

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF
THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS
August 3, 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., August 3, 2004 in Rock Falls, Illinois by Mayor Edward M. Mulvaney.

Deputy City 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 Hand and second by Alderman Searing to approve Regular Session Minutes from July 20, 2004 and payment of bills as follows:

Tourism \$4,642.60, General Fund \$166,927.44, Industrial Development \$-31.00, Employee Group Health Insurance \$64,307.76, E.S.D.A. \$291.00, Electric O & M \$69,492.98, Sewer Revenue/O & M \$28,662.35, Water Revenue/O & M \$28,159.53, Garbage \$35,808.83, Customer Service Center \$5,127.73, DUI Fund \$73.25, Drug Fund \$422.86, Customer Utility Deposits \$131.40, IMRF/Social Security \$3,875.11

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 Hand to refer to the Plan Commission the Final Plat of West Wolf Ridge - Phase III. 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 Kuhlemier and second by Alderman Stachowiak to approve the Parade Resolution for the Twin Cities Fiesta Parade to be held on September 18, 2004 between the hours of 2:00 p.m to 4:00 p.m. 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 Hand and second by Alderman Folsom to waive the \$25.00 license fee for the Fiesta Craft Fair. During discussion it was decided that the 5th Street parking lot would not be available on September 18, 2004. Jane Saldivar will speak with the Fiesta Committee about holding the Craft Fair at the 2nd Street parking lot and will bring back to the City Council Meeting of August 17, 2004. Upon roll call Alderman Stachowiak, Searing, Kuhlemier, Straub, Charnas, Hand Folsom and Blanton voted aye. Vote: 8 aye. Motion carried.

City Council approved the first reading of Section 10-116 - Nuisance - Weeds, increasing the fine from \$10.00 to \$50.00. The ordinance will be brought to the City Council Meeting of August 17, 2004 for the 2nd reading and approval.

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier and second by Alderman Blanton to approve Ordinance No. 2004-2101, Section 2-400. Mayor - fixing the office of Mayor at six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00) per year and Section 2-401. City Clerk - fixing the office of City Clerk at thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00) per year effective at the commencement of and during the term of office beginning next after the election to be held on the first Tuesday in April 2005. Upon roll call Alderman Stachowiak, Searing, Kuhlemier, Straub, Charnas, Hand Folsom and Blanton voted aye. Vote: 8 aye. Motion carried.

City Council approved the first reading of Section 10-300 - Impound Fees Established at \$10.00 per day. The ordinance will be brought to the City Council Meeting of August 17, 2004 for the 2nd reading and approval.

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier and second by Alderman Searing to approve consent agenda:

1. Designate the Mayor as Voting Delegate to the 91st Illinois Municipal League Conference in Chicago, IL

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 Hand to approve the Electric Department to do emergency repairs to Hydro Unit #2, repairs not to exceed \$300,000.00, and there will be a six to eight week completion time. Upon roll call Alderman Stachowiak, Searing, Kuhlemier, Straub, Charnas, Hand Folsom and Blanton voted aye. Vote: 8 aye. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Larson informed the City Council that the Fire Department had received a F.E.M.A. Grant in the amount of \$37,000.00, and asked the Council's permission to apply for a Wal-Mart Safe Neighborhood Grant.

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier and second by Alderman Stachowiak to approve the Fire Department applying for a Wal-Mart Safe Neighborhood Grant. Upon roll call Alderman Stachowiak, Searing, Kuhlemier, Straub, Charnas, Hand Folsom and Blanton voted aye. Vote: 8 aye. Motion carried.

Commander Kuelper informed the City Council that the Police Department had received the Tobacco Grant for the 5th year, they should be receiving the money in October 2004.

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City Administrator, Richard Downey informed the City Council on the procedures that will need to be followed for the Home Rule Process. We will need to pass an ordinance and advise the City Clerk to send it to the County Clerk three months before the election. The cost to the City would be nothing, the cost for the County to place on the ballot will be approximately \$1,000.00.

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier and second by Alderman Hand instructing the City Attorney to draft an ordinance implementing a 1/2¢ sales tax to be used for infrastructure maintenance in the City of Rock Falls. Upon roll call Alderman Stachowiak, Searing, Kuhlemier, Straub, Charnas, Hand and Blanton voted aye. Alderman Folsom voted nay. Vote: 7 aye, 1 nay. Motion carried.

City Administrator Report (See attachment), after discussion the City Council approved attendance at the Illinois Tax Increment Association Conference, with City paying for Mayor and City Administrator's registration, lodging and travel expenses, and half of the Rock Falls Community Development Corporation Director's Expenses.

A motion was made by Alderman Blanton and second by Alderman Folsom to approve Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$6,000.00 from Maxcor, Inc., approve Pay Estimate No. 1 and Final to Maxcor, Inc. in the amount of \$54,500.00 and approve payment to Willett, Hofmann & Associates in the amount of \$2,696.60, for engineering services for Waterworks Improvements to the Elevated Water Storage Tank. 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 Stachowiak to approve the appointment of the City Administrator, Richard Downey, as the City of Rock Falls Tax Increment Finance Administrator, to be effective immediately. Upon roll call Alderman Stachowiak, Searing, Kuhlemier, Straub, Charnas, Hand Folsom and Blanton voted aye. Vote: 8 aye. Motion carried.

Alderman Hand announced an Ordinance Committee Meeting on August 19, 2004 at 6:30 p.m.

Alderman Blanton announced a Public Utilities Committee Meeting to be held on August 5, 2004 at 6:00 p.m.

Alderman Searing stated that the Public Safety Committee had finished sections 1 -4 of the safety manual, and will be working on the next few sections.

Alderman Kuhlemier announced that the audit of the City's Financial Records was complete and we are waiting for the results.

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier and second by Alderman Blanton to approve the Mayor's appointment for the Ad Hoc Committee to review engineering firms for potential Brownfield Cleanup process at the former Reliant site. Ad Hoc Committee members to be Mayor Mulvaney, Alderman Hand, Alderman Charnas, City Administrator Richard Downey and Rock Falls Community Development Corporation Director Christian Tscheschlok. Upon roll call Alderman Stachowiak, Searing, Kuhlemier, Straub, Charnas, Folsom and Blanton voted aye. Alderman Hand abstained. Vote: 7 aye, 1 abstention. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Blanton and second by Alderman Stachowiak to enter into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing Collective bargaining matters - Section 2 (c)(2), Personnel Matters - Section 2 (c)(1) and Purchase or Lease of Real Estate - Section 2 (c)(5). 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 Blanton and second by Alderman Stachowiak 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. (8:00 p.m.)

A motion was made by Alderman Folsom and second by Alderman Stachowiak to adjourn. Upon roll call Alderman Stachowiak, Searing, Kuhlemier, Straub, Charnas, Hand Folsom and Blanton voted aye. Vote: 8 aye. Motion carried. (8:01 p.m.)

Michelle Conklin, Deputy Clerk