

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

July 7th, 2015

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of Rock Falls, Illinois was called to order at 6:30 p.m. July 7th, 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.

Audience Requests:

1. Gold Wings Road Rally – Mary Adams, the Illinois District Director for the Gold Wings Riders Association approached the Council. Mrs. Adams informed the Council that the 3 day event will be held July 23rd – July 25th, and will feature many activities, and guided bike tours of the area. A motion to approve a Police escort for the event's tour was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Watts.

Viva Voce Vote, motion carried

2. Sandy Ivey and Barb Young, representatives for "Team Underwires" informed the Council that on August 8th the final "Proud to Wear Pink" ride will be hosted at Days Inn in Rock Falls. Registration will be from 10:00- 12:00 and then there will be a 125 mile ride. Health care reform has helped breast cancer patients not be so financially burdened, and this will be the last year of the event. The riders will arrive back at Day's Inn for a chicken dinner from Candlelight Inn.

Mayor Wescott asked Mrs. Ivey if she knew how much money had been raised in the last seven years of the event. Mrs. Ivey stated that the organization had raised \$408,000 with \$248,000 going to CGH Health Foundation. She is very proud of the members in the community, and businesses that have helped make the event a success.

Alderman Reitzel thanked Mrs. Ivey. A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Reitzel to approve the event at the Days Inn.

Viva Voce Vote, motion carried

Council Recognition:

Mayor Wescott spoke about non-elected civilians in the community who serve on boards, and commissions. Carol Fitzgerald has been serving on the Board of Police and Fire Commissioners since 1997. Mayor Wescott recently received a letter of resignation from her. She served for 18 years, and is moving to Sterling. Mrs. Fitzgerald was presented with an appreciation certificate from the City. The other two commissioners Darla Schryver, and John Espinoza were present to support her. Mrs. Fitzgerald stated that it has been an honor to serve and work with the departments, and she recognizes how hard everyone works.

Ordinance 1st Reading

1. **Ordinance 2015-2221** Appropriation Ordinance for the fiscal year beginning May 1st, 2015 and ending April 30th, 2016.
2. **Ordinance 2015-2223** Addition of Section 15-57 Service outside City Limits; Requirements for Water Service
3. **Ordinance 2015-2224** Addition of Section 15-268 Service outside City Limits; Requirements; Rates for Sanitary Sewer Service

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

Viva Voce Vote, motion carried

Ordinance 2nd Reading

A motion was made by Alderman Logan, and second by Alderman Snow to adopt **Ordinance 2015-2215** amending Section 16-222 Prohibited Uses –Mining.

Vote: 8 aye motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman and second by Alderman Watts to adopt **Ordinance 2015-2216** amending Section 10-161 inoperable motor vehicle.

Vote: 8 aye motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman and second by Alderman Watts to adopt **Ordinance 2015-2217** amending Section 15-412 Containers required, specifications

Vote: 8 aye motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Watts and second by Alderman Logan to adopt **Ordinance 2015-2218** amending Section 10-1 Posting Bills.

Vote: 8 aye motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Reitzel to adopt **Ordinance 2015-2219** amending Section 1-7 Class C violations.

Vote: 8 aye motion carried

Consent Agenda

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

1. Approve the Minutes of the June 23rd, 2015 Regular Council Meeting, and June 30th Special Council Meeting.

2. Approval of bills as presented.

3. Approval of a Bucket Brigade being conducted by the Rock Falls Fire Department to raise funds for MDA. The location is at the corner of 1st Avenue, and 3rd Street from 9am to 1pm on Saturday, August 29th, 2015.

Vote: 8 aye motion carried

City Administrator Robbin D. Blackert:

Administrator Blackert presented the City Council with the final FY 15 budget figures. Adm. Blackert explained that the General Fund utility offset will now be shown as an expense out. Tourism, and Demolition funds are new this year. In speaking with the auditors this year, there will be more changes next year. Adm. Blackert spoke about the TIF money that has been spent along the riverfront, and if the promised OSLAD Grants are not received, the amount would have to be added to TIF bonds.

Alderman Kuhlemier stated that the department heads are frugal, and careful with their budgets, and commends everyone associated with the audit for having the budget in the black for 10 years.

Information / Correspondence

City Engineer Brian Frickenstein informed the Council that Twin City Construction had started back up on 7th Avenue. The contractor has torn out all of the sidewalk on the west side of the road, and the City should be getting an updated schedule.

Ward Reports:

Ward 4

Alderman John Watts noticed that the Police department has the new laptops in the cars. He knows that it has been a long awaited request from the Police.

Commander Doug Coppotelli informed the Council that they were installed two weeks ago. All of the officers have been trained to use them. There are a couple of software updates that still need to be installed.

Alderman Kleckler asked if the new laptops will give the location of the vehicle that it is mounted in so that each squad in the county can see each other.

Commander Coppotelli stated that they do not have that right now.

Administrator Blackert said that other vehicles in the City fleet have tracking, but it is a different system.

Ward 3

Alderman Rod Klecker stated that he had been thinking for over a month about how he would like to see the City step forward and formulate a storm water control program. Some steps that the City can take now is:

- Inspect storm sewer lines

- Seek funding

- Look for illegal connections in the sanitary sewer

- Added charge on utility bills of perhaps \$4.00 / month

Mr. Klecker added that if the current program stays the same, the City can expect more urban flooding, and the City should do something sooner than later

Mayor Wescott stated that the City is looking at grants for mitigation through community block grants. Studies will help the City determine where the inflow is coming from. A CDAP Grant can be as high as \$2M. Stanley Consultants is helping the City work towards these grants.

Alderman Watts does not believe the rate increase is feasible.

Ward 1

Alderman Daehle Reitzel mentioned that storm water issues should be brought up at the Public Works Committee, and it would be a good discussion point.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Bill Wescott mentioned that with Carol Fitzgerald leaving, and the Captain's testing complete, he would like to see the Council approve the appointment of Tim Lawrence to fill the position on the Board of Police and Fire Commissioners. Mayor Wescott noted that the position is required by state statute to not have all three members be of the same political party. A motion for the appointment of Tim Lawrence to the Police/Fire Commission from (06/30/2015 – 06/30/2017) to fill the void created with the retirement of Carol Fitzgerald was made by Alderman Kuhlemier, and second by Alderman Logan.

Vote: 8 aye motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Reitzel, and second by Logan for the re-appointment of Darla Schryver to the Police/Fire Commission from (06/30/2015 – 06/30/2018).

Vote: 8 aye motion carried

At 7:10pm Aldermen Logan and Reitzel recused themselves from the meeting.

City Attorney James Reese explained the subordination, nondisturbance, and attornment agreement presented to the Aldermen. Mr. Reese explained that it is not an agreement with the bank. The New Market Tax Credits need to have a long term lease, and the agreement spells out that if at any time the City were to foreclose on its mortgage with the hotel, it would still continue to honor the lease. It does not change the City's position or liability, and the final document will have some language changes.

A motion to approve the SUBORDINATION, NONDISTURBANCE AND ATTORNMENT AGREEMENT between the City of Rock Falls; Rock Falls Master Tenant, LLC; Rock Falls Hotel Group, LLC and Central National Bank of Princeton, Illinois, upon attorney review and approval was made by Alderman Kuhlemier, and second by Alderman Folsom.

Vote: 6 aye motion carried

At 7:15pm Aldermen Reitzel and Logan return to the Council.

A motion to enter executive session for Section 2 (c)(11) threatened or pending litigation was made by Alderman Reitzel, and second by Alderman Snow.

Vote: 8 aye motion carried

Council Enters Executive Session at 7:19pm

Council enters back into Regular Session At 7:35pm

With nothing else for the good of the Council a motion was made by Alderman Watts, and second by Alderman Reitzel to adjourn at 7:36pm.

Vote: 8 aye motion carried

Eric Arduini, City Clerk