

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF
THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS
May 10, 2005**

The Special meeting of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Rock Falls was called to order at the hour of 6:30 p.m., May 10, 2005 in Rock Falls, Illinois by Mayor David H. Blanton.

Deputy City Clerk, Michelle Conklin, called the roll, present were Mayor Blanton, Alderman Vandersnick, Searing, Arduini, Folsom and Thurm. Alderman Kuhlemier, Snow and Hand being absent.

Mayor Blanton announced that the City of Rock Falls was contacted and we have received a \$600,000.00 Brownsfield Grant. There will be a formal press release, which hopefully our State Legislators will be able to attend.

Mayor Blanton stated that the reason for this Special Meeting was to inform the Council on a request by Mr. Al Gowan for City services. Mr. Gowan has sewer and water service but is requesting electric. The property is in the City's electric service area, the property is contiguous to the city limits but Mr. Gowan does not want to annex into the City.

Mr. Gowan addressed the Council and stated that he was requesting electric service, but did not feel that it was necessary for him to annex into the City.

Paul Jakubczak, Electric Department Superintendent stated that he has spoken to Mr. Gowan about providing him with electric service. Mr. Gowan does not want to give a utility easement in order to install a transformer, so we will not be able to run the regular size cable for residential service, we will have to increase the wire size and that will make the voltage to the house inconsistent.

Attorney Reese stated that if Mr. Gowan does not want to give the City a Utility Easement, we will require a waiver to be signed by Mr. Gowan stating that if there are any problems, Mr. Gowan will be responsible for all of the repairs and damages and the City will not be held liable now or any time in the future.

Mr. Edward Mulvaney, 1405 Lancaster Drive, addressed the City Council and stated that he just wanted the Council members to be aware that they needed to keep the corporate integrity of the City. If the City starts allowing services to be installed without requiring an annexation, we are going to be landlocking properties and that is going to hinder the City's expansion.

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A motion was made by Alderman Searing and second by Alderman Arduini to allow the electric department to install City electrical service to Mr. Gowan's property, subject to a utility easement or a waiver signed by Mr. Gowan. Upon roll call Alderman Vandersnick, Searing, Arduini, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote 5 aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Folsom and second by Alderman Vandersnick to adjourn. Upon roll call Alderman Vandersnick, Searing, Arduini, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote 5 aye. Motion carried. (6:50 p.m.)

Michelle K. Conklin, Deputy Clerk