance Committee has reviewed the policy, and requiring the  $\frac{3}{4}$  majority will provide a good safeguard, and everyone will be aware when the minimum balances are being used.

### **Ward Reports:**

#### **Ward 1**

Alderman Daehle Reitzel reminded everyone to be careful to look out for little ones in the nice weather.

#### **Ward 2**

Alderman Kuhlemier reminded the Council elected officials need to take Open Meetings Act Training.

#### **Ward 3**

Alderman Jim Schuneman congratulated the Newman Softball team for winning the State Tournament.

Alderman Schuneman also congratulated Mr. Adam Cesarek for becoming an ordained priest. Adam is from Rock Falls and went to St. Andrews school in Rock Falls. Alderman Schuneman shared a personal story about Adam, and wishes great success to Father Cesarek.

Alderman Rod Klecker inquired about the progress at the Hotel site on East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. Mayor Wescott informed the Council that bricks were delivered today for the elevator shaft and next week the walls will arrive and be installed.

### **Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Bill Wescott requested the approval of the appointment of Alderman Glen Kuhlemier as Mayor Pro Tem during the time that Mayor Wescott will be in Minnesota for an APPA conference. A motion to approve the appointment was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Schuneman.

**Vote 6 Aye motion carried – Alderman Kuhlemier abstained**

to do an assessment of the contaminated area, the building will have to be removed first. The \$200,000 assessment grant will be able to be used toward the demolition, and then if more money is needed, the City will have the opportunity for a revolving loan fund grant that would have to be paid back after there is development on the site.

Alderman Snow asked what will happen to the limestone from the demolition. Mayor Wescott explained that some of it will need to be incorporated into the area, and re-used around the area for historic value.

Administrator Blackert added that it will be a special demolition, and it will not be brought down with just a wrecking ball. There are hazards on the site, and it will be a process. There will be much information brought to the Public Property Committee.

Mayor Wescott spoke about the recent updates on the State of Illinois budget. The memo that he had stated that there will be no OSLAD Grants paid out in FY16. We do not know if approved grants will be honored. There was no mention of LGDF Funds in the memo. The Governor has called the representatives back to Springfield in June and July to work on this.

Mayor Wescott read a letter that he had received from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks informing him that City Clerk Eric Arduini has received the Certified Municipal Clerk designation from the organization.

Clerk Arduini gave thanks to the voters for giving him the opportunity to serve, and thanked the Council for allowing him to attend the training required for the position.

A motion to enter executive session for Section 2(c)(21) - Discussion of Closed Session Minutes, and Section 2(c)(11) - Pending or threatened litigation was made by Alderman Reitzel, and second by Alderman Logan.

**Vote: 7 aye motion carried**

**The Council entered executive session at 7:01pm**

**The Council returned to regular session at 7:31pm**

Following the executive session a motion was made by Alderman Reitzel, and second by Alderman Snow that the reviewed closed session minutes remain closed.

**Vote: 7 aye motion carried**

With nothing else for the good of the Council a motion was made by Alderman Folsom, and second by Alderman Reitzel to adjourn at 7:32pm.

**Vote: 7 aye motion carried**

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Eric Arduini, City Clerk