

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMAN OF
THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS
March 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., March 21, 2006 in Rock Falls, Illinois by Mayor David H. Blanton.

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

Ordinances: Second Reading/Adoption

1. Amendment to the Rock Falls Municipal Code by the adoption of Article IIIA-A-1 Agricultural District.
2. Ordinance Approving Economic Incentive Agreement
3. Amendments to the City of Rock Falls Flood Plain Ordinance to be pulled from second reading and placed on April 4, 2006 Council agenda for 1st reading due to changes in language.

Motion: Kuhlemier Second: Vandersnick Vote: 7 ayes, motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of March 7, 2006 Council Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of Bills as printed
3. Recommendation from the Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals to approve the rezoning of M-1 and M-2 properties to B-2 zoning along West First Street and West Second Street to conform with the Riverfront Development Plan. City Attorney Reese to draft Ordinance to reflect the changes.
4. Approval to include a Public Notice with Utility bill mailings regarding Property Maintenance Code and Building Department Code issues.

Motion: Snow Second: Folsom Vote: 7 ayes, motion carried.

Appointments/Resignations:

Mayor request the Council to approve the appointment of Matt Lollipop to the Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals, with a term to run for a period of (3) three years from March 2006 to March 2009.

Motion: Kuhlemier Second: Thurm Vote 7 ayes, motion carried

Mayor Blanton informed the Council of the resignation of Mr. Pete Whiting, Building Inspector with an effective date of March 24, 2006, with regret. Mr. Whiting has accepted a position with the City of Morrison, Illinois.

Motion: Vandersnick Second: Snow Vote: 7 ayes, motion carried.

Department Head Reports:

Electric – Mr. Jakubczak requested the Council approval for the purchase of a new SCADA Master Station System from Hometown Connections at a cost not to exceed \$66,500.00.

Motion: Vandersnick Second: Arduini Vote: 7 ayes, motion carried

Mr. Jakubczak informed the Council that (2) of our senior two lineman from the Electric Department, **Jeff Wescott (21 years) and Dick Simon (16 years)** were dispatched to Springfield, Illinois on March 16th to assist CWLP, Ameren, Cooperative, contract and other Municipal Line crews with restoring electrical service to affected areas of the Springfield Community. The assistance was provided under the provisions of the IMUA's Mutual Aid Plan. In addition to Rock Falls, other IMUA member communities providing electric line personnel and equipment included Batavia, Breese, Carlyle, Highland, Naperville, Peru, Princeton, St. Charles and Waterloo. In all a total of approximately 1000 lineman worked around the clock to restore power to the Springfield area. At least two F-2 level tornadoes struck Springfield March 12th, knocking out power to some 63,000 residences and causing millions of dollars in property damage. As of Monday (March 20), CWLP reported that restoration of electric service to affected areas was nearly complete.

The Council expressed its congratulations on a job well done, and asked Mr. Jakubczak to relay there appreciation to Jeff and Dick for the work that they performed during there deployment to Springfield. The City of Rock Falls is most fortunate to have individuals such as Jeff and Dick who answered the call to provide a much needed service to an area which had been devastated.

Mr. Jakubczak reminded the Council that April 14th is the date for the IBCA Meeting to be held in DuPage County starting at 1100. Anyone who is interested in attending the meeting should contact Mr. Jakubczak, so that they can insure adequate transportation. They plan on leaving at approximately 0900.

Street – Mr. White told the Council that the Street Sweeper which has been in for repairs is due to be picked up and placed back into service this week.

Administrators Report:

Mr. Downey referred the Alderman to the information concerning HB 1816, Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) which was placed into there packets for the meeting. More information will be forth coming as this bill progresses in the legislation.

Spoke briefly on the status of the Illinois Housing Development Grant which the City has been awarded. It is hoped that we will be able to begin the application process for residence in early April. Public notification will be made once we begin the application process.

Information and Updates:

Brian Frickenstein of Willett, Hofmann & Associates, Inc. was present and informed the Council of the lower bidders for the 2006 General Maintenance contracts:

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| • Bituminous Patching Mixture | Northwest Illinois Constr. Co. | 200 Ton @ \$39.00/Ton |
| • Bit. Conc. Surface Course | Bob Propheter Constr., L.L.C. | 350 Ton@ \$28.00/Ton |
| Class I, Mix C, Type 3 | | |
| • Aggregate Surface Crse. Type B | Bob Propheter Constr., L.L.C. | 1,200 Ton @ \$3.50/ Ton |
| • Fine Aggregate (FA-6) | Alliance Materials, Inc. | 100 Ton @ \$4.00/Ton |

Motion: Searing Second: Folsom Vote: 7 ayes, motion carried

Council Committee Reports/Member Requests:

Electric Committee – Meeting, April 12, 2006 6:30 p.m. – Council Chambers
Finance/Insurance Committee – Special Meetings, March 22, 29 & April 5th 6:30 p.m. – Council Chamber
Personnel/Safety Committee- Meeting, March 23, 2006 6:30 p.m. – Council Chambers
Public Works Committee – Meeting, April 12, 2006 7:30 p.m. – Council Chambers
Public Property Committee – Mr. Folsom

- Committee makes recommendation to the Council to accept the low bid of \$19, 470.00 submitted by Bill Seidel Construction for the North End Remodeling Project with the provisions that the City Attorney draft a construction agreement addendum for signature by the Mayor between the City and Mr. Seidel.

Motion: Folsom Second: Searing Vote: 7 ayes, motion carried

- Committee requests the City Attorney to draft an agreement between the Rock Falls Convention and Visitor's Bureau and the City, regarding rental of office space in the north end of the City Hall Complex (old library) for signature by the Mayor.

Motion: Folsom Second: Snow Vote: 7 ayes, motion carried

Alderman Reports:

Alderman Snow publicly thanked Mr. Tscheschlok and the Rock Falls Community Development Corporation staff for all of the work that has gone into the securing of a grocery store for our community.

Alderman Kuhlemier informed the Council of the Blackhawk Hills RC&D/EDD Annual Meeting scheduled for April 6, 2006 beginning at 6:30 p.m., 1560 Franklin Grove Road (Il Rt. 38), Dixon, Illinois. Mr. Robert W. O'Brien, Jr., Executive Director of the Chicago/Rockford International Airport will be the guest speaker. Anyone wishing to attend should contact Mr. Kuhlemier no later than March 31st.

Mayor's Report:

Mr. Dave Tennant of the Rock Island Country Market Grocery addressed the Council members and spoke briefly on the Company's anticipated moved into the old Eagles Store on First Avenue. He thanked the Council and the Rock Falls Community Development Corporation for all of the hard work and countless hours of planning sessions, that have went into making this business endeavor a reality here in Rock Falls. The Country Market staff looks forward to serving the residents of Rock Falls and the surrounding area for all of there grocery needs. He stressed that they are planning to open or about July 1st, if all of the necessary renovations and construction can be completed in a timely fashion. The Store owners want input from the Community into the store's operations, so as to insure that the customer needs are always there highest priority.

Mayor Blanton thanked Alderman Arduini for filling in for him at a recent event.

Offered heartfelt thanks to Mr. Whiting for the job that he did while employed as the Building Inspector for the City and wished him the best in his new position for the City of Morrison, Illinois.

Invited members of the Council to a forum on Underage Drinking to be held at the Community Building on March 28th from 6-7:30 p.m...

Reminded Council members of the Annual IMUA conference to be held in East Peoria on May 16-18. Anyone wishing to attend should contact the Mayor's secretary to make reservations.

Executive Session:

Enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing:

1. Pending or Threatened Litigation – Section 2(c)(11)
2. Purchase or Lease of Real Estate – Section 2(c)(5)

Motion: Searing

Second: Vandernick

Vote: 7 ayes, motion carried (6:56 p.m.)

Motion offered to return to regular session at 7:25 p.m...

Motion: Kuhlemier

Second: Vandernick

Vote: 7 ayes, motion carried

Motion offered for adjournment at 7:29 p.m...

Motion: Folsom

Second: Snow

Vote: 7 ayes, motion carried

Approved: April 4, 2006

William B. Wescott, City Clerk

