

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMAN OF
THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS
June 20, 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., June 20, 2006 in Rock Falls, Illinois by Mayor David H. Blanton.

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

Kreider Services Hearing:

City Attorney Reese informed the Council that Deputy Chief Cook has been working with Mr. Lee, Attorney for the Kreider Services, Inc and that a tentative agreement has been reached. He suggests that the issue before the Council be tabled until the July 5th meeting to allow time for the drafting of the written agreement between the parties. The agreement should be presented for approval of the Council at the next meeting. Motion: Folsom Second: Arduini Vote: 7 ayes, motion carried.

Audience Requests:

Mr. Santo Chavez, Chairman of the Twin Cities Fiesta Committee, addressed the Council concerning the upcoming Fiesta Day activities and Parade scheduled for September 16, 2006. This year will mark the 55th Fiesta Days celebration. This years Parade will begin in Sterling, Illinois and conclude in Rock Falls. Mr. Chavez requests the Council grant permission for the parade to proceed on Rock Falls streets and make the necessary applications for a parade permit with the Illinois Department of Transportation. **Motion: Hand Second: Snow Vote: 7 ayes, motion carried.**

Mr. Doug Wiersema, Executive Director of the Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce, addressed the Council in regards to the upcoming Hometown Holidays Parade scheduled for November 18, 2006. Mr. Wiersema requests the Council grant permission for the parade to proceed on Rock Falls streets and make the necessary applications for a parade permit with the Illinois Department of Transportation. **Motion: Arduini Second: Snow Vote: 7 ayes, motion carried.**

Community Affairs:

Mr. Wiersema informed the Council about the following upcoming events:

1. Circus – June 26, 2006 at Giesons Motor Sports on East Route 30.
2. Community Cookout – July 8, 2006 at the Rock Falls Country Market Parking Lot between the hours of 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m...
3. Barbershop Quartet concert in Veterans Memorial Park on July 23, 2006 at 2:00 p.m...
4. Chamber Golf Outing – August 11, 2006 at the Rock River Country Club

Mr. Christian Tscheschlok, Executive Director of the Rock Falls Community Development Corporation spoke to the Council and thanked Alderman Arduini for his recent referral of Chapman Motor Sports. The RFCDC working with the Chapman's were able to secure a \$5000 matching grant to be utilized in the development of a business plan. There hope is to open a NASCAR Racing Museum in Rock Falls.

Ordinances:

First Reading:

1. Section 10-5. Discharge of Firearms, Air Rifles, Slingshots, Bows and Arrows and similar Instruments.
2. Section 9-149. Prohibited Areas
3. Section 15-107. Bulk Purchases of Water; Rates.

Items 1 and 2 were referred to the Ordinance Committee for review/consideration and recommendations. **Motion: Hand/Second: Folsom/Vote: 6 ayes, 1 nay, motion carried.**

Second Reading/Adoption:

- Ordinance 2006-2184 Annexation of Certain Properties (1100 Industrial Park Rd.)
- Ordinance 2006-2185 Repealing Section 15-79. Fire Hydrant Service
- Ordinance 2006-2186 Sale of Electric Department Equipment to the City of Morrison

Motion: Thurm/Second: Arduini/Vote: 7 ayes, motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of June 6, 2006 City Council Minutes
2. Bills as printed
3. Resolution 2006-480; Authorizing Execution of Escrow Agreement with National Guard
4. Resolution 2006-481; Authorizing Twin Cities Fiesta Days Parade- September 16, 2006
5. Resolution 2006-482; Authorizing Rock Falls Chamber Hometown Holidays Parade –November 18, 2006
6. Approval of 2006-07 City Budget

Motion: Hand/ Second: Vandernick/ Motion: 7 ayes, motion carried.

Administrators Report:

Mr. Downey addressed the Council on the following items:

1. Requests approval of bid received from WILVAR Construction in the amount of \$5,491.00 for renovations of one of the bathrooms in the Fire Department. This was the only bid received for this project. Bid acceptance is with the provisions of Insurance/Bond/Prevailing wage requirements being met. **Motion: Vandernick/ Second: Folsom/ Vote: 7 ayes, motion carried.**
2. Banner Committee Meeting set for Thursday, June 22, 2006 at 4:30 p.m. in the Brandt Room of the Community Building.
3. Brought to the attention of the Council the work done by Michelle Conklin, Deputy Clerk in identifying (9) nine properties that the City was able to get back (3) years worth of paid property taxes, in the amount of \$15,000 dollars.

Department Heads:

Electric – Mr. Jakubczak gave the Council a brief report on the APPA National Conference held recently in Chicago. The Conference was attended by Mayor Blanton, Alderman Kuhlemier and Mr. Jakubczak.

Fire- Chief J. W. Larson informed the Council that the Fire Department was awarded a \$1,500 grant from the Wal-Mart Safe Grant Program. The monies are going to be utilized to purchase Knox boxes for the fire apparatus to secure keys which are maintained for gaining access to businesses in the District.

Police- Commander Kuelper shared with the Council that the recent Safe Grant Program allowed the Department to fund a (2) two week program focused on seat belt usage and violations. During that period a total of (95) citations were issued locally. In addition, he announced that he newly hired Police Officer Douglas Wolber is currently attending PTI.

Water – Supt. Padilla briefed the Council on booster pump #2. The unit is back on line with an increase in gallon/per minute output from 900 to 1100 following repairs. In addition, he announced that the rehabilitation on Well # 4 is beginning and should take approximately (2) two weeks to complete.

Information and Updates:

City Clerk Wescott requested the Council give approval to the passage of Ordinance 2006 – 2183 – Prevailing Wage Requirements to be compliant with the Prevailing Wage Act. **Motion: Hand/Second: Folsom/Vote: 7 ayes, motion carried.**

Council Committee Reports:

The following Committee Meetings are scheduled at the Municipal Complex unless otherwise noted:

- Electric Committee – July 12, 2006 @ 6:30 p.m.
- Broadband Committee – June 30, 2006 @ 8:00 a.m. 1109 Industrial Park Road
- Finance/Insurance Committee – CANCELLED
- Ordinance/License Committee – June 22, 2006 @ 6:00 p.m.
- Personnel/Safety Committee – June 22, 2006 @ 7:00 p.m.

- Public Property Committee – July 13, 2006 @ 6:00 p.m.
- Public Works Committee – July 6, 2006 @ 6:30 p.m. at 2109 9th Avenue
- Police/Fire Committee – CANCELLED
- Groundwater Committee – June 28, 2006 @ 6:00 p.m. at 2109 9th Avenue

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Blanton reminded all present that the next Regular scheduled City Council Meeting is on Wednesday, July 5, 2006 due to Tuesday, July 4, 2006 being a Holiday. Request a motion for the record to reflect the change. **Motion: Thurm/Second: Folsom/ Vote: 7 ayes, motion carried.**

Executive Session:

Mayor Blanton request the Council enter into Executive session for purposes of discussing:

1. Purchase or Lease of Real Estate – Section 2 (c) (5), Mr. Brian Frickenstein and Wastewater Supt. Ed Cox are asked to be included in the session:

Motion: Vandersnick/Second: Snow/Vote: 7 ayes, motion carried. (In: 7:12 p.m.)

Motion requested to return to regular session. **Motion: Hand/ Second: Arduini/ Vote: 7 ayes, motion carried. (7:35 p.m.)**

Request for Adjournment. **Motion: Folsom/Second: Snow/Vote: 7 ayes, motion carried. (7:37 p.m.)**

Minutes approved on July 5, 2006.

William B. Wescott, City Clerk