

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMAN OF
THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS
August 1, 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 1, 2006 in Rock Falls, Illinois by Mayor David H. Blanton.

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

Community Affairs:

Mr. Wiersema, President/CEO of the Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce addressed the Council and informed them of many upcoming events that the Chamber will be sponsoring. Specifically, he informed the Council that the local Chamber has been approved to issue Certificates of Origin to businesses which do business with international businesses. This service will be offered free of charge to Chamber members.

Gayla Kolb, Program Coordinator for the Rock Falls Community Development Corporation presented the final plans for the upcoming "Rock the River" Concert and associated activities scheduled for September 8 & 9, 2006. All events are to be held in the Riverfront parking lot adjacent to the Lower Dam. Following the presentation a motion was made to allow the activities on the City Property. **Motion: Hand/ Second: Snow/ Vote: 8 ayes, Motion Carried.**

Additionally, she informed the Council of the ribbon cutting activities scheduled for 10:00 a.m. at the Veterans Memorial Park. This will be the start of the renovation process that the Veterans Memorial Park Committee has planned for the area.

Ordinances:

First Reading: 1. Section 10-5 Shooting Arrows – Prohibited; exceptions.

Alderman Kuhlemier introduced a motion to take a final vote on approval of this Ordinance, as opposed to waiting for it to come before the Council for a Second Reading. This Ordinance has undergone numerous revisions, and he would like to see it approve to avoid any further delays. No discussion. **Motion: Kuhlemier/ Second: Arduini/ Vote: 8 ayes, Motion Carried.**

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of July 18, 2006 Council Minutes
2. Bills as printed
3. Intergovernmental Cooperative Contract (Illinois Municipal League Risk Management)
4. Resolution: Authorizing Publication of Resolution for Annexation of Surrounded Territory
5. Job Descriptions: Assistant Supt. Wastewater Department; Operator/Maintenance Wastewater Department; Fire Chief; Deputy Fire Chief; Fire Captain; Firefighter (Full time); Firefighter (Paid-on-Call); Fire Department Chaplin (Paid-on Call).
6. Approve Mayor Blanton (Voting Delegate) & Alderman Hand (Alternate Voting Delegate) at the IML Conference.

It was asked by the Mayor that in regards to item (5.), that additional verbiage be added to the Firefighter job descriptions under the section: Additional Requirements. He requests the phrase "All other Duties as required" be included. No discussion. Motion for passage of Consent agenda to include the changes mentioned. **Motion: Snow/ Second: Vandernick/ Vote: 8 ayes, Motion Carried.**

Administrators Report:

Mr. Downey reported to the Council on the following items:

1. He presented to the Council results of the work done by the members of the 2006 Banner Design. The final Banner Designed that is being recommended was displayed for the Councils review. In addition to the Committee, citizen input was sought in helping to finalize the selection that is being recommended. The banners will be displayed on utility poles along Route 40 & Route 30 in Rock Falls for a 12 month period. Motion for acceptance of the design was made. **Motion: Hand/ Second: Thurm/ Vote: 8 ayes, Motion Carried.**
2. Informed the Council in regards to correspondence from Allied Waste Services, General Manager, David Geirer. In accordance with the contract, as a result of the annual review of the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers-Chicago, Gary and Lake Counties an increase of 2.8% is being injected into the contract. The time period reviewed was May 2005-May2006. In accordance with the contract, the maximum increase in a twelve-month period is 3.5%. In consideration of such, the rates for waste removal services from July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007 shall be adjusted a total increase per residential unit of \$.31 each month.
3. In additional correspondence in regards to the waste removal contract, Allied Waste is requesting the City approve the additional 108 homes on the monthly bill that is provided for services. This provision is found under the heading of Compensation, Item #2, additions or deductions in the number of unit's services.
4. Offered a brief discussion on the Vandewalle Opportunity Analysis. Mayor Blanton requested that members of the Council review the information and be prepared for discussion at the COW Meeting on August 28th.
5. Provided information concerning a request to replace and upgrade the inserting machine currently in use by the customer utility office. Current monthly cost on the leased machine in use is \$813.00. The machine has been requiring a great deal of maintenance and although covered under the current lease, Pitney Bowes has requested we consider changing out the older machine and replace it with the new DI 600 Fast Pac Inserting System. They are offering a 48 month lease for \$700.00 a month. **Motion: Thurm/ Second: Folsom/ Vote: 8 ayes, Motion Carried.**

Department Head Reports:

Building Department: Mr. Searing reported on activities of his Department reporting 37 building permits issued, 34 remain open, 118 inspections completed. They are beginning to work with the new MSI software in the office.

Street Department – Mr. White reported to the Council on the search for a new pick-up truck for his Department. Bids ranged in price from \$34,060.00 to State Bid of \$27,700.00. Following a discussion, Mr. White asked the Council to accept the State bid for a 2006 Atlantic Blue Dodge Ram 2500 Regular Cab 4x4, 5.7 Liter V-8 engine, 5 speed automatic transmission, trailer tow group, sliding rear window, fold away power trailer mirrors. Bid from Schuler Motors, Inc, Morrison, Illinois for the amount of \$27,700.00. **Motion: Kuhlemier/ Second: Arduini/ Vote: 8 ayes, Motion Carried.**

Council Committee Reports:

Public Works Committee – Chairman Arduini reported to the Council that the streets had been selected for the 2006 road repairs program. He request that a motion be accepted to authorize the Mayor to sign contract proposal specifications, special provisions, details contract for the letting of bids for the 2006 Street Projects. The roads to be let are: Ave. C- Ada St. to E. 4th St./Ave. D- Ada St. to E. 3rd St./14th Ave.- W. 2nd St to Prophetstown Rd./W. 7th St. -4th Ave to Garden Circle/E. 10th St- Ave A to Ave C (south)
Motion: Arduini/ Second: Snow/ Vote: 8 ayes, Motion Carried.

Alderman Reports:

Alderman Kuhlemier- Wished to thank all of the Council Members and others in the Community for there many acts of kindness during his recent illness.

Alderman Snow- Inquired into the responsibility of the drainage ditches in the Industrial Park in regards to mowing? Mr. White responded that his Department is responsible for that area. However, tractors can not get down in those ditches due to the steep inclines. The weeds are normally kept down utilizing hand held weed eaters. Currently however, the ditches are full of water and it is not safe for employees to enter them. He insured that as they get dried out, he will see that the weeds are taken care of.

Alderman Hand – Expressed a big “thank you” to all of the City workers for there efforts of maintaining the City during the recent hot spell.

Mayors Report:

Mayor Blanton requests the Council to approve his appointment of an Ad Hoc Committee to review and investigate the Waste Hauling Contract which is currently due to expire June 30, 2008. Members of the Ad HOC Committee being appointed in addition to the Mayor are Mr. Downey, City Administrator, Alderman Kuhlemier, Finance Chairman and Alderman Arduini, Chairman Public Works. **Motion: Snow/ Second: Hand/ Vote: 8 ayes, Motion Carried.**

Executive Session:

Enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing:

1. **Personnel – Section 2 (c)(1)**
2. **Purchase or Lease of Real Estate – Section 2 (c)(5)**

Motion made to enter into executive session, for the purpose of the posted discussions. Additionally request to include, Commander Michael Kuelper into – Personnel and Wastewater Supt. Ed Cox and City Engineer Brian Frickenstein into – Purchase or Lease of Real Estate. **Motion: Vandersnick / Second: Snow/ Vote 8 ayes, Motion Carried. (7:16 p.m.)**

Motion to return to regular session at 7:56 p.m... Note to official record: Alderman Folsom left Executive Session at 7: 41 p.m... **Motion: Thurm/ Second: Kuhlemier/ Vote: 7 ayes, Motion Carried.**

Motion to adjourn Regular session (7:59 p.m.) **Motion: Thurm/ Second: Snow/ Vote: 7 ayes, Motion Carried.**

Minutes approved at the August 15, 2006.

