

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND

ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS

September 15th, 2015

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of Rock Falls, Illinois was called to order at 6:30 p.m. September 15th, 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 Logan, Snow, Kuhlemier, Schuneman, Kleckler, and Watts. Aldermen Reitzel, and Folsom were absent. In addition City Attorney Jim Reese, and City Administrator Robbin Blackert were present.

Proclamation:

A proclamation of Constitution Week 2015 was read aloud by City Clerk Eric Arduini. A motion to approve the proclamation was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Logan. Representatives Patricia Taylor, and Judith Lowe from the Daughters of the American Revolution accepted a copy of the resolution from Mayor Bill Wescott.

Viva Voce Vote, motion carried

Community Affairs:

Julie Jacobs from the Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce thanked the City, and Police Department for their help with the Bridge the Community 5K - 10K races. Mrs. Jacobs gave information to the Council about the upcoming Chamber events. There will be an open house for Homeowner Financial Group on September 18th. The Rock Falls Homecoming Parade will be held on September 24th. Other upcoming events include uptown trick or treat on October 30th, from 4-6pm and a Chamber Board Breakfast.

Consent Agenda:

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

1. Approve the Minutes of the September 1st, 2015 Regular Council Meeting
2. Approval of bills as presented.
3. Approval of the request of the Rock Falls High School for the annual Homecoming Parade on September 24th, 2015 at 5:30pm.

Vote 6 aye, motion carried

Ordinances Second Reading / Adoption

A motion was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Schuneman for the adoption of **Ordinance 2015-2226** - Toilet Facilities required

Vote 6 aye, motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Logan, and second by Alderman Watts for the adoption of **Ordinance 2015- 2232** Amending Sections 7-76, 7-82, and 7-81 - Fire command structure.

Vote 6 aye, motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman, and second by Alderman Watts for the adoption of **Ordinance 2015-2233** Amending Section 12.5-13 Temporary signs to allow for banners and flags.

Vote 6 aye, motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Watts and second by Alderman Snow for the adoption of **Ordinance 2015-2234** Amending Section 12.5-7 for Ground Sign changing B-3 to MU-1.

Vote 6 aye, motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Watts for the adoption of **Ordinance 2015-2235** Amending Section 12-51 for changes in the prohibited areas for skateboarding.

Vote 6 aye, motion carried

City Administrator Robbin D. Blackert:

City Administrator Robbin Blackert reminded the Aldermen to get their street repairs list ready for the October 1st Public Works / Public Property Committee meeting.

Information/Correspondence:

City Clerk Eric Arduini read a letter of thanks that accompanied a Certificate of Appreciation from Warren County ESDA. The Twin City Joint Fire Command had assisted Cameron, Illinois after a tornado that had occurred on July 16th, 2015. Gary Cook stated that the city had provided a Chief Officer, and heavy rescue equipment to Cameron.

City Engineer Brian Frickenstein informed the Council that the contract for the finished surface of 7th avenue had been executed, and the work should be done in October.

Department Heads:

Fire Chief Gary Cook informed the Council that the ISO inspector had inspected the City, and has now upgraded Rock Falls to a Class A4. This is better than last year's class A5 rating. This may help the homeowners with their property insurance premiums. He stated that these ratings should remain for ten years.

Ward Reports:

Ward 1

Alderman George Logan congratulated the Fire Department for their job of attaining the A4 ISO rating for the City.

Ward 2

Alderman Glen Kuhlemier stated that the ISO rating can benefit some people's pocketbooks for 10 years.

Ward 3

Alderman Jim Schuneman congratulated the RRDA on their 30th annual River cleanup.

Ward 4

Alderman Watts spoke on Tourism, and the effect on tourism the past weekend had filling Rock Falls and Sterling with people for many successful events. He thanked all of the participants and sponsors of the races. Mr. Watts informed the Council that the annual Optimist Club fishing Derby will be held on Saturday September 18th from 9-11:30am at Centennial Park.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Wescott presented the council with appointments of Randy Balk to the Whiteside / Carroll Enterprise Zone Commission, and Janelle Loos along with Alderman Logan to the Blackhawk Waterways Convention and Visitors board.

A motion to appoint Randy Balk to the Whiteside / Carroll Enterprise Zone Commission was made by Alderman Kuhlemier, and second by Alderman Watts.

Viva Voce Vote, motion carried

A motion to appoint Janelle Loos -Interim Tourism Director, and Alderman George Logan to the Blackhawk Waterways Convention and Visitors Bureau board. Both for three year terms was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Watts.

Viva Voce Vote, motion carried

Mayor Wescott spoke about how Tourism is alive and well in Illinois, and Rock Falls. He spoke about the recent 1st Annual Hennepin Hundred race which began at Woodlawn Park in Sterling, and ended 50 miles away in Wyanet, or 100 miles away in Colona. Mayor Wescott stated that it is important for members of the community to support these events either as participants, or volunteers.

Mayor Wescott also spoke about recently attending the 6th annual Blackhawk Firefighters Association memorial ceremony at Sauk Valley College.

With nothing else for the good of the Council a motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Logan at 7:23pm.

Viva Voce Vote, motion carried



Eric Arduini, City Clerk