

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMAN OF
THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS**

FEBRUARY 3, 2004

The Regular meeting of the Mayor and Alderman of the City of Rock Falls began at 6:30p.m., February 3, 2004 in Rock Falls, Illinois with City Clerk William Wescott calling Roll Call.

Roll Call:

Present were Alderman Stachowiak, Searing, Kuhlemier, Straub, Hand, Folsom and Blanton. Absent were Mayor Edward M. Mulvaney and Alderman Charnas.

Appointment of Chair:

Motion made by Alderman Blanton and second by Alderman Stachowiak to place Alderman Folsom, senior ranking Alderman to the position of Chair for the meeting in Mayor's absence. Upon roll call, Alderman Stachowiak, Searing, Kuhlemier, Straub, Hand, Blanton voted aye. Alderman Folsom abstained. Vote 6 ayes, 1 abstention. **Motion carried.**

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Alderman Searing and second by Alderman Kuhlemier to approve minutes from the regular meeting of January 20, 2004 as presented. Upon roll call, Alderman Stachowiak, Searing, Kuhlemier, Straub, Hand, Blanton and Folsom voted aye. Vote 7 ayes, **Motion carried.**

Payment of Bills:

Motion by Alderman Hand and second by Alderman Kuhlemier to approve the payment of bills as read:

Tourism \$1,125.00, General Fund \$171,276.84, Electric O&M \$91,447.37, Sewer Revenue O&M \$27,295.18, Water Revenue O&M \$41,004.45, Garbage Revenue \$33,930.83, Drug Fund \$26.86, Motor Fuel Tax Fund \$844.40, Industrial Development \$439.58, Customer Utility Deposits \$3,597.21, IMRF/Social Security \$4,873.41, Employee Group Insurance \$64,671.58.

Upon roll call, Alderman Stachowiak, Searing, Kuhlemier, Straub, Hand, Blanton and Folsom voted aye. Vote 7 ayes, Motion carried.

Audience Requests:

Lincoln Land American Red Cross request permission to hold a Bucket Brigade March 20, 2004. **Motion by** Alderman Hand and second by Alderman Searing to approve the request. Upon roll call, Alderman Stachowiak, Searing, Kuhlemier, Straub, Hand, Blanton and Folsom vote aye. Vote 7 ayes, **Motion carried.**

Relay for Life request permission to hold a Bucket Brigade February 28, 2004. **Motion by** Alderman Kuhlemier and second by Alderman Stachowiak to approve request. Upon roll call, Alderman Stachowiak, Searing, Kuhlemier, Straub, Hand, Blanton and Folsom voted aye. Vote 7 ayes, **Motion carried.**

St. Andrews Knights of Columbus # 118874 request permission to hold a Bucket Brigade September 18, 2004. **Motion** by Alderman Searing and second by Alderman Hand to approve the request. Upon roll call, Alderman Stachowiak,

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Searing, Kuhlemier, Straub, Hand, Blanton and Folsom voted aye. Vote 7 ayes, **Motion carried.**

Rock Falls Rotary Club request permission to hold a Bucket Brigade May 1, 2004. **Motion by** Alderman Kuhlemier and second by Alderman Hand to approve the request. Upon roll call, Alderman Stachowiak, Searing, Kuhlemier, Straub, Hand and Folsom voted aye. Alderman Blanton abstained. Vote 6 ayes, 1 abstention. **Motion carried.**

Correspondence:

Letter from the Rock Falls Community development Corporation Board of Directors requesting a nomination from the Council for placement on the RFCDC Board for next year. Current Representative for the City Council is Alderman Pat Stachowiak. City Clerk shared with the Council that he would have no objection to Alderman Stachowiah continuing in the position if she has a desire to do so. **A motion** was made by Alderman Kuhlemier and second by Alderman Blanton to have Alderman Stachowiak continue as the Councils representative. Upon roll call, Alderman Kuhlemier, Searing, Straub, Hand, Blanton and Folsom voted aye. Alderman Stachowiak, abstained. Vote 6 ayes, 1 abstention. **Motion carried.**

Letter from Julie Curry, Deputy Chief of Staff for Governor Rod Blagojevich. The letter is a response to a letter written by Mayor Mulvaney on November 24, 2003 in regards to Illinois FIRST projects # SR 30348 and # HR 39344 for the Rock Falls Community Development Center. In review, they are appreciative of the correspondence, however, in view of the financially difficult times for the State of Illinois they continue under review against thousands of other projects for consideration. **No Action taken.**

Letter from the Illinois Department of Public Health dated January 27, 2004. The letter officially recognizes and commends our community water system for the high degree of compliance with the state of Illinois Fluoridation Law maintained throughout 2003. The Council members complimented Water Superintendent Ted Padilla and his staff for there outstanding work in maintaining a highly effective disease prevention program.

Letter from Insight Communications informing the City of an increase in the current pricing, which will go into effect with the March 1, 2004 billing cycle. Basic Service will remain at the rate of \$10.79 and Classic Service will increase from the current rate of \$26.96 a month to \$29.16 a month. This represents a 9% increase. **No action taken.**

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Alderman Kuhlemier and second by Alderman Straub to remove the costs of Water, Sewer and Electrical Services from the General Fund budgets. Upon roll call, Alderman Stachowiak, Searing, Kuhlemier, Straub, Hand, Blanton and Folsom voted aye. Vote 7 ayes, **Motion carried.**

Ordinances/Resolutions for Approval:

Motion by Alderman Kuhlemier and second by Alderman Straub to approve Obligation Retirement Resolution for \$1,500,000.00 General Obligation Alternate Bond, Motor Fuel Tax Alternate Revenue Sources, Series 1999, Section 99-00119-00-RS. Upon roll call, Alderman Stachowiak, Searing, Kuhlemier, Straub, hand, Blanton and Folsom voted aye. Vote 7 ayes, **Motion carried.**

Motion by Alderman Blanton and second by Alderman Searing to approve a Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways, Section 04-00000-00-GM, 2004 General Maintenance. Upon roll call, Alderman Stachowiak, Searing, Kuhlemier, Straub, Hand, Blanton and Folsom voted aye. Vote 7 ayes, **Motion carried.**

Motion by Alderman Hand and second by Alderman Kuhlemier to approve an Amendment to Section 8-289(a) (5), of the Municipal Code, changing fee from \$750.00 to \$1000.00 annually. Upon roll call, Alderman Stachowiak, Searing, Kuhlemier, Straub, Hand, Blanton and Folsom voted aye. Vote 7 ayes, **Motion carried.**

Motion by Alderman Blanton and second by Alderman Searing to approve an Amendment to Section 8-289 calling for the repeal of Subparagraph (a) (9). Upon roll call, Alderman Stachowiak, Searing, Kuhlemier, Straub, Hand, Blanton and Folsom voted aye. Vote 7 ayes, **Motion carried.**

Alderman/Committee Reports:

Alderman Stachowiak (Public Property) – No Report

Alderman Searing (Personnel) – A Personnel committee meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2004 at 6:30 p.m., in the Municipal Council chambers.

Alderman Searing reported on the Electric Utilities search committee progress. He outlined the timetable established for the Committee, March 19 –deadline for applications, April 1 –Begin interviews, May 1 – Bring candidate to the Council.

Alderman Kuhlemier (Finance) – A Finance committee meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Complex.

Alderman Kuhlemier brought forth **a motion** to add the Electric Committee Chairman, Dave Blanton to the Electric Utilities search committee. Motion second by Alderman Searing. Following a short discussion, roll call was taken. Alderman Stachowiak, Searing, Kuhlemier, Straub, Hand and Folsom voted aye. Alderman Blanton abstained. Vote 6 ayes, 1 abstention. **Motion carried.**

Alderman Straub (Public Works) – Public Works committee meeting is scheduled for February 10, 2004 at 5:30 p.m. in the Municipal Complex.

Alderman Hand (Ordinance/License) – Presented **a motion** to approve a Raffle License for the Rock Falls American Legion Unit 902. All documents are in order. Second by Alderman Stachowiak. Upon roll call, Alderman Stachowiak, Searing, Kuhlemier, Straub, Hand, Blanton and Folsom voted aye. Vote 7 ayes, **Motion carried.**

Alderman Folsom (Insurance) – No Report

Alderman Blanton (Electric) – Electric Committee meeting is scheduled for February 10, 2004 at 6:00p.m. in the Municipal Complex.

Administrators Report:

City Administrator Downey presented a report of various projects currently being worked on, see Attachment A of these minutes. Two Ordinances were also presented for first review of the Council : Ordinance amending Section 15-829 – Elimination of Deposits Fees for Electric, Water and Sewer Utilities, Ordinance amending Section 8-888(b)(1) – License Required, application, fees. Anyone that

would like to see additional changes or revisions should contact the Ordinance Committee.

Information and Updates:

Mike Heilsburg, City Engineer reported that the bids had been let for the 2004 General Maintenance. Bid opening is scheduled for February 17, 2004 at 1:00 p.m. . . . The low bidder will be announced at the February 17, 2004 City Council meeting.

Department Heads Reports: No Reports

Community Affairs:

Christian Tscheschlok, Executive Director of the Rock Falls Community Development Corporation reminded the Council of the scheduled meeting of the Community Shareholders meeting on February 10, 2004 beginning at 7:00 a.m. at the U.S. Bank Building. Additionally, he reminded the Council of the special C.O.W. Meeting scheduled for February 9, 2004 at 6:30 P.M. in the Municipal Complex, where Jim Heaton of the RFCDC will be presenting a report on the River Front Development Project.

Linda Thurm, Executive Director of the Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce reported on a very successful Annual Dinner Meeting held on February 2, 2004. She announced the the following individuals and organizations were presented with the prestigious Shoulder to the Wheel Award:

Individual Award – Pastor Don George, Organizational Award – United Way of Whiteside County, Youth Organization Award – Crossroads Youth Center.

Executive Session:

A motion by Alderman Hand and second by Alderman Blanton to enter into executive session for the following discussions:

1. Collective negotiating matters and deliberations concerning salary schedules- Section 2 (c)(2)
2. Pending litigation – Section2 (c) (11)

Upon roll call, Alderman Stachowiak, Searing, Kuhlemier, Straub, hand, Blanton and Folsom vote aye. Vote 7 ayes, **Motion carried.** Entered into executive session at 7:11 p.m...

A motion by Alderman Searing and second by Alderman Straub to return to regular session at 7:56 p.m... Upon roll call, Alderman Stachowiak, Searing, Kuhlemier, Straub, Hand, Blanton and Folsom voted aye. Vote 7 ayes, **Motion carried.**

Motion by Alderman Hand and second by Alderman Blanton to adjourn. Upon roll call, Alderman Stachowiak, Searing, Hand, Kuhlemier, Straub, Blanton and Folsom voted aye. Vote 7 ayes, **Motion carried.**

Approved 17 February 2004

William B. Wescott, City Clerk