

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF
THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS
May 18, 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., May 18, 2004 in Rock Falls, Illinois by Mayor Edward M. Mulvaney.

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

A motion was made by Alderman Folsom and second by Alderman Charnas to approve the minutes from the regular session of May 4, 2004 and payment of bills as listed:

Tourism \$2,763.40, General Fund \$200,685.97, E.S.D.A. \$943.46, Electric O & M \$124,719.67, Sewer Revenue/O & M \$23,832.62, Water Revenue O & M \$20,139.33, Garbage \$33,793.41, Industrial Development \$110.00, Tobacco Grant \$55.18, Customer Utility Deposits \$525.71, IMRF/Social Security \$6,967.68

Upon roll call Alderman Stachowiak, Kuhlemier, Charnas, Hand, Folsom and Blanton voted aye. Vote: 6 aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Blanton and second by Alderman Stachowiak to accept the bid from Maxcor, Inc. from Lockport, Illinois, in the amount of \$48,500.00 for Elevated Water Storage Tank Repairs. Upon roll call Alderman Stachowiak, Kuhlemier, Charnas, Hand, Folsom and Blanton voted aye. Vote: 6 aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Hand and second by Alderman Stachowiak to approve the recommendation of the Zoning Board of Appeals/Plan Commission to amend the City's Comprehensive Plan to include the Riverfront Redevelopment Plan, and instruct the City Attorney to make the necessary changes. Upon roll call Alderman Stachowiak, Kuhlemier, Charnas, Hand, Folsom and Blanton voted aye. Vote: 6 aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier and second by Alderman Stachowiak to approve the recommendation from the Zoning Board of Appeals/Plan Commission regarding the Zoning change from R-3 to R-2 in Benchmark Subdivision Phase II, Lots 38, 40, 41, 43, 44 and 45, and instruct the City Attorney to draft the necessary amendments to the zoning ordinance. Upon roll call Alderman Stachowiak, Kuhlemier, Charnas, Hand, Folsom and Blanton voted aye. Vote: 6 aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Hand and second by Alderman Charnas to approve the amendment to Section 15-103 Residential Hookup Charges, 15-104 Commercial Hookup Charge and 15-105 Industrial Hookup Charges of the Rock Falls Municipal Code. Upon roll call Alderman Stachowiak, Kuhlemier, Charnas, Hand, Folsom and Blanton voted aye. Vote: 6 aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Hand and second by Alderman Stachowiak to approve the first reading of the amendments to Section 15-159, 15-166, 15-183, 15-184, 15-185 and 15-185.5 of the Rock Falls Municipal Code. Upon roll call Alderman Stachowiak, Kuhlemier, Charnas, Hand, Folsom and Blanton voted aye. Vote: 6 aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Hand and second by Alderman Stachowiak to approve the first reading of the amendments to Section 15-54 and 15-55 of the Rock Falls Municipal Code. Upon roll call Alderman Stachowiak, Kuhlemier, Charnas, Hand, Folsom and Blanton voted aye. Vote: 6 aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Blanton and second by Alderman Stachowiak to approve Consent Agenda items 1 - 5:

1. Approve Rock Falls Convention and Visitors Bureau budget as presented on May 4, 2004
2. Approve amendment to Section 6-123 increasing the tax levied from 3% to 5% as presented on May 4, 2004
3. Approve recommendation of the Public Utilities Committee to allow Bob O'Donnell remain on the IMEA Board of Directors after his retirement
4. Authorize Mayor Mulvaney, Alderman Blanton, Bob O'Donnell and Paul Jakubczak to attend the APPA Convention in Seattle, WA with estimated expenses of \$1,600.00 per person
5. Approve Proclamation designating June 5 - 6, 2004 as American Cancer Society Relay for Life Day in Rock Falls

Upon roll call Alderman Stachowiak, Kuhlemier, Charnas, Hand, Folsom and Blanton voted aye. Vote: 6 aye. Motion carried.

Building Inspector Pete Whiting addressed the Council and stated that he had a meeting with the International Code Council. All states across the country will be required to use the 2003 International Building Codes, so that codes will be consistent. Mr. Whiting will need the Ordinance Committee to adopt the 2003 International Building Codes to replace the current B.O.C.A. codes currently used.

A motion was made by Alderman Blanton and second by Alderman Stachowiak to give authorization to the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the Partial Assignment of the Refuse Hauling Contract with Rock Valley Disposal, an agreement to assign payments to a separate legal entity. Upon roll call Alderman Stachowiak, Kuhlemier, Charnas, Hand, Folsom and Blanton voted aye. Vote: 6 aye. Motion carried.

City Administrator Richard Downey informed the City Council that himself, Ted Padilla, Ed Cox and Bob Gasper had completed a rate study on the City's water and sewer rates. The study shows that there is a need for adjustments to be made in both the water and sewer rates.

A motion was made by Alderman Blanton and second by Alderman Charnas to approve amendments to the ordinance for the increases in the sewer and water rates of the City of Rock Falls, increases to be effective on July 1, 2004. Upon roll call Alderman Stachowiak, Kuhlemier, Charnas, Hand, and Blanton voted aye. Alderman Folsom voted nay. Vote: 5 aye, 1 nay. Motion carried.

City Administrator Richard Downey informed the City Council that the money that the City levies for the School Crossing Guards does not cover the expense of all eight crossing guards. Mr. Downey had met with School District #13 and St. Andrews School, about the possibility of these entities helping fund the School Crossing Guards, but unfortunately, they do not have the funds to help. There will have to be three School Crossing Guard positions cut from the budget, Mayor Mulvaney stated that they had discussed this previously and Mr. Downey had the authority to do what was necessary to cover this expense. The City Council members agreed.

City Attorney James Reese informed the City Council that there had been changes made to the Ethics Ordinance ref: HB3412 as Public Act 93-615 effective November 19, 2003 and SB 702 as Public Act 93-617, and that the City needed to update their Ethics Ordinance to reflect these changes.

A motion was made by Alderman Blanton and second by Alderman Hand that Article XII of Chapter 2 of the Municipal Code of the City of Rock Falls is amended in its entirety. Upon roll call Alderman Stachowiak, Kuhlemier, Charnas, Hand, Folsom and Blanton voted aye. Vote: 6 aye. Motion carried.

Christian Tscheschlok, Executive Director of the Rock Falls Community Development Corporation informed the City Council that their Community Investment Campaign was almost completed, to date they have collected \$33,000.00 which is 70% of their goal. The final figures will be announced at the Annual Dinner on June 3, 2004. He also informed the Council that Phase I and II of the Development Data Base is complete and Phase III - VI is due to be completed by June 12, 2004.

Linda Thurm from the Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce informed the Council that the planters throughout the City have been filled with flowers and that chamber volunteers raised the money to purchase the flowers and helped to plant all of these flowers. There will also be a Customer Service Excellence Workshop to be held on June 1, 2004, anyone who is interested in attending this workshop should contact the Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor Mulvaney excused himself from the Council Meeting and turned over the meeting to Alderman Folsom.

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Alderman Kuhlemier stated that there would be a Finance Committee Meeting to be held on May 27, 2004 at 6:30 p.m.

Alderman Hand stated that the Louie Bellson 80th Birthday Celebration would be held on July 10th and 11th, 2004.

Alderman Blanton stated that there would be a Public Utilities Committee Meeting held on June 1, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing bids received for the Centennial Park Substation Modifications.

A motion was made by Alderman Blanton and second by Alderman Hand to adjourn. Upon roll call Alderman Stachowiak, Kuhlemier, Charnas, Hand, Folsom and Blanton voted aye. Vote: 6 aye. Motion carried. (7:32 p.m.)

Michelle K. Conklin, Deputy City Clerk

Approved: June 1, 2004