

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMAN OF
THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS
August 15, 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., August 15, 2006 in Rock Falls, Illinois by Mayor David H. Blanton.

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

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of August 1, 2006, Council Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of bills as printed
3. Approval of Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement for Motor Fuel Tax Funds (West 19th Street)
4. Approval of Ordinance; Adding Territory to the Whiteside County Enterprise Zone within the City of Sterling, Illinois
5. Approve the appointment of Terry Gisi to the position of Police Pension Trustee, to replace the late Ed Wagner, term effective 2006-08

Motion to approve Consent Agenda items (1-4) and table item (5), until such time Mayor Blanton communicates with the Police Pension Board. Motion: Hand/Second: Folsom/ Vote: 7 ayes, Motion Carried.

Administrators Report:

1. Mr. Downey spoke briefly on a letter included for Alderman review from Vandewalle & Associates in regards to the Remedial Reuse Strategy/Redevelopment Opportunity Analysis for the Rock Falls Riverfront Redevelopment Area. This matter will be the topic of discussion at the August 28, 2006 Committee of the Whole meeting which will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Municipal Complex.
2. Additionally, Mr. Downey presented a list of the Department Heads and the adjustments to there salaries that the City Council has considered after reviewing each of their evaluations and the City's budget. For the Department Heads, the range of salaries for the previous year was from \$47,676.85 to \$75,190.00 for the Police Chief, Operations Commander, Administrative Commander, Fire Chief, Street Superintendent, Electric Director, Wastewater Superintendent and Water Superintendent. **Motion to move the salary ranges to \$49,107.16 - \$77,445.70 for the fiscal year 2006-07. Motion: Kuhlemier/ Second: Folsom/ Vote: 7 ayes, Motion Carried.**

Department Heads:

Electric Department – Mr. Jakubczak spoke to the Council in regards to the following matters:

1. Reported on the Pre-Construction Meeting for the Pedestrian Bridge Project. Construction is to begin approximately October 2 and run through December. Construction will pick up again in March 2007 and is to be completed no later than June 2007.
2. Reported briefly on Disaster Planning Seminar sponsored by the IEMA, will report more at the Disaster Planning Meeting of the City on August 22, 2006.
3. IEMA Conference October 27-28 in Springfield.
4. Awaiting contract from OSMO and then will refer to the City Attorney for review.
5. APPA Legal Seminar will be held October 7-10, Mr. Reese, City Attorney will attend several sessions.

Police Chief – Chief Perez spoke to the Council and encouraged the Media assistance in reminding the Citizens of the Community that school will be starting soon. An increased awareness of Children on sidewalks, crossing streets and the school zones needs to be adhered to.

Wastewater Treatment – Mr. Cox reported that on his recent procurement of Bids for Dewatering Service. Two (2) bids were received from Synago and Fluid Technology, Inc... The Synago bid was rejected due to written notification that they would not pay prevailing wage. **Mr. Cox is requesting the Council vote to accept the Fluid Technology, Inc. bid price of \$0.04 per gallon for the Dewatering Service once the contract is submitted and reviewed by the City Attorney. Motion: Arduini/ Second: Thurm/ Vote: 7 ayes, Motion Carried.**

Water – Mr. Padilla presented the following:

1. Informed the Council of the cost being projected for the rehab on well #5 by Layne-Western. This is work that was already approved by the Council on a previous motion, but at the time the cost was unknown dependent upon actual visualization of the well. Cost is to be near \$18, 507.50. Mr. Padilla will keep the Public Works Committee and Council informed.
2. **Request the Council authorize pay only ½ of the payment due for the Periodic estimate No. 2 partial payment which totals \$28,333.80. The reduced payment is requested due to concerns over the results of the work completed on well #4. The Public Works Committee has had discussions on this matter and is working with Layne-Western and Willett, Hofmann & Associates, Inc. and Mr. Padilla to resolve this matter. Payment rendered would be \$14,166.90 with the final installment to be honored once compliance with the work is completed. Motion: Arduini/ Second: Snow/ Vote: 7 ayes, Motion Carried.**
3. To be compliant with the Department of labors recent citation in regards to trenching, Mr. Padilla requests the Council authorize the **purchase of aluminum Trench Box from Sunbelt Rentals for a price of \$6135.00. Motion: Kuhlemier/ Second: Arduini/ Vote: Motion Carried.**

Council Committee Reports:

All Committee Meetings will be held in accordance with there scheduled dates and times.

Alderman Reports:

Alderman Arduini offered his congratulations to the promoters behind the AMP Fest Concert which was held at the lower dam area over the past weekend. He stated that these types of activities are good to have in the Community offering a participation access for our youth.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Blanton shared the following:

1. Shared correspondence from Representative Manzullo in regards to the successful blocking of the change in Postal Centers from Rockford to Palatine which was being attempted by the Postal Service.
2. Brief report on the Northern Illinois Mayors Meeting attended with Alderman Hand.
3. Attendance at the Blackhawk hills Waterway with Alderman Kuhlemier, program on history of Lee County presented.
4. **Request from the RFCDC for a Special Liquor License in conjunction with there Rock the River Festival on September 8-9, 2006. All fees and paperwork have been submitted for consideration, motion requested for approval of the License. Motion: Thurm/ Second: Snow/ Vote: 7 ayes, Motion Carried.**

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Executive Session:

Enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing:

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

Motion to move into executive session for the above stated purposes, and to include Mr. Brian Frickenstein, City Engineer and Mr. Ed Cox, Wastewater Superintendent in both of the sessions. Motion: Hand/ Second: Vandersnick/ Vote: 7 ayes, Motion Carried. (6:59 p.m.)

Motion to return to regular session. Motion: Kuhlemier/Second: Snow/. Vote: 7 ayes, Motion Carried. (7:25 p.m.)

Motion for adjournment, Motion: Folsom/Second: Thurm/ Vote: 7 ayes, Motion Carried.

William B. Wescott, City Clerk