

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMAN OF
THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS
July 18, 2005**

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., July 18, 2006 in Rock Falls, Illinois by Mayor David H. Blanton.

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

Audience Requests:

A representative from NICIL (Northwestern Illinois Center for Independent Living) addressed the Council on an upcoming event scheduled for September 9, 2006 starting at 9:00 a.m. at the Sterling High School Commons. NICIL's 1st Annual Walk-n-Roll is a fundraiser for the local organization, hoping to raise \$35,000 to continue the work of the local organization.

Ordinances:

First Reading:

1. Remedial Reuse Plan – Amendment to Comprehensive Plan
2. Amendment to the Municipal Code – Section 10-5 – Discharge of Firearms, Air Rifles, Slingshots, Bows and Arrows and Similar Instruments.
3. Amendment to the Municipal Code – Section 9-149 (13). Prohibited Areas

Following a discussion concerning the above Ordinances, the Mayor asked for a motion to table all until the next meeting when corrected copies could be reviewed prior to passage. **Motion: Folsom/Second: Arduini/Vote: 6 ayes, Motion Carried.**

Second Reading/Adoption:

1. Amendment opt the Municipal Code – Section 15-78. Fire Service

City Attorney Reese stated that this Ordinance was ready for passage but would need to have a paragraph outlining the specific effective date starting August 1, 2006. He suggests passage, with the correction so noted and authorizes Mayor and City Clerk to sign when completed. **Motion: Folsom/Second: Vandersnick/ Vote: 6 ayes, Motion Carried.**

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of July 5, 2006 Council Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of Bills as printed
3. Resolution approving the purchase of an electrical transformer from Mike Fillippi
4. Ordinance approving the sale of previously utilized Electrical Transformers to T&R Electric, Coleman, South Dakota for \$4.50 per Kva.

Motion: Hand/Second: Vote: 6ayes, Motion Carried.

Administrators Report:

Mr. Downey was in attendance at a Meeting of the County Board representing the City. He prepared a report to the Council, which is made part of the record and is attached.

Department Head Reports:

Building Department- Mr. Searing reported to the Council on a recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission in regards to a 5' utility easement- Phase III West Ridge Subdivision, North Ridge Drive (Lots 4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11 and 12). The recommendation is to allow the City to vacate 5' of road right-of-way on each of these designated lots to allow for the 30' setback per city zoning codes and further establish a utility easement within the vacated 5'. **Motion: Arduini/Second: Vandersnick/ Vote: 6 ayes, Motion Carried.**

Mr. Searing additionally reported to the Council on the progress being made at the new Rock Falls County Market grocery store. Renovations are progressing well and it is hoped that all will be completed in a timely fashion.

Mr. Searing advised the Council and specifically, asked for the media's assistance in getting the word out to the public, information pertaining to swimming pools in the City of Rock Falls. Swimming pools are being seen around town in residential areas. Mr. Searing wanted to remind everyone of the Municipal Ordinance Article IX. Private Outdoor Swimming Pools. Anyone that has purchased a pool or is thinking about the same should contact the Building Department to insure compliance with the Ordinance.

Electric Department- Mr. Jakubczak requested of the Council permission to contract with OSMOS for continuation of the pole inspections that was started last year. Currently we have 1200 poles remaining to be inspected. The cost for the inspection will be \$7.00/per pole. Funding for this was allocated in this budget. **Motion: Hand/Second: Snow/ Vote: 6 ayes, Motion Carried.**

Mr. Jakubczak requested of the City Council authorization to enter into an agreement with OSMOS ree repair of 200 utility poles at a cost of \$650.00 per pole. Funding for this was allocated in this budget. Following a short discussion, Attorney Reese requested that the Council Table this action until he can review a point of law concerning this type of initiative. **Motion: Hand/ Second: Folsom/ Vote: 6 ayes, Motion Carried.**

Fire Department- Chief J. W. Larson spoke briefly and provided an explanation as to the past 2 days in which the weather warning sirens have been heard in the City. Repair on one of the towers resulted in a test and in testing the repaired siren, the others were activated as well. The problem should be resolved.

Street Department – Mr. White reported that he had met with our contractor, AAA Concrete and outlined the areas in which sidewalk repairs are going to begin being made. His department is also beginning the painting of the safety zones and curbs. In addition, he will be working with the City Engineers to begin getting bids for the roads identified for repairs this year. In the 4th Ward – E. 10th St from Avenue A to the Canal Bridge, 1st Ward – 14th Avenue from 2nd St. to Prophetstown Rd., 2nd Ward – Garden Circle, 3rd Ward – Avenue C from Ada to E. 4th St. & Ave D from Ada to 3rd Street.

Water Department - Mr. Padilla informed the Council that Well # 4 has been back on line for approximately 1 week. It is performing at 100%, however, a secondary problem has developed and before work starts on Well #5 he will be working with Layne-Western to rectify the problem.

Committee Reports/Member Requests:

Electric - August 9th @ 6:30 p.m.
Finance /Insurance – August 16th @ 6:30 p.m.
Ordinance/License – July 27th @ 6:00 p.m.
Personnel/Safety – July 27th @ 7:00 p.m.
Public Property – August 10th @ 6:00 p.m.
Public Works – August 3rd @ 6:30 p.m.

Mayor's Report:

1. E-Zone report for the last quarter shows over \$1,000,000 growth in Rock Falls with the addition of 35 new jobs.
2. IMEA Conference in Springfield, Illinois on October 27-28, 2006. If you wish to attend, please contact Sherry at the Electric Department to make reservations.
3. Northern Illinois Mayors Association meeting on July 20th at Mt. Carroll, Illinois.

Adjournment: **Motion: Folsom/Second: Hand/ Vote: 6 ayes, Motion Carried.** (7:06 p.m.)
Minutes approved at the August 1, 2006 Meeting