

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMAN OF
THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS
July 5, 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., July 5, 2006 in Rock Falls, Illinois by Mayor David H. Blanton.

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

Kreider Services Hearing:

City Attorney Reese announced that Deputy Chief Cook and the Attorney for Kreider Services, Inc. had been successful in coming to a mutual agreement to resolve the issue of wired in alarm notifications. The Council has before it as a result of that agreement a Resolution to enter into an Agreement for the resolve of the dispute. The Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to sign the document.

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

Audience Requests:

Mr. Rich Coon addressed the Council on behalf of the Tour De Health Bike Ride Committee, which is scheduled to begin within the City limits of Rock Falls on July 15, 2006 at the Rock Falls Middle School. The Committee is requesting permission from the Council for the Ride to utilize City Streets and Right of ways for access to the Hennepin Canal. This year's event will have a 50 and 25 mile ride, in addition to a 7 mile Family Ride. Various events will begin at 9:00 am... **Motion: Thurm/Second: Folsom/ Vote: 6 ayes, Motion Carried.**

Community Affairs:

Gayla Kolb, representing the Rock Falls Community Development Corporation addressed the Council, reminding them of the upcoming Louie Bellson Heritage Days activities, as well as, the Rock the River Concert scheduled for September 8-9, 2006 in the parking lot at the Lower Dam.

Doug Wiersema, President/CEO of the Chamber of Commerce told the Council of several upcoming events that the Chamber is participating in. The First, a concert by the Rock River Valley Barbershop Choir, to be held in the Veterans Memorial Park on Sunday, July 23 beginning at 2:00 p.m... This will be a joint effort with the Veterans Park Committee. Secondly, the Chamber will be having it's Annual Golf Outing on Friday, August 11, 2006 at the Rock river Country Club.

Ordinances:

First Reading:

1. Section 15-78. Fire Service
2. Section 15-76(d). Sewer Rates
3. Section 15-266(e). Sewer Rates
4. Section 10-5. Shooting Arrow, Prohibited.
5. Section 9-149. Prohibited Areas.

Motion made by Alderman Hand and Second by Alderman Vandersnick to pass all items under the First Reading with the exception of item #4. Item # 4 tabled, pending a review of the document by the City Attorney. Vote 6ayes, Motion Carried.

Second Reading/Adoption:

1. Section 15-107. Bulk Purchases of Water, Rates.

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

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of June 20, 2006 City Council Minutes
2. Approval of bills as printed
3. Proclamation – Abraham Lincoln Day
4. Proclamation – Louie Bellson Heritage Days

Motion: Reitzel/Second: Folsom/Vote: 6 ayes, Motion Carried.

Administrators Report:

Mr. Downey gave a brief update on the Housing Grant Project. To date approximately 29 applicants have applied for funds, will most likely have 23 qualifiers when the selection process begins. He encouraged residence to continue to submit applications even if not selected during this grant, as it will illustrate a need for possible future grants to our area.

Department Heads:

Building Department – Mr. Searing reported that for the month his office had issued (75) permits, invoked (2) stop orders, (3) violations and conducted 176 inspections.

Electric – Mr. Jakubczak reported to the Council that there had been a hydro plant failure with repairs estimated at approximately \$8500.00. The repairs are to be made out of the Maintenance fund, under budget. He also spoke to the Council about several recent outages in the City:

1. 250-300 customers affected for approximately 2.5 hours resulting from an insulator struck by lighting.
2. 2-3 smaller outages lasting 30-45 minutes, resulting from tree limbs/small animals/etc.
3. Scheduled outage 3.5/4.0 hours to facilitate repairs to an underground service.

Mr. Jakubczak reminded the Council that the Annual IEMA Conference is scheduled in Springfield at the Crown Plaza Hotel on October 27-28. Anyone wishing to attend should contact the Electric Office to make reservations.

Street – Mr. White advised the Council that they have just completed Phase I of the annual Mosquito Abatement Program. In addition they have scheduled 4-5 alley projects this summer and are currently trimming along curbs to prep them for painting to include school crosswalks.

Wastewater Treatment – Mr. Cox reported to the Council that they have identified approximately 50 catch basins and 20-30 manholes that they will have work to complete on. A delay in some of this work is being caused by back log of orders for manholes from manufactures.

Information and Updates:

City Clerk Wescott requested Council action to approve a lease agreement with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, License # 3310. This is a renewal which will be in effect from November 2006 thru October 2011. This particular Lease provides for us to operate and maintain a recreation trail on Railroad Bridge #7 on the Hennepin Canal and has no fees associated with it. Motion: Folsom/Second: Thurm/Vote: 6 ayes, Motion Carried

City Clerk Wescott requested Council action to approve first partial payment to Layne-Western in the amount of \$3,717.00 for work on Well Rehabilitation for Well Nos. 4 and 5. Motion: Arduini/Second: Reitzel/Vote: 6 ayes, Motion Carried.

City Clerk Wescott reminded all of the Elected Officials of the IML Conference in Chicago, Illinois from Thursday, September 28 – Sunday, October 1, 2006. Everyone that is planning on attending should complete the hotel and advance reservation forms and return them ASAP to the City Clerk for processing.

Council Committee Reports:

Electric- Chairman Hand requests the Council to approve the expenditure of up to \$8500.00 for the repairs necessary at the Hydroelectric Plant. Motion: Arduini/Second: Reitzel/Vote: 6 ayes, Motion Carried. Next Electric Committee Meeting July 12th @ 6:30 p.m...

Finance/Insurance- Committee Meeting, July 19th @ 6:30 p.m.
Ordinance/License – Committee Meeting, July 27th @ 6:00 p.m.
Personnel/Safety – Committee Meeting, July 27th @ 7:00 p.m.
Public Property – Committee Meeting, July 13th @ 6:00 p.m.
Public Works – Committee Meeting, July 6th @ 6:30 p.m. at Water Department.

Alderman Reports:

Alderman Arduini reported on his attendance, on behalf of the Mayor at a recent Special Olympics activity which was held on June 25th at the Candlelight Inn in Rock Falls. Special Olympic participations ran from the Walgreens Store to the Candlelight Inn as a symbolic leg of the first ever nationwide Special Olympics. The participants are completing a leg of the run from Chicago to Ames, Iowa. Whiteside County Sheriff, Roger Schipper served as Master of Ceremonies for the event. Mr. Arduini shared with the Council a Medallion that was presented to the City for there participation in this event.

Executive Session:

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

1. Purchase or Lease of Real Estate – Section 2(c)(5) to include: Mr. Ed Cox, Wastewater Supt. and Mr. Brian Frickenstein, City Engineer
2. Personnel – Section 2 (c)(1)

Motion: Vandersnick/Second: Arduini/Vote: 6 ayes, Motion Carried. (In session: 7:12 p.m.)

Motion to return to Regular Session. **Motion: Arduini/Second: Thurm/Vote: 6 ayes, Motion Carried (Out of session: 7:50 p.m.)**

Adjournment: **Motion: Folsom/Second Arduini/Vote: 6 ayes, Motion Carried (7:52 p.m.)**

Minutes approved at the July 18, 2006 Meeting.

William B. Wescott, City Clerk

