

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND

ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS

September 1st, 2015

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of Rock Falls, Illinois was called to order at 6:30 p.m. September 1st, 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.

Presentation:

Tim Watkins from "Project First Rate" presented the Council with some folders containing information on how skilled workers help build communities.

Audience Requests:

David Druen from Davesoutdoorworld.com approached the Council and spoke as an advocate for the Hennepin Canal. He announced that he has received permission from the IDNR to remove trees from the canal after the Hennepin 100 event. This cleanup will be on September 19th. Mr. Druen also inquired about the spending of Tourism money.

Community Affairs:

Julie Jacobs from the Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce spoke about the recent Harvest Fest. Mrs. Jacobs also thanked the Rock Falls Police for their help with the Circus which is being held on September 2nd, 2015. The Bridge the community 5K / 10K race is going to be Saturday September 12th, and the Chamber is still looking for more volunteers. Mrs. Jacobs reported on building a leadership program for the area.

Consent Agenda:

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

1. Approve the Minutes of the August 18th, 2015 Regular City Council Meeting
2. Approval of bills as presented.
3. Approval of the recommendation from Planning and Zoning for setback variances at 1805 Industrial Park Road.
4. Approval of the RB&W District Event Permit, and requested waiver of fee for the Bridge the Community 10K / 5K to be held on September 12, 2015.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried

Ordinances First Reading:

1. Approval of **Ordinance 2015-2226** - Toilet Facilities required
2. Approval of **Ordinance 2015- 2232** Amending Sections 7-76, 7-82, and 7-81 - Fire command structure.

3. Approval of **Ordinance 2015-2233** Amending Section 12.5-13 Temporary signs to allow for banners and flags.
4. Approval of **Ordinance 2015-2234** Amending Section 12.5-7 for Ground Sign changing B-3 to MU-1.
5. Approval of **Ordinance 2015-2235** Amending Section 12-51 for changes in the prohibited areas for skateboarding.
5. Approval of **Ordinance 2015-2236** Amending Section 15-276 Regulation of Portable Toilets.
6. Approval of **Ordinance 2015-2237** Amending Section 15-428 Rules for residential commercial containers.

A motion to approve the first reading of all of the ordinances as read was made by Alderman Reitzel, and second by Alderman Snow.

Viva Voce Vote, motion carried

City Administrator Robbin D. Blackert:

City Administrator Robbin Blackert requested the approval of the “Miscellaneous Engineering Services Agreement” with Stanley Consultants, and Work orders 1, 2, and 3. By approving this agreement, Adm. Blackert explained that work at the wastewater plant may be approved by work orders rather than supplemental engineering agreements. A motion to approve the agreement, and the work orders was made by Alderman Schuneman, and second by Alderman Reitzel.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried

Information/Correspondence:

City Clerk Eric Arduini informed the Council that the RRDA River Sweep is to be held Saturday September 5th, 2015 at 7:00am at Oppold Marina. The event will end 11:00am at Moonlight Bay.

Department Heads:

Electrical Director Dick Simon asked the Council for the approval of the recommendation from the Electric Committee for the purchase of a 15kV G&W PNI switchgear from G&W Electric Company, 305 W. Crossroads Pkwy, Bolingbrook, IL in the amount of \$51,000. A motion to approve the purchase was made by Alderman Schuneman, and second by Logan.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried

Electrical Director Dick Simon asked the Council for the approval of the recommendation from the Electric Committee for the purchase of a 2 - 35kV reclosers for Meter Point #4, and the Hydro Plant from Irby 980 Lone Oak Road, Suite 145, Eagan, and MN. for a total of \$37,294. A motion to approve the purchase was made by Alderman Kuhlemier, and second by Logan.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried

Ward Reports:

Ward 2

Alderman Glen Kuhlemier informed the Council that he had visited the busy Farmer's Market during Harvest Fest. Mr. Kuhlemier encourages people to patronize our local growers.

Mayor Wescott added that many crafters have also begun selling at the farmer's market.

Ward 1

Alderman Daehle Reitzel was proud of the Rock Falls Rocket fans and players for their good sportsmanship during Friday night's football game.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Wescott spoke about the 2012 Memorandum of Understanding with the RFCDC. The agreement was to reimburse the RFCDC money that was spent above and beyond their usual amounts in the work involving a specific project along the riverfront. The project was never finished at no fault of the RFCDC. The City has agreed to reimburse the RFCDC, but the money must be deposited into a special fund to be used for capital investments. A motion to approve the agreement for contribution to the RFCDC Capital Redevelopment Fund in the amount of \$41,000.88 was made by Alderman Kuhlemier, and second by Alderman Schuneman.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried

Executive Session:

A motion to enter executive session for Section 2(c)(5) Purchase or Lease of Real Estate was made by Alderman Reitzel, and second by Alderman Snow.

Vote 8 aye motion carried

City Council enters executive session at 6:59pm

City Council returns to regular session at 7:29pm

Any action taken from executive session:

A motion to approve Resolution 2015-715 Authorizing Acquisition of Real Property was made by Alderman Kuhlemier, and second by Alderman Folsom.

Vote 7 aye, 1 nay (Kleckler), motion carried

A motion to approve a Service Agreement with Terracon Consultants, Inc. 135 Ambassador Dr. Naperville, IL. was made by Alderman Kuhlemier, and second by Alderman Snow

Vote 8 aye, motion carried

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

Viva Voce Vote, motion carried