

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF
THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS
July 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., July 20, 2004 in Rock Falls, Illinois by Mayor Edward M. Mulvaney.

City Clerk, William Wescott, called the roll, present were Mayor Mulvaney, Alderman Stachowiak, Searing, Kuhlemier, Hand Folsom and Blanton.

At 6:35 p.m. a Public Hearing was held for the purposes of receiving written or oral comments concerning the Appropriation Ordinance for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2004 and ending April 30, 2005. The total of all appropriations for the fiscal year will be \$14,583,069.01. Having heard or received no questions or comments from the floor, the public hearing was closed at 6:40 p.m.

A motion was made by Alderman Folsom and second by Alderman Hand to approve Regular Session Minutes from July 6, 2004 and payment of bills as follows:

Tourism \$2,052.75, General Fund \$149,467.51, E.S.D.A. \$18.92, Electric O & M \$406,083.10, Sewer Revenue/O & M \$20,954.03, Water Revenue/O & M \$20,596.25, Garbage \$194.41, Customer Service Center \$91.56, Customer Utility Deposits \$130.79, Motor Fuel Tax \$782.40, IMRF/Social Security \$3,648.51

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

Mrs. Mabel Gerlack, 814 Avenue A and her daughter Mrs. Nancy Heckman, 526 W 8th Street, addressed the City Council about nuisance problems at 812 Avenue A.

Mr. John R. Cushman, 304 12th Avenue, addressed the City Council regarding two issues. Mr. Cushman wanted an explanation on his water bill, and complained about a lack of enforcement of speed zones on 12th Avenue.

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier and second by Alderman Hand to adopt Ordinance No. 2004-2100, Appropriation Ordinance for the Fiscal Year beginning May 1, 2004 and ending April 30, 2005. Upon roll call Alderman Stachowiak, Searing, Kuhlemier, Hand, Folsom and Blanton voted aye. Vote: 6 aye. Motion carried.

Building Inspector Pete Whiting informed the City Council of the progress of the new Walgreen's and that there are permits that have been issued for a new subdivision. Paul Jakubczak, Electrical Director, presented the City Council with a copy of the advertisement that will be placed for the Utility Electrical Engineer.

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A motion was made by Alderman Folsom and second by Alderman Blanton to accept the resignation of Fred Tintori from the Police - Fire Commission. Alderman Blanton and Kuhlemier praised the time and effort put in by Mr. Tintori while serving on the Commission, and it was recommended that he receive a plaque for his services. Upon roll call Alderman Stachowiak, Searing, Kuhlemier, Hand, Folsom and Blanton voted aye. Vote: 6 aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Mulvaney requested that the Council members submit recommendations for his replacement.

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier and second by Alderman Hand to approve the appointment of Mason Bell and Christian Tscheschlok, term of 04/30/04 - 04/30/07 to the Industrial Development Commission and Donald Koehler and Mark Searing, term of 04/30/04 - 04/30/07 to the Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals. Upon roll call Alderman Stachowiak, Kuhlemier, Hand, Folsom and Blanton voted aye. Alderman Searing abstained. Vote: 5 aye, 1 abstention. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Stachowiak and second by Alderman Searing to accept the resignation of Linda Sheldon from the Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals. Upon roll call Alderman Stachowiak, Searing, Kuhlemier, Hand, Folsom and Blanton voted aye. Vote: 6 aye. Motion carried.

Richard Downey, City Administrator reported to the City Council on the City's web page and problems with the link to the City Ordinances.

Mayor Mulvaney inquired as to the status of the Scanlon property. Mr. Downey stated that it is still be researched and no meeting has been scheduled as of this time.

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier and second by Alderman Searing to approve payment of \$940.39, to the Rock Falls Police Pension Fund for Tom Root from a 1993 obligation while then officer Root was on active military duty in Operation Desert Storm. Upon roll call Alderman Stachowiak, Searing, Kuhlemier, Hand, Folsom and Blanton voted aye. Vote: 6 aye. Motion carried.

Mike Heilsburg, Willett, Hofmann & Associates, informed the City Council that bids for seal coating and road repairs will be opened in the City Clerk's Office on August 9, 2004 at 10: a.m.

Christian Tscheschlok, Executive Director Rock Falls Community Development Corporation gave the City Council a preliminary report on Project Brava System for Economic Development.

Linda Thurm, Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce, spoke on the overall success of the Louie Bellson Celebration, and informed the City Council that the event will be returning next year. Ms. Thurm also invited the Council members to participate in the Annual Golf Outing on August 6, 2004 at the Rock River Country Club.

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Alderman Blanton reported that there would be a Public Utilities/Public Property Committee Meeting on August 5, 2004 at 6:00 p.m.

Alderman Hand reported that there would be an Ordinance/License Committee Meeting on August 19, 2004 at 6:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Alderman Hand and second by Alderman Stachowiak to instruct the City Attorney to draft the necessary ordinance for adoption of nine building codes under the new International Building Code, to be completed no later than October 1, 2004. Upon roll call Alderman Stachowiak, Searing, Kuhlemier, Hand, Folsom and Blanton voted aye. Vote: 6 aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Hand and second by Alderman Stachowiak to refer ordinance drafts to the Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals for review and input. Upon roll call Alderman Stachowiak, Searing, Kuhlemier, Hand, Folsom and Blanton voted aye. Vote: 6 aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier and second by Alderman Hand to approve changes to Elected Officials Salaries, prior to the next election. Mayor \$6,000.00, City Clerk \$30,000.00, Treasurer and Aldermen to remain the same. Upon roll call Alderman Stachowiak, Searing, Kuhlemier, Hand, Folsom and Blanton voted aye. Vote: 6 aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier and second by Alderman Folsom to approve a series of Public Meetings at three different sites, East Coloma School, Rock Falls Jr. High School and the Rock Falls Community Building. The Program to be presented will be on the financial status of the City at a cost of approximately \$150.00. Dates and times to be announced soon. Upon roll call Alderman Stachowiak, Searing, Kuhlemier, Hand, Folsom and Blanton voted aye. Vote: 6 aye. Motion carried.

Alderman Searing announced that the Personnel/Public Safety Committee will have a meeting on July 21, 2004 at 6:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Alderman Folsom and second by Alderman Searing to change the date of the next City Council Meeting from August 4, 2004 back to the first Tuesday, August 3, 2004 at 6:30 p.m. The date of the meeting was originally changed due to Sterling and Rock Falls' involvement in National Night Out, which is not scheduled for this year. Upon roll call Alderman Stachowiak, Searing, Kuhlemier, Hand, Folsom and Blanton voted aye. Vote: 6 aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Mulvaney briefed the City council on an upcoming meeting with members of the Whiteside County Planning/Zoning and Whiteside County Health Department to review the policy on zoning changes and recommendations for properties within 1 ½ miles of the Rock Falls City limits.

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Mayor Mulvaney updated the City Council on the actions being taken to clean up nuisance and abandoned properties in the City of Rock Falls. City crews are working on clean up and liens will be placed against properties to recover the costs.

Mayor Mulvaney updated the City Council on the Reliant Fastener property and the EPA. Permission has been granted for the U.S. EPA to enter the Reliant Property to perform an assessment and collect samples of on site contaminants. The U.S. EPA will perform assessment on 7-27 and 7-28. Following analytical analysis of the samples the U.S. EPA and IL EPA will develop a plan to remediate the clean up and removal of the materials from the site. The site would be cleaned up under the guidance of the IL EPA and an Environmental firm that would need to be hired. Monies for this clean up and remediation would be provided from both the U.S. EPA and the IL EPA Funds. This is a step towards eventual demolition and re-growth to the area.

Eric Patrick and Richard Simon, representing the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, came before the City Council to grieve the City's recent change in administration of vacation days, specifically verbage in Section 14.01 and 14.02. A lengthy discussion followed.

A motion was made by Alderman Stachowiak and second by Alderman Blanton to support the City Administrator's position on the grievance, which denies appeal of grievance from the union. Upon roll call Alderman Stachowiak, Searing, Kuhlemier, Hand, Folsom and Blanton voted aye. Vote: 6 aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Blanton and second by Alderman Kuhlemier to enter into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing: Personnel Matters - Section 2 (c)(1) and Threatened/Pending Litigation - Section 2 (c)(11). Upon roll call Alderman Stachowiak, Searing, Kuhlemier, Hand, Folsom and Blanton voted aye. Vote: 6 aye. Motion carried. (8:26 p.m.)

A motion was made by Alderman Searing and second by Alderman Blanton to return to regular session. Upon roll call Alderman Stachowiak, Searing, Kuhlemier, Hand, Folsom and Blanton voted aye. Vote: 6 aye. Motion carried. (9:04 p.m.)

A motion was made by Alderman Folsom and second by Alderman Blanton to adjourn. Upon roll call Alderman Stachowiak, Searing, Kuhlemier, Hand, Folsom and Blanton voted aye. Vote: 6 aye. Motion carried. (9:08 p.m.)

William B. Wescott, City Clerk
(By: Michelle K. Conklin, Deputy Clerk)

