

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF
THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS
February 1, 2005**

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., February 1, 2005 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, Charnas, and Blanton. Alderman Straub, Folsom and Hand being absent.

Kevin McCanna, Speer Financial, Inc. addressed the City Council regarding the 2005 Series \$1,200,00.00 General Obligation Refunding Bond, Motor Fuel Tax Source. He stated that the interest rate will be 3.8164% and will save the City approximately \$45,730.00 over the life of the issue. He also explained that the fire truck refinance is not a bond, it is considered a debt certificate. The interest rate for the Series 2005A, \$300,000.00 Debt Certificates will be 4.3250%.

Mayor Mulvaney informed the City Council that there will be an Adjourned Meeting of the City Council on February 3, 2005 at 5:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Alderman Blanton and second by Alderman Charnas to approve Ordinance No. 2005-2116 - an amendment to Section 8-246 (b) - Tobacco License Fees. Upon roll call Alderman Stachowiak, Searing, Kuhlemier, Charnas and Blanton voted aye. Vote: 5 aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier and second by Alderman Stachowiak to approve Ordinance No. 2005-2117 - an Amendment to Section 15-52 - Meter damage; Disconnection During Non-Occupancy. Upon roll call Alderman Stachowiak, Searing, Kuhlemier, Charnas and Blanton voted aye. Vote: 5 aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Searing and second by Alderman Stachowiak to approve Ordinance No. 2005-2118 - an Amendment to Section 15-108 - Presence of Owner at Initial Supply of Service. Upon roll call Alderman Stachowiak, Searing, Kuhlemier, Charnas and Blanton voted aye. Vote: 5 aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Searing and second by Alderman Blanton to approve Ordinance No. 2005-2119 - an Amendment to Section 15-109 - Emergency Disconnection or Discontinuance of Supply; Exoneration of City. Upon roll call Alderman Stachowiak, Searing, Kuhlemier, Charnas and Blanton voted aye. Vote: 5 aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Blanton and second by Alderman Stachowiak to approve Ordinance No. 2005-2120 - an Amendment to Section 15-127 - Code Compliance. Upon roll call Alderman Stachowiak, Searing, Kuhlemier, Charnas and Blanton voted aye. Vote: 5 aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier and second by Alderman Searing to approve Ordinance No. 2005-2121 - an Addition to Section 8-938 - (e) Not - for - profit organizations. Upon roll call Alderman Stachowiak, Searing, Kuhlemier, Charnas and Blanton voted aye. Vote: 5 aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier and second by Alderman Searing to approve Ordinance No. 2005-2122 - Simplified Municipal Telecommunications Tax Rate Change. Upon roll call Alderman Stachowiak, Searing, Kuhlemier, Charnas and Blanton voted aye. Vote: 5 aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Blanton and second by Alderman Searing to approve Consent Agenda Items 1 and 2:

1. Approval of Regular Session Minutes from January 18, 2005
2. Payment of Bills as printed (Attachment A)

Upon roll call Alderman Stachowiak, Searing, Kuhlemier, Charnas and Blanton voted aye. Vote: 5 aye. Motion carried.

Pete Whiting, Building Inspector informed the City Council that the Crowne Hill project is nearing completion, the Cellular tower has been started, the property maintenance issue is moving along, and there are four new homes being built in the City.

Paul Jakubczak, Electrical Director stated that the Hydro plant project is complete and it is back on line.

Ted Padilla, Water Superintendent, stated that the tests on Well #4 show that it should be pumping approximately 1,200 gallons per minute.

Richard Downey, City Administrator informed the City Council that the Riverfront Tax Increment Financing Annual Report was almost complete and the wireless tower project is moving along. There are a few possible projects that Mr. Downey wanted to make the Council aware of, water and sewer expansion to Riverdale School, water and sewer service on Haskell Avenue, water and sewer to the Illinois Department of Transportation on Route 30 and a possibility of water and sewer extensions east of town. All of these possibilities will be discussed with the Public Utilities Committee and be brought back to the City Council. Also, there are a couple of sections of the screening from business to residential properties that have been deleted from the Municipal Code book, as soon as these are approved through the Ordinance Committee, Pete Whiting will be able to take care of this issue.

Christian Tscheschlok, RFCDC Executive Director, distributed information to the City Council regarding the Rock the River Concert Event, an update on the I-88 Corridor, the RFCDC web portal on the Sauk Valley Development IMS and the 2004 Corporate Survey on Site Location results.

Alderman Charnas thanked Al Silva, who owns the local boxing club for all of his time and dedication to the area youth. Also, he thanked all of the volunteers on the Rock River Concert Committee. The purpose of the event is to showcase the Rock Falls Riverfront, set the stage for more events and to raise funds for the riverfront redevelopment efforts.

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier and second by Alderman Blanton that tentative approval be granted to the Rock the River Concert Committee for the 2005 site plan, contingent upon all proper licensing and insurance. Upon roll call Alderman Stachowiak, Searing, Kuhlemier and Blanton voted aye. Alderman Charnas abstained. Vote: 4 aye, 1 abstention. Motion carried.

Alderman Blanton reminded everyone that there is a Public Utilities Meeting Scheduled for February 2, 2005 at 6:00 p.m.

Alderman Searing stated that there was an Executive Session of the Personnel/Public Safety Committee on February 3, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. and scheduled a regular Personnel/Public Safety Committee Meeting on February 22, 2005 at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Mulvaney gave his annual State of the City report. (Attachment B)

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). Upon roll call Alderman Stachowiak, Searing, Kuhlemier, Charnas and Blanton voted aye. Vote: 5 aye. Motion carried. (7:29 p.m.)

A motion was made by Alderman Blanton and second by Alderman Charnas to return to regular session. Upon roll call Alderman Stachowiak, Searing, Kuhlemier, Charnas and Blanton voted aye. Vote: 5 aye. Motion carried. (8:47 p.m.)

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier and second by Alderman Charnas to accept the terms of the tentative agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police. Upon roll call Alderman Stachowiak, Searing, Kuhlemier, Charnas and Blanton voted aye. Vote: 5 aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier and second by Alderman Searing to adjourn until Thursday, February 3, 2005 at 5:00 p.m. Upon roll call Alderman Stachowiak, Searing, Kuhlemier, Charnas and Blanton voted aye. Vote: 5 aye. Motion carried. (8:48 p.m.)

Michelle K. Conklin, Deputy Clerk