

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF
THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS
November 2, 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., November 2, 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, Folsom and Blanton. Alderman Hand being absent.

Tom Starr representing the Rock Falls Optimist Club informed the City Council that they were selling the Pride Calendars again this year to raise money to help the youth of the community.

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier and second by Alderman Blanton to refer the first reading of Amendment to Section 10-88. Prohibited, Repeal Section 13-99. Same - Annual Fee, Repeal Section 15-26. Liability and Amendment to Section 15-266 (c) (3). Basic User rate for Industrial Discharge to the City Attorney for review and necessary changes. Upon roll call Alderman Stachowiak, Searing, Kuhlemier, Straub, Charnas, Folsom and Blanton voted aye. Vote: 7 aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Blanton and second by Alderman Straub to approve Consent Agenda items 1 - 3 and 5, and to withdraw item 4:

1. Approval of regular minutes from October 19, 2004
2. Payment of bills as presented (Attachment A)
3. Ordinance authorizing the execution of the IMLRMA Minimum/Maximum Contribution Agreement
4. Approve Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals recommendation on Re-zoning of Baroncini property from R-2 to R-4 as previously presented
5. Ordinance Authorizing option and ground lease with US Cellular for 60 ft by 60ft parcel in Industrial Park

Upon roll call Alderman Stachowiak, Searing, Kuhlemier, Straub, Charnas, Folsom and Blanton voted aye. Vote: 7 aye. Motion carried.

Pete Whiting, Building Inspector stated that construction is still going strong in the City and there were just plans brought in for a new residence.

Paul Jakubczak, Electrical Director, stated that the upgrades to the Centennial Park Substation is complete and in operation, the electric department has started to put up the Christmas decorations and the last of the parts for the Hydro Plant should be shipped by November 25, 2004 and that project should be complete a few weeks after that.

J.W. Larson, Fire Chief, informed the City Council that he had received resignations from two paid on call firefighters, Gale McBride and Sonny Russell.

Ed Cox, Wastewater Superintendent, stated that the slip lining behind DeKalb Feeds is complete and everything went good, the catch basin list is complete and they will be starting the Christian Center project on November 15, 2004.

Ted Padilla, Water Superintendent stated that the Avenue D loop between E 8th Street and E 9th Street is finished.

Richard Downey, City Administrator stated that he has been in contact with the Illinois Department of Transportation regarding a parade permit for the Hometown Holidays Parade, he is hoping to get more information and bring back to the City Council Meeting of November 16, 2004.

A motion was made by Alderman Blanton and second by Alderman Searing to approve Change Order No. 1 & Final for Section 04-00000-01-GM (Seal Coat) in the amount of \$1,349.30 to Bob Propheter Construction, LLC and approve Change Order No. 1 & Final for Section 04-00000-02-GM (Bituminous Resurface) in the amount of \$950.80 to Northwest Illinois Construction Co. Upon roll call Alderman Stachowiak, Searing, Kuhlemier, Straub, Charnas, Folsom and Blanton voted aye. Vote: 7 aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier and second by Alderman Charnas to authorize the Mayor to an agreement with Vandewalle & Associates to prepare one USEPA Brownfields Assessment Grant Proposal and one USEPA Cleanup Grant Proposal. Upon roll call Alderman Stachowiak, Searing, Kuhlemier, Straub, Charnas, Folsom and Blanton voted aye. Vote: 7 aye. Motion carried.

Alderman Blanton reminded the City Council of the Public Utilities/Public Property Committee Meeting on November 4, 2004 at 6:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Alderman Blanton and second by Alderman Searing to authorize the Electric Department to purchase cable for the primary electric service from RESCO in the amount not to exceed \$6,500.00. Upon roll call Alderman Stachowiak, Searing, Kuhlemier, Straub, Charnas, Folsom and Blanton voted aye. Vote: 7 aye. Motion carried.

Alderman Searing announced a Personnel/Public Safety Committee Meeting to review the Safety Manuals on November 18, 2004 at 6:00 p.m.

Alderman Kuhlemier reminded the City Council of the Finance/Insurance Committee Meeting on November 3, 2004 at 2:00 p.m.

Alderman Charnas stated that there is an Outdoor Music Festival being planned to be held in the Fall of 2005, the purpose of this Festival will be to help raise money and awareness of the Riverfront Redevelopment. He also questioned Chief Perez about the school zone stop signs. Chief Perez stated that they had been installed, but they were not the flashing signs.

Mayor Mulvaney stated that the City Council Retreat has been scheduled for November 13, 2004, the City Administrator will be putting together the agenda for the retreat.

Mayor Mulvaney asked the Ordinance Committee to review the proposed Liquor License Ordinance changes, he stated there had been meeting held with the current liquor license holders and that they were aware of the proposed changes.

A motion was made by Alderman Stachowiak and second by Alderman Searing to enter into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing Collective bargaining matters - Section 2 (c)(2) and Threatened/Pending Litigation - Section 2 (c)(11). Upon roll call Alderman Stachowiak, Searing, Kuhlemier, Straub, Charnas, Folsom and Blanton voted aye. Vote: 7 aye. Motion carried. (7:13 p.m.)

A motion was made by Alderman Stachowiak and second by Alderman Searing to return to regular session. Upon roll call Alderman Stachowiak, Searing, Kuhlemier, Straub, Charnas, Folsom and Blanton voted aye. Vote: 7 aye. Motion carried. (8:06 p.m.)

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A motion was made by Alderman Folsom and second by Alderman Blanton to adjourn. Upon roll call Alderman Stachowiak, Searing, Kuhlemier, Straub, Charnas, Folsom and Blanton voted aye. Vote: 7 aye. Motion carried. (8:06 p.m.)

Michelle K. Conklin, Deputy Clerk