

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

July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of Rock Falls, Illinois was called to order at 6:30 p.m. July 21st, 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. Alderman Watts was absent. In addition City Attorney Jim Reese, and City Administrator Robbin Blackert were present.

## **Public Hearing:**

A Public Hearing for written or oral comments from citizens regarding the proposed Appropriation Ordinance 2015-2221 for the Fiscal Year commencing May 1, 2015 and Ending April 30, 2016 was held at 6:30pm. Clerk Arduini reported that there had been no written or oral correspondence to the appropriation ordinance. No public comment was received. The Hearing ended at 6:33pm.

## **Council Recognition:**

Mayor Wescott spoke about the City having two events in which the City had reached out to businesses for help. Walmart Distribution Center 7024, and Wal-Mart as a whole came through for the City in both instances. The City received truckloads of bottled water at first ask, with never a mention of payback. It is nice to know them as a good neighbor to the community. Mayor Wescott presented Allie Sadler from Wal-Mart with a plaque expressing the City's thanks for helping out during these water events. Mrs. Sadler reminded the City not to hesitate to reach out if help is needed.

## **Community Affairs:**

Bethany Bland CEO of the Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce approached the Council to speak about some upcoming events. On August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 the Quarterly members meeting will be about making work fun. The meeting is from 12:00 – 1:00 and it is good a good education and networking opportunity. Mrs. Bland explained a new shop local promotion called "Shop Local Selfies". A business after hours will be held for Twin City Popcorn, and the girl Scouts. There will also be a ribbon cutting for K's Korner on August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 12:30pm.

City Administrator Robbin Blackert thanked Mrs. Bland, and Mrs. Hodges from the Chamber of Commerce, as well as Pastor Brian Tribble from Firehouse Ministries for their hard work in putting together a successful Pink Heals event in such short notice.

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

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier, and second by Alderman Logan to adopt **Ordinance 2015-2221** - Appropriation Ordinance for the fiscal year beginning May 1st, 2015 and ending April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

**Vote 7 aye Motion Carried**

A motion was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Schuneman for the adoption of **Ordinance 2015-2223** - Addition of Section 15-57 Service outside City Limits; Requirements for Water Service.

Alderman Schuneman asked for clarification on the Ordinance.

Mayor Wescott explained that this ordinance requires that a pre-annexation agreement be made if a water service is to be hooked up outside of City limits. If the property is contiguous to the city, the property will need to be annexed. If the property is not contiguous the property will need to be annexed at a later date when it is contiguous.

**Vote 7 aye Motion Carried**

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman and second by Alderman Kuhlemier **Ordinance 2015-2224** - Addition of Section 15-268 Service outside City Limits; Requirements; Rates for Sanitary Sewer Service.

Alderman Kleckler asked if this ordinance affects residential, and commercial customers.

Attorney Reese Stated that commercial customers are different, and they would different rates. A commercial customer would have an annexation agreement that would spell out details of their usage and effluent. Mr. Reese explained that any property that is within 300 feet of a public sewer system cannot put in a private septic under new state statutes.

**Vote 7 aye Motion Carried**

#### **Consent Agenda:**

1. Approve the Minutes of the July 7, 2015 Regular Council Meeting
2. Approval of bills as presented.
3. Approval of the RB&W District Event Permit, and requested waiver of fee for the Optimist Club of Rock Falls Touch-A-Truck August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015
4. Resolution 2015-713 2015 Bridge the Communities Run
5. Resolution 2015-714 2015 Fiesta Day Parade

Alderman Kleckler requested that items 1 and 3 be removed for individual consideration.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Schuneman to approve items 2, 4, and 5 by omnibus designation.

**Vote 7 aye Motion Carried**

Item 1. Approve the Minutes of the July 7, 2015 Regular Council Meeting

Alderman Klecker explained that he would like the Ward 3 report changed so that the word requested be removed. as he had not made any requests to the council for action

### **Vote 7 aye Motion Carried**

Item 3. Approval of the RB&W District Event Permit, and requested waiver of fee for the Optimist Club of Rock Falls Touch-A-Truck August 1st, 2015.

Alderman Kleckler stated that he doesn't feel that a council should be picking and choosing what organization should pay fees, and not pay fees. He thinks the council should either collect the fees as listed or take the blanket policy that all non-profits not pay fees.

Mayor Wescott stated that the Council has had a long stand of honoring requests for fee waivers from non-profits as the money raised goes back into the community.

Aldermen Reitzel, and Logan recused themselves from the vote.

**Vote 5 aye, 1 Nay (Kleckler) Motion Carried, Mayor Wescott voted aye as there were only 5 voting members of the Council.**

### **Information / Correspondence**

City Clerk Eric Arduini reminded the Council that if they were interested in attending the IML conference in Chicago, to let him know. Mr. Arduini also gave a brief report from a recent conference in Grafton, IL.

City Engineer Brian Frickenstein reported that the 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue project has been moving along quickly, and that there has been a lot of progress in two weeks.

Mayor Wescott added that he had recently walked the area, and was thanked by the residents. The only complaints were questions about how soon they would be able to use their front driveways.

### **Department Heads:**

Fire Chief Gary Cook reported that there was a recent tornado in the town of Cameron, IL. After the storm a MABAS request was received for heavy rescue equipment and a chief officer. Mr. Cook had a convoy with the equipment from Prophetstown to the scene. He was on site for 12 hours identifying and safety checking residents because the town had been locked down, and they had no utilities. Mr. Cook mentioned that the IEMA official was a Rock Falls graduate.

Mayor Wescott stated that MABAS has been used in several events. During these times if you are out of town when a disaster occurs, and the town is locked down, such as what happened recently at Woodhaven Lakes, you cannot go back into town until it is safe for travel and safe for the residents.

### **Ward Reports:**

#### **Ward 1**

Alderman Reitzel thanked Chief Cook, and reminded residents to be ready to take care of themselves and their family for the first 72 hours of an emergency.

Alderman George Logan thanked the team of MABAS 30, and he also thanked everyone who stepped up to help with the Pink Heals Event.

#### **Ward 2**

Alderman Glen Kuhlemier informed the Council about the death of Norbert Padilla. He was the uncle of water superintendent Ted Padilla, and brother of former Alderman Joe Padilla. Mr. Kuhlemier was glad to see the Pink Heals event come back to town. Mr. Kuhlemier also

**Ward 4**

Alderman Folsom told Chief Cook that he did a great job

**Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Wescott reminded the Council that the Optimist Club Touch-a-Truck is August 1<sup>st</sup>, and it has grown from 30 vehicles to now over 60 vehicles now with a racing simulator, and many other activities. Mayor Wescott also mentioned that a City snowplow will be there for a special kid's event.

Mayor Wescott asked to keep Keith Stouffer's family in their thoughts and prayers as his sister and brother-in-law were involved in an airplane accident.

With nothing else for the good of the Council a motion was made by Alderman Folsom, and second by Alderman Reitzel to adjourn at 7:07pm.

**Vote: 7 aye motion carried**

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Eric Arduini, City Clerk