

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

May 19th, 2015

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of Rock Falls, Illinois was called to order at 6:30 p.m. May 19th, 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.

Proclamation:

A Proclamation was read aloud by City Clerk Eric Arduini. A motion was made by Alderman Logan and second by Alderman Snow to approve a proclamation for American Cancer Society Relay for Life Day - June 13th, 2015 in Rock Falls. A group of Relay for Life supporters joined Betty Clementz to invite everyone to the 20th annual event. This year's event will be held from 6:00pm to midnight.

Viva Voce Vote, motion carried

Ordinance 1st Reading

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman, and second by Alderman Watts to approve the first reading of **Ordinance 2015-2214** authorizing the City of Rock Falls to borrow Funds from the Public Water Supply Loan Program. Alderman Schuneman questioned why the approval was for twice the amount of the project, and City Attorney James Reese explained that he had drawn the paperwork up that way to allow for any added costs, but we will only be able to borrow the amount of bided job. Much discussion followed.

Viva Voce Vote, motion carried

Ordinance 2nd Reading / Adoption

A motion was made by Alderman Folsom, and second by Alderman Schuneman for the adoption of **Ordinance 2015-2211** - Amendment of Section 5-611 Storm Water Drainage Energy Conservation Code.

Vote: 8 aye motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Snow, and second by Alderman Folsom for the adoption of **Ordinance 2015-2212** - Notice of Public Auction for surplus and confiscated items on June 20th, 2015 at 10:00am.

Vote: 8 aye motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Logan, and second by Alderman Snow for the adoption of **Ordinance 2015-2213** - Disposal of Surplus Equipment - Miscellaneous Electronic equipment for recycling. Alderman Klecker inquired as to why these items were not going to be included in the auction. Clerk Arduini responded that in the past these items had never sold at the city auctions.

Vote: 8 aye motion carried

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

1. Approve the Minutes of the May 5th, 2015 Council Meeting
2. Approval of bills as presented.
3. Approval of the ONLINE Utility Subscriber Service Exchange Agreement for Red Flag Rule compliance, and Experian credit checks for determining utility deposit amounts.
4. Approve at the request of Public Works Committee - proposal for pulling, inspection and necessary repairs of Booster Pump No. 3 by Layne Christensen Company of Aurora, Illinois at a cost not to exceed \$15,000.00
5. Approve at the request of Public Works Committee - Proposal from Ferguson Waterworks of DeKalb, Illinois for the purchase of replacement water meters at a cost of \$49,048.96
6. Approve at the request of the Public Works Committee - Willett, Hofmann & Associates securing a contractor for the required maintenance of Industrial Park Water Tower to include painting, waxing and vent repairs at a cost not to exceed \$10,000.00

Vote: 8 aye motion carried

City Administrator Robbin D. Blackert:

City Administrator Robbin Blackert reported to the Council that video gaming revenue for the year is was \$107,091.43.

Administrator Blackert announced that the Tourism Office has been moved back into City Hall. She urges the new Tourism Committee to meet as soon as possible, and if anyone has any tourism related questions, they can call Robbin at City Hall.

Department Heads:

Electric:

Electrical Director Dick Simon explained that when the electrical crews helped in Rock Falls after a bad storm recently, there was never bills requesting Rock Falls to reimburse Princeton for their time and hard work. Mr. Simon explained that the IMUA has been working together for a mutual aid agreement which would provide crews from surrounding areas to help during disasters. There would be no charge to the needy community for the first 16 hours of work. A motion to approve the IMUA Mutual Aid Agreement was made by Alderman Kuhlemier, and second by Alderman Logan.

Vote: 8 aye motion carried

Ward Reports:

Ward 1

Alderman Daehle Reitzel thanked Alderman Schuneman for asking questions, and helping everyone learn more.

Ward 2

Alderman Kuhlemier reminded the Council that there will be an RRDA meeting at the Arduini Boat Launch at 6:30 pm on May 20th, 2015. He also thanked the council for the opportunity to attend the IMUA conference.

Alderman Brian Snow wishes everyone a safe holiday weekend.

Ward 3

Alderman Jim Schuneman wanted to make sure that Chief Tammy Nelson appears on the agendas correctly.

Alderman Rod Kleckler requested that the ward reports be reversed so that the 4th Ward could speak first instead of last. Mr. Kleckler alerted the Council to vandalism that has been occurring along the canal, and at the Linville Crossing Bridge. He urges anyone who sees anything suspicious to report it to authorities. Mr. Kleckler asked that since the City had been made whole for the Feb. 13th 2014 pump station incident, why we are not reimbursing the rate payers?

Adm. Blackert explained that there is nothing to reimburse. The residents are billed by usage, and during the event the meters were not spinning to generate any charges. She explained that the rate payers were paying for the manpower and equipment used to fix the problems that day, and the settlement reimbursed them for those costs.

Mayor Wescott explained that the City has insurance that claims would have been filed through if residents had any extra losses from the event.

Mayor's Report:

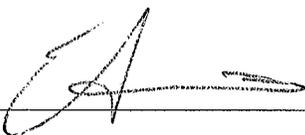
Mayor Bill Wescott requested the approval of the committee assignments that were presented to the Council. Mayor Wescott noted that there is now a new Tourism Committee. The committees have been changed to have 3 Aldermen instead of 4 to reduce the chance of a quorum. All Aldermen are encouraged to attend as many meetings as they can, and the committee form of government is good for the City of Rock Falls. The City will also host Committee of the Whole meetings as necessary to discuss business without a vote. Mayor Wescott assumes that the new committee appointments would begin at the scheduled June meetings, and if any of the chairmen would like to change the date or time of the committee meetings, they will need to get those changes to the City Clerk to post as required by law. A motion to approve the committee appointments was made by Alderman Reitzel, and second by Alderman Watts.

Vote: 8 aye motion carried

Mayor Wescott highlighted a few of the community events that recently occurred. The Farmer's Market had a great opening weekend. The market will be open Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday this year. Mayor Wescott mentioned that St. Andrews had a successful carnival, and he was pleased to see that on Sunday the area was nearly barren of trash from the festivities. On Memorial Day there will be an Honor Guard ceremony at the lower dam parking lot at 10:30am. Summer Splash and the River Chase will be the weekend of June 26th through June 28th.

With nothing else for the good of the Council a motion was made by Alderman Folsom, and second by Alderman Reitzel to adjourn at 7:15pm.

Vote: 8 aye motion carried



Eric Arduini, City Clerk