

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF
THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS
May16, 2006**

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., May 16, 2006 in Rock Falls, Illinois by Mayor David H. Blanton.

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

The City Council heard an appeal from Kreider Services, Inc. regarding a determination that their group homes in Rock Falls located at 417 Martin Road, 1013 Avenue B and 1425 Swallow Court need to take steps to comply with Section 903.4.1 of the International Fire Code.

Attorney Doug Lee, representing Kreider Services, Inc. stated that the group homes are treated as single family homes and the sprinkler system that they have installed exceeds the applicable safety standards. If Kreider Services, Inc. is to comply with Section 903.4.1, it will cause them unnecessary financial hardship.

Gary Cook, Deputy Fire Chief, stated that the BOCCA Code that we have followed in the past has the same requirements as the International Fire Code and two of the three houses were built under the BOCCA Code and one under the International Fire Code.

A motion was made by Alderman Hand and second by Alderman Folsom to table the appeal until June 6, 2006, from Kreider Services, Inc. regarding the determination that Kreider Services, Inc. must take steps to comply with Section 903.4.1 of the International Fire Code. Upon roll call Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote: 8 aye. Motion carried.

Rock Falls American Legion read a Proclamation proclaiming May 27, 2006 as Poppy Day in the City of Rock Falls and presented this years Poppy Queen to the City Council.

Doug Wiersema, Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce informed the City Council of up coming events in the City of Rock Falls.

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier and second by Alderman Arduini to have a meeting with the Illinois Department of Transportation regarding the Ordinance Violation, and come to an agreement on how to handle this matter. Upon roll call Alderman Vandernick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote: 8 aye. Motion carried.

Christian Tscheschlok, Executive Director of the Rock Falls Community Development Corporation, updated the City Council on the progress of ongoing projects.

A motion was made by Alderman Thurm and second by Alderman Snow to approve the first reading amending Section 5-374. Issuance Fee. Upon roll call Alderman Vandernick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote: 8 aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Folsom and second by Alderman Thurm to table the first reading repealing Section 15-79. Fire Hydrants, until it can be researched to see if this Section is in place to comply with any of the Bonds that the City has. Upon roll call Alderman Vandernick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote: 8 aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Hand and second by Alderman Folsom to approve Consent Agenda items 1 - 7:

1. Approval of May 2, 2006 Council Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of Bills as Printed (Attachment A)
3. Approval to purchase radios for water meters at a cost not to exceed \$21,000.00
4. Approval of upgrade to Well #5 with Smith Ecological Systems at a cost not to exceed \$6,449.00
5. Approval to repair PBR Pump Check Valves at a cost not to exceed \$17,000.00
6. Approval to have Mississippi Valley Pump repair Vaughn Chopper Pump at a cost not to exceed \$7,000.00
7. Approve request from the Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals to change the zoning classification to M-1 at 1110 Emmons Avenue

Upon roll call Alderman Vandernick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote: 8 aye. Motion carried.

Richard Downey, City Administrator, informed the City Council that we have been approved for the \$200,000.00 Grant through the USEPA for the clean up for the P.A. Site.

A motion was made by Alderman Arduini and second by Alderman Vandersnick to approve the Fairview Lift Station Engineering Agreement with Willett, Hofmann & Associates, pending City Attorney approval of some language changes. Upon roll call Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote: 8 aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Hand and second by Alderman Snow to approve the appointment of Gene Johnston and George Hallman to the Groundwater Committee. Upon roll call Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote: 8 aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Vandersnick and second by Alderman Snow to enter into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing Purchase or Lease of Real Estate - Section 2(c)(5). Upon roll call Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote: 8 aye. Motion carried. (7:40 p.m.)

A motion was made by Alderman Reitzel and second by Alderman Vandersnick to return to Regular Session. Upon roll call Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote: 8 aye. Motion carried. (7:57 p.m.)

A motion was made by Alderman Folsom and second by Alderman Thurm to adjourn. Upon roll call Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote: 8 aye. Motion carried. (7:58 p.m.)