

Information and Updates:

Brian Frickenstein, City Engineer reported that he has submitted a Bridge Condition Report to IDOT reference the Dixon Avenue Bridge.

Administrators Report:

Mr. Downey provided the Council with an update on the Brownfields Grant in regards to expenditures. He also spoke on the Housing Grant that the City is processing. A legal notice will appear in the local paper on April 6, 2006 and then we will be able to start taking applications within a very short time. It is hoped that we will start the application process near April 17th.

Department Heads:

Electric- Mr. Jakubczak shared a letter received from the City of Springfield, Illinois thanking them for the response of our team during there recent Disaster.

Fire Department- Chief J.W. Larson informed the Council of the passing of retired Firefighter Virden C. Johnson. "Pete" passed earlier in the day at Peoria St. Francis Hospital after a long illness. "Pete" had been a full time Firefighter for the City for 34 years. A moment of silence was observed.

Water- Ted Padilla spoke to the Council concerning the bids for rehabilitation of Well #4 and #5 which had been received. The bids are still being reviewed and will be on the agenda for the next Public Works meeting on April 12, 2005. Following that review a recommendation will be made to the Council for action. In addition, Mr. Padilla reminded the residence of Rock Falls and the media, as well, that his Department will be continuing flushing of the hydrants in town. Residences are encouraged not to wash clothes until after 6:00 p.m...

Council Committee Reports:

Electric- Committee Meeting, April 12, 2006 at 6:30 p.m.
Finance/Insurance- Special Committee Meeting, April 10, 2006 at 6:30 p.m.
 Regular Committee Meeting, April 19, 2006 at 6:30 p.m.
Ordinance/License- Committee Meeting, April 27, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.
Personnel/Safety- Committee Meeting, April 27, 2006 at 7:15 p.m.
Public Property- Committee Meeting, April 13, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.
Public Works- Committee Meeting, April 12, 2006 at 7:30 p.m.

Alderman Reports:

Mr. Kuhlemier reported on a meeting attend at DuPage, Illinois by himself and the Mayor.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Blanton addressed the following:

1. Reminded the Alderman to turn in there request for Committee Appointment for the upcoming year. Anyone who would like to chair a committee should let him know.
2. Informed the Council of a Partner in Clean Air Meeting on April18, 2006 from 08:30-11:00 at the Palmer House in Chicago.

Executive Session:

Mayor Blanton asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing:

1. Collective Bargaining Matters-Section 2(c)(2)

Motion: Arduini Second: Searing Vote: 8 ayes, motion carried. (6:56 p.m.)

Motion offered to return to regular session at (7:46 p.m.)

Motion: Hand Second: Snow Vote: 8 ayes, motion carried.

Motion to resolve **IBEW grievance 2005-02** for the \$0.48, being asked for in regards to an employee performing work outside of his job description.

Motion: Folsom Second: Snow Vote: 7 ayes, 1 nay (Alderman Kuhlemier) motion carried.

Motion to reject the resolve of **IBEW grievance 2005-04.**

Motion: Snow Second: Folsom Vote: 8 ayes, motion carried.

Appointments/Resignations:

Mayor Blanton informed the Council of Alderman Mark Searing submitting his resignation, effective immediately as Ward 1 Alderman, due to his verbal acceptance of another position within the City.

Motion: Hand Second: Folsom Vote: 7 ayes, 1 abstention (Alderman Searing), motion carried.

Mayor Blanton called for a motion to accept the Appointment of Mark Searing to the position of Building Inspector for the City of Rock Falls effective immediately.

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

Adjournment:

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

Approved: April 18, 2006.

William B. Wescott, City Clerk