

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF  
THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS  
October 5, 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., October 5, 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 Searing and second by Alderman Blanton to enter into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing: Collective bargaining matters - Section 2 (c)(2) and Personnel Matters - Section 2 (c)(1). Upon roll call Alderman Stachowiak, Searing, Kuhlemier, Straub, Charnas, Hand, Folsom and Blanton voted aye. Vote: 8 aye. Motion carried. (6:31 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. (7:28 p.m.)

Brian Snow, 604 Avenue A, stated that if the City Council could approve a change in the number of liquor licenses, why couldn't they change the garage height ordinance. Mayor Mulvaney referred Mr. Snow to the Ordinance Committee. Mr. Snow also stated that there is a lot of loose gravel in front of his house from the seal coating on Avenue A. Street Superintendent Jim White stated that he will have the Street Sweeper come down Avenue A and clean up any loose gravel.

A motion was made by Alderman Hand and second by Alderman Charnas to approve Consent Agenda items 1 - 6:

1. Approval of Regular Session Minutes from September 21, 2004.
2. Payment of Bills as printed (Attachment A)
3. Approve Proclamation designating October 23, 2004 as "Make A Difference Day " in Rock Falls
4. Amendment to Section 8-291. Number Limited. Adding one Additional Class C Liquor License
5. Appointment of Ed Wagner to the Police Pension Fund - Term until June 2006

6. Recommend that the City Attorney draft an Ordinance to amend the speed limit on Dixon Avenue/Avenue C to reflect School Zone Limits

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

Building Inspector Pete Whiting stated that he had been in contact with the owner of Outdoor World, and he will be sending a letter to the property owner stating what needs to be done to clean up that property. Also, the other 40+ property maintenance issues will be taken care of as time allows.

Electrical Director Paul Jakubczak stated that the substation repairs are progressing, and the fiber link conduit runs should be completed in approximately 1 ½ weeks and the City will be in a position to sign a contract with the toll authority.

A motion was made by Alderman Stachowiak and second by Alderman Folsom to approve the Trick or Treat hours to be Sunday October 31, 2004 from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Upon roll call Alderman Stachowiak, Searing, Kuhlemier, Straub, Charnas, Hand, Folsom and Blanton voted aye. Vote: 8 aye. Motion carried.

Street Superintendent Jim White announced that the street department has been filling cracks and next week they will be moving to sweeping streets and if the weather holds, they will be finishing up painting.

Mike Heilsburg, Willett, Hofmann & Associates informed the City Council that the Avenue A project is finished.

Wastewater Superintendent Ed Cox stated that there have been nine catch basins that have either been repaired or replaced, and they will be working on more in the coming weeks.

Water Superintendent Ted Padilla stated that the water department has repaired an expansion joint in the water tower, taped a new service, finished the Avenue D project and has replaced the waste valves for the backwash filter.

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City Administrator Richard Downey informed the City Council that he had talked to Aramark about the City's uniform contract. Aramark is offering to allow the City to sign a new contract early. The City Council instructed Mr. Downey to talk to Aramark about the new contract and take it to the Finance Committee for review and referral.

A motion was made by Alderman Hand and second by Alderman Stachowiak to refer to the City Attorney, Section 15-42. Recycling Bin Costs. It was the consensus of the City Council to round the City's cost to the nearest dollar and use that figure as the charge in the ordinance. 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 Kuhlemier to approve the recommendation of the Ad Hock Committee and offer the City of Rock Falls Brownfield Redevelopment Project to Terracon & Vandewalle, if they refuse the project the second choice of the Ad Hock Committee is V3 Consultants. Once the contract has been reviewed and approved by the City Attorney the Mayor and City Clerk are instructed to enter into the agreement. 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 Charnas to approve Ordinance No. 2004-2101, approving an agreement for Economic Incentives between the City of Rock Falls and Matthew Prescott. Upon roll call Alderman Stachowiak, Searing, Kuhlemier, Straub, Charnas, Hand, Folsom and Blanton voted aye. Vote: 8 aye. Motion carried.

Kelly Keaschall representing the Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce, informed the City Council that Linda Thurm is retiring and he would like to thank her for her years of dedicated service to the City of Rock Falls.

Rock Falls Community Development Corporation, Christian Tscheschlok, addressed the City Council regarding the Riverfront Redevelopment. Mr. Tscheschlok gave each Council member a draft of a Cooperative Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Rock Falls, Coloma Township Park District, Rock Falls Community Development Corporation, Rock Falls Convention and Visitors Bureau, Tincher and Associates for their review and asked for any input that they may have.

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A motion was made by Alderman Folsom and second by Alderman Blanton to refer the Cooperative Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Rock Falls, Coloma Township Park District, Rock Falls Community Development Corporation, Rock Falls Convention and Visitors Bureau, Tincher and Associates to the Finance Committee and the City Attorney for review and recommendation. Upon roll call Alderman Stachowiak, Searing, Kuhlemier, Straub, Charnas, Hand, Folsom and Blanton voted aye. Vote: 8 aye. Motion carried.

Alderman Hand announced that the License/Ordinance Committee would be meeting on October 21, 2004 at 6:30 p.m.

Alderman Folsom thanked all the volunteer crossing guards for their efforts.

A motion was made by Alderman Blanton and second by Alderman Folsom to suspend competitive bidding and approve for Brown Construction to make repairs to the Digester for an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 and repairs to the Clarifier for an amount not to exceed \$7,000.00. 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 Searing to refer to the Ordinance Committee Section 15-266. Industrial Discharge. 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 Searing to suspend bidding and approve United Electric to repair the traffic signals at 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street for a cost not to exceed \$6,800.00. Upon roll call Alderman Stachowiak, Searing, Kuhlemier, Straub, Charnas, Hand, Folsom and Blanton voted aye. Vote: 8 aye. Motion carried.

Alderman Searing announced that the Personnel/Public Safety Committee would be meeting on October 13, 2004 at 6:30 p.m.

Alderman Kuhlemier announced that the Finance/Insurance Committee would be meeting October 11, 2004 at 6:30 p.m.

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Mayor Mulvaney stated that he would like the Finance/Insurance Committee to look at increasing the Building Inspectors hours from 20 hours per week to 40 hours per week.

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier and second by Alderman Straub to approve the Mayor's appointment of Paul Jakubczak, Richard Downey, Alderman Blanton, Alderman Kuhlemier, Christian Tscheschlok and Mayor Mulvaney to an Ad Hoc Broadband/Fiber Study Committee. The purpose of the committee will be to review the options, opportunities and role that the broadband/fiber link with the State of Illinois and other communities can offer to 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.

A motion was made by Alderman Folsom and second by Alderman Hand to adjourn. Upon roll call Alderman Stachowiak, Searing, Kuhlemier, Straub, Charnas, Hand, Folsom and Blanton voted aye. Vote: 8 aye. Motion carried. (8:13 p.m.)

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Michelle Conklin, Deputy Clerk