

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMAN OF  
THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS  
February 21, 2006**

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Alderman of the City of Rock Falls was called to order at the hour of 6:30 p.m., February 21, 2006 in Rock Falls, Illinois by Mayor David H. Blanton.

City Clerk, William Wescott, called the roll, present were Mayor Blanton, Alderman Vandersnick, Searing, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Folsom. Absent was Alderman Thurm, quorum present.

**Consent Agenda:**

1. Approval of February 7, 2006 Council Meeting Minutes.
2. Approval of Bills as printed
3. Proclamation: February 20-24, 2006 Patriotism Week (Sterling-Rock Falls Elks Lodge 1218)
4. Resolution: Accepting a Grant from the Illinois Housing Development Authority for Single Family Owner Occupied Rehabilitation Program.
5. Resolution: Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality under Illinois Highway Code.

**Motion: Hand**

**Second: Vandersnick**

**Vote: 7 ayes, motion carried**

**Administrators Report:**

Mr. Downey, City Administrator updated the Council on the Housing Grant. The current plans are to accommodate (5) five homes with \$40,000 grants. If there are monies left, we will do as much as possible for other applicants. It is hoped that we can begin taking applications for assistance near the end of March.

The St. Andrews Spring Festival Committee is asking permission of the City to barricade Avenue A from E. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. to E. 3<sup>rd</sup> St. from May 13<sup>th</sup> (8:00 a.m.)– May 22 2006 (12:00 p.m.) for the purposes of holding there annual carnival fund raiser. The Police Department and Fire Department gave the approval. The approval for this event would be contingent on proper Insurance and license by the Carnival operators.

**Motion: Searing**

**Second: Snow**

**Vote: 7 ayes, motion carried.**

**Information and Updates:**

Mr. Reese, City Attorney informed the Council that a Collective Bargaining Agreement has been reached with IBEW Local No. 196 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers representing both the utility workers and the clerical workers. The Collective Bargaining Agreement and related Side Letter of Agreement have been negotiated between the parties covering the period from September 1, 2005 through August 31, 2008. He requests that the City Council pass Ordinance's authorizing the Mayor and the City Clerk to place there signatures on behalf of the City of Rock Falls for both the Utilities and Clerical.

**Motion: Kuhlemier**

**Second: Hand**

**Vote: 7 ayes, motion carried**

**Department Heads:**

Mr. Cox, Wastewater Treatment Supt. told the Council that the upgrade and repairs to the 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Lift Station have been completed. In addition, he informed the Council that his Department will we taking receipt of there new pick-up truck this week.



**Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Blanton requested the Council to approve the following appointments:

- Appointment of Alderman Kuhlemier to the position of Mayor PRO TEM for the period of February 25, 2006 thru March 6, 2006.

**Motion: Vandersnick      Second: Snow      Vote: 6 ayes, 1 abstention (Kuhlemier) Motion carried**

- Re-Appointment of Alderman Hand to the Rock Falls Community Development Board for a (1) year term May1, 2006 - April 31, 2007.

**Motion: Arduini      Second: Folsom      Vote: 6 ayes, 1 abstention (Hand) Motion carried**

- Re-Appointment of Alderman Hand to Community Youth Building Committee for a (1) year term May I, 2006 - April 31, 2007.

**Motion: Arduini      Second: Searing      Vote: 6 ayes, 1 abstention (Hand) Motion carried.**

**Executive Session:**

Mayor Blanton request the Council enter into (2) Executive Sessions for the following:

1. Personnel – Section 2 (c )(1)  
Deputy Fire Chief Gary Cook is included in session.
2. Purchase or Lease of Real Estate – Section 2 (c )(5)  
Brian Frickenstein (Willett Hoffman & Associates) Ed Cox (Wastewater Supt.) included in session.

**Motion: Searing      Second: Vandersnick      Vote: 7 ayes, motion carried (7:02 p.m.)**

Motion made to return to regular session of the Council.

**Motion: Vandersnick      Second: Snow      Vote: 7 ayes, Motion carried (7:35p.m.)**

**Adjournment:**

**Motion: Folsom      Second: Arduini      Vote 7 ayes, Motion carried**

Approved: March 7, 2006

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William B. Wescott, City Clerk