

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF  
THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS  
April 20, 2004**

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Rock Falls was called to order at the hour of 6:30 p.m., April 20, 2004 in Rock Falls, Illinois by Mayor Edward M. Mulvaney.

Deputy Clerk, Michelle Conklin, called the roll, present were Mayor Mulvaney, Alderman Stachowiak, Searing, Kuhlemier, Straub, Charnas, Hand, Folsom and Blanton.

A motion was made by Alderman Searing and second by Alderman Kuhlemier to approve the minutes of April 6, 2004 and the following bills for payment Tourism \$1,334.36, General Fund \$113,147.37, E.S.D.A. \$12.79, Electric O & M \$157,351.84, Sewer Revenue/O & M \$32,344.02, Water Revenue/O & M \$35,809.48, Garbage \$34,563.05, Motor Fuel Tax Fund \$2,610.00, Customer Utility Deposits \$107.89, IMRF/Social Security \$4,549.65. Upon roll call Alderman Stachowiak, Searing, Kuhlemier, Straub, Charnas, Hand, Folsom and Blanton voted aye. Vote: 8 aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Searing and second by Alderman Hand to refer the Request for Approval of Preliminary Plat of Subdivision (Benchmark Phase 5 and 6) from Ron Gerken and Paul Long to the Plan Commission for review. Upon roll call Alderman Stachowiak, Searing, Kuhlemier, Straub, Charnas, Hand, Folsom and Blanton voted aye. Vote: 8 aye. Motion carried.

Dwayne Aldridge addressed the City Council and asked if there was any place in the City that the kids could use to skateboard. Chief Perez stated that he did not know of any place, but that he may want to contact the Coloma Township Park District. Mr. Aldridge then questioned if there was any way that the City could construct a skateboard park, Mayor Mulvaney stated that there had been other citizens that had come forward in the past with these same questions and the City Council had advised them to get some information together and bring it back to the City, as of this time we have not heard any ideas or plans.

A motion was made by Alderman Hand and second by Alderman Stachowiak to approve a Proclamation designating April 18 - 24, 2004 as National Volunteer Week in the City of Rock Falls. Upon roll call Alderman Stachowiak, Searing, Kuhlemier, Straub, Charnas, Hand, Folsom and Blanton voted aye. Vote: 8 aye. Motion carried.

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A motion was made by Alderman Searing and second by Alderman Charnas to approve Ordinance No. 2004-2086 amending Section 2-76 Standing Committees and Section 2-78 Committee Membership. Upon roll call Alderman Stachowiak, Searing, Straub, Charnas, Hand, Folsom and Blanton voted aye. Alderman Kuhlemier, Hand and Folsom voted nay. Vote: 5 aye, 3 nay. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Hand and second by Alderman Stachowiak to table the amendments to Sections 15-159, 15-166, 15-168, 15-183, 15-185 and 15-185.5 in order to give Attorney Reese time to review and approve the changes. Upon roll call Alderman Stachowiak, Searing, Kuhlemier, Straub, Charnas, and Blanton voted aye. Vote: 8 aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Blanton and second by Alderman Searing to approve Ordinance No. 2004-2087, amending Section 8-888 License Required, application, fees (carnivals). Upon roll call Alderman Stachowiak, Searing, Kuhlemier, Straub, Charnas, Hand, Folsom and Blanton voted aye. Vote: 8 aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Blanton and second by Alderman Straub to approve Consent Agenda items 1 - 3:

1. Approval to seek bids for the repair and partial painting of the Eighth Street water tower. Probable costs for these repairs is \$52,000.00 with a tentative bid date of May 11, 2004 at 2:00 p.m.
2. Approval to seek bids for the construction of a chlorine tank storage enclosure building. Probable costs for construction is \$30,000.00 with a tentative bid date of May 11, 2004 at 2:00 p.m.
3. Approval to have Civil Constructors, Inc. perform emergency repairs of the North P.B.R. distribution headers, on a time and material basis.

Upon roll call Alderman Stachowiak, Searing, Kuhlemier, Straub, Charnas, Hand, Folsom and Blanton voted aye. Vote: 8 aye. Motion carried.

Chief Perez informed the City Council that he had contacted the Illinois Department of Transportation regarding the change to the speed limit on Route 40, south of US 30. The Illinois Department of Transportation has a policy guide to establish speed limits, and per this policy, an engineering and traffic investigation was conducted. It was determined that the posted speed limit will be changed to 45 miles per hour.

A motion was made by Alderman Hand and second by Alderman Stachowiak to approve the reduction in the speed limit on IL 40, south of US 30, to 45 miles per hour, the City Administrator was direct to draft the proper ordinance. Upon roll call Alderman Stachowiak, Searing, Kuhlemier, Straub, Charnas, Hand, Folsom and Blanton voted aye. Vote: 8 aye. Motion carried.

City Administrator, Richard Downey gave his report to the City Council. (See attached)

A motion was made by Alderman Blanton and second by Alderman Folsom to table the Annual Utility Write-Offs until the Adjourned Council Meeting of April 26, 2004. Upon roll call Alderman Stachowiak, Searing, Kuhlemier, Straub, Charnas, Hand, Folsom and Blanton voted aye. Vote: 8 aye. Motion carried.

Christian Tscheschlok, Executive Director of the Rock Falls Community Development Corporation addressed the Council. He stated that the Whiteside County Enterprise Zone had reported \$3,208,408.00 worth of new investments in the E-Zone, \$2,600,000.00 was in Rock Falls. Regarding the Walgreen's property, all of the abatement applications were successful with the school district, the idea was to utilize the abatements to litigate the environmental risks that were associated with the remediation of the site.

A motion was made by Alderman Hand and second by Alderman Stachowiak that the Carnival License for Wilson's Family Show be sent to the Council Meeting of May 4, 2004 for approval, all proper paperwork has been completed. Upon roll call Alderman Stachowiak, Searing, Kuhlemier, Straub, Charnas, Hand, Folsom and Blanton voted aye. Vote: 8 aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Blanton and second by Alderman Straub that as of May 1, 2004, the Customer Service Center will be under the direct supervision of the City Administrator. Upon roll call Alderman Stachowiak, Searing, Kuhlemier, Straub, Charnas, Hand, Folsom and Blanton voted aye. Vote: 8 aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Mulvaney opened the floor to the City Council for discussion on the Rock Falls Community Development Corporation contract renewal. Alderman Kuhlemier stated that he had concerns with the language in number 3 under recitals, it states that "the City does not currently employ any individual with expertise or direction to perform and provide assistance to private companies."  
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Alderman Kuhlemier does not feel that this statement is true, so that number one under agreement, "the statements contained in the recitals above are true and accurate and are incorporated into this agreement" is not a correct statement. Attorney Reese suggested that it be changed to "The City currently does not employ anyone whose primary employment obligation is to provide assistance to private companies." The City Council and the Rock Falls Community Development Corporation agreed with the wording change, the RFCDC will make the necessary changes and will get copies to the City Council before the Adjourned Council Meeting on April 26, 2004.

A motion was made by Alderman Charnas and second by Alderman Searing to enter into executive session for the purposes of Threatened and Pending Litigation - Section 2 (c)(11) and Collective Bargaining Matters - Section 2 (c)(2). Upon roll call Alderman Stachowiak, Searing, Kuhlemier, Straub, Charnas, Hand, Folsom and Blanton voted aye. Vote: 8 aye. Motion carried. (7:14 p.m.)

A motion was made by Alderman Charnas and second by Alderman Kuhlemier to return to regular session. Upon roll call Alderman Stachowiak, Searing, Kuhlemier, Straub, Charnas, Hand, Folsom and Blanton voted aye. Vote: 8 aye. Motion carried. (8:09 p.m.)

A motion was made by Alderman Folsom and second by Alderman Hand to adjourn the meeting until April 26, 2004 at 6:30 p.m. Upon roll call Alderman Stachowiak, Searing, Kuhlemier, Straub, Charnas, Hand, Folsom and Blanton. Vote: 8 aye. Motion carried.

Approved: May 4, 2004

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Michelle K. Conklin, Deputy Clerk