

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

August 18th, 2015

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of Rock Falls, Illinois was called to order at 6:30 p.m. August 18th, 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, and Kleckler. Aldermen Watts and Folsom were absent. In addition City Attorney Jim Reese, and City Administrator Robbin Blackert were present.

Mayor Wescott mentioned that Alderman Watts is out of state on business, and Alderman Folsom is in the hospital. Mayor Wescott announced that item number 3 on the consent agenda, as well as the request for variance by the Rock Falls Hotel Group will be removed from the agenda.

Presentation:

Neil Densmore from the Rock Falls Hotel Group presented a PowerPoint slide show to the Council illustrating the layout of the ground floor as well as the room amenities for the 68 unit Holiday Inn Express and Suites. He stated that the project is on schedule and he is hopeful that the hotel will be open by the first of the year.

Community Affairs:

Bethany Bland CEO of the Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce approached the Council to speak about some upcoming fall events. She handed out a flier to the Council with a list of events and dates. She asked for volunteer help with the Bridge the Community 5K / 10K on September 12th. The race will require 100 volunteers for the event.

Ordinance 2nd Reading / Adoption

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman, and second by Alderman Snow to adopt **Ordinance 2015-2222** - Amending Section 15-411 to add a definition for garbage cans

Vote 6 aye Motion Carried

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman, and second by Alderman Logan for the adoption of **Ordinance 2015-2227** - Amending Section 8-365 to remove language from dry cleaning requirements.

Vote 6 aye Motion Carried

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Schuneman for the adoption of **Ordinance 2015-2228** - Amending Section 8-959 (b)(1) License Fees for mobile home parks.

Vote 6 aye Motion Carried

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman and second by Alderman Snow for the adoption of **Ordinance 2015-2229** - Amending Section 8-343 to remove language from laundry requirements.

Vote 6 aye Motion Carried

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier and second by Alderman Snow for the adoption of **Ordinance 2015-2230** - Amending Section 8-850 to allow for the sale of more types of goods at the Farmer's Market.

Vote 6 aye Motion Carried

A motion was made by Alderman Reitzel and second by Alderman Logan for the adoption of **Ordinance 2015-2231** - Annexation of territory into city limits 1204 Dixon Avenue.

Alderman Kleckler stated that he had spoken with the Selmi family, and they could not answer his questions concerning parking, rear yard setbacks, and well water service from the front house to the rear house on the property. He felt that is in the best interest of both parties to table this until these issues are addressed.

Mayor Wescott explained that neither the city nor the Selmi family knew that the property would be forced to hook up to the city sewer system until they were informed by the Health Department. The water issue will have to be addressed as the property needs to be on city water if it is in city limits, but the city will give them time to do that.

City Administrator Robbin Blackert explained that this is being annexed as a non-conforming parcel, and situations such as this is why a non-conforming can be allowed. If it were a new subdivision, then the City would require that it conform to the codes.

Vote 5 aye 1 nay (Kleckler) Motion Carried

Consent Agenda:

1. Approve the Minutes of the August 4th, 2015 Regular Council Meeting
2. Approval of bills as presented.
3. Approval of the recommendation from the Finance Committee for the surfacing of 7th Avenue during the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year.
4. Approval of the proposal from Layne - 721 W. Illinois Avenue Aurora, IL for the repair and installation of booster pump No. 1. - \$11,325.50

A motion was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Logan to approve items 1, 2, and 4 by omnibus designation.

Vote 6 aye Motion Carried

City Administrator Robbin D. Blackert:

City Administrator Robbin Blackert requested the approval of the Stanley Consultants Supplemental Agreement No. 3 for the Main Wastewater Pumping Station. Adm. Blackert explained that there was a planned redesign of the pump station prior to the incident on June 15, 2015. After the June 15th incident the need for submersible pumps, and different flow capacity needs to be studied. Stanley consultants will be reporting on the new variables so that these remedies can be implemented during the rebuild of the pump station.

Alderman Kuhlemier stated that he read through the agreement, and it answers a number of the concerns that have been asked.

Alderman Kleckler asked why we would be repairing the station if we do not have answers about what happened.

After much discussion Mayor Wescott stated that the results what are still being investigated, and when we know what happened the City will bring those facts to the public as before. A motion to accept the agreement was made by Alderman Kuhlemier, and second by Alderman Schuneman.

Vote 6 aye Motion Carried

Ward Reports:

Ward 2

Alderman Glen Kuhlemier informed the Council that the next RRDA meeting will be held on August 31st, 2015 at 6:30pm at the Arduini Boat launch overlook. Mr. Kuhlemier also mentioned that Tom Burns had received an award at the annual Blackhawk Waterways dinner.

Ward 3

Alderman Schuneman recognized the Sauk Valley Landlord's Association for their work at the Arduini Boat Launch. The group worked with the Firehouse of God Ministries, and replaced the roof on the overlook. Mr. Schuneman also remarked on the passing of a good friend Frank Duis.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Wescott remarked on the annual Blackhawk Waterways annual dinner, and mentioned that Illinois tourism is up 6.1% over last year. Mayor Wescott noted that he, Alderman Kuhlemier, and Janelle Loos, Interim Rock Falls Tourism Director attended the dinner. Director Loos was introduced to many tourism people from around the state.

Mayor Wescott encourages everyone to visit and support the activities in the community. It is important for people to come to our community, and spend time here during the events we host.

Eric Arduini, City Clerk