

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMAN OF
THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS
June 6, 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., June 6, 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, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm.

Mayor Blanton moved the discussion concerning the Intergovernmental Agreement-Upper Sterling Dam Pedestrian Bridge & Trail up on the agenda due to the presence of Mr. Steve Brenner, Attorney for the Sterling Park District. It was anticipated that the Agreement would be voted upon by the Council this evening, however, delays in correspondence with FERC, (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission). Since the City of Rock Falls operates a hydroelectric plant in connection to the upper dam and FERC conducts inspections of the facility and makes recommendations in regards to safety, they must review the plans and give there approval. Mr. Brenner expressed the need for keeping this project along in a timely manner, but realizes the current situation is out of our control. In consideration of time, a motion was made to gi9ve the Mayor and City Clerk authority to sign the necessary documents once FERC gives there approval to the project. **Motion: Kuhlemier/Second: Folsom/Vote: 8 ayes, motion carried.**

A motion was made to defer the continuation of a hearing in regards to Life/Safety issues being appealed by Kreider Services, Inc. Continuation is to the June 230, 2006 meeting of the Council. **Motion: Folsom/Second: Arduini/Vote: 8 ayes, motion carried.**

Audience Request:

Pastor Dave Fields, Rock River Christian Center addressed the Council, requesting permission for closure of 14th Avenue from Prophetstown Road to W. 10th Street on July 4, 2006 from the hours of 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m... The purpose of the request is to have a Block Party in that area. **Motion: Folsom/Second: Hand/Vote: 8 ayes, motion carried.**

Bethany Flannery representing Amped Productions addressed the Council requesting permission for closure of W. 1st Street and 2nd Avenue on August 12, 2006 during the hours of 10:00 a.m. till 11:00 p.m... Her Production Company is putting on a Concert at the Lower Dam Parking Lot. All conditions of such event have been met. **Motion: Hand/Second: Snow/Vote: 8 ayes, motion carried.**

Community Affairs:

Bethany Flannery and Mr. Greg Sandrock representing the Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce informed the Council of upcoming events being sponsored by the Chamber and encouraged participation.

Ordinances:

First Reading: Repealing Section 15-79. Fire Hydrant Service
Ordinance Annexing 1110 Emmons Avenue into the City of Rock Falls

Second Reading/Adoption: Amendment to Section 5-374. Issuance Fee (Excavation Permits)
Motion: Kuhlemier/Second: Thurm/Vote: 8 ayes, motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of May 16, 2006 Council Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of Bills as printed

Motion: Kuhlemier/ Second: Hand/ Vote: 8 ayes, motion carried.

Information and Updates:

Brian Frickenstein, City Engineer gave a brief report on studies completed for two possible road projects, West 19th Street and Route 40 (south) and 12th Avenue from the Bridge to West 5th Street. The 12th Avenue Project has an estimated cost of \$180,000.00. Both items were referred to the Public Works Committee for discussion, consideration and recommendation.

Administrators Report:

Mr. Downey, City Administrator gave a brief update on the Housing project that the City has received the grant for. He reported that applications will begin being reviewed in the very near future. He will keep the Council apprised.

Department Heads:

Mr. Searing, Building Department reported on activities going on in his area and around the City,

Mr. Jakubczak, Electric Department requested the Council to approve the purchase of 7500 feet of 15 KV cable from the low bidder, **Brownstown Electric Supply Company** for a total price of \$15,975.00.

Motion: Hand/Second: Vandernick/Vote: 8 ayes, motion carried.

Mr. Jakubczak presented a request, to authorize the signatures of the Mayor, City Clerk and Treasurer to the IMEA's upcoming issuance of \$137,800,000 of Power Supply System Revenue Bonds, Series 2006. These bonds will be utilized to cover the cost of the development and construction phase of Trimble II Power Generation Plant in Louisville, Kentucky. **Motion: Kuhlemier/Second: Thurm/Vote: 8 ayes, motion carried.**

Fire Chief, J.W. Larson presented a renewal of a maintenance agreement for the Emergency Generator located in his Department. The current contract with **3D Electrical Engineering** has been in place for many years at \$600.00/year. The cost is increasing to \$680.00/year and the contract will roll over each year until such time that another price increase or decrease affects the provisions. **Motion: Kuhlemier/Second: Folsom/Vote; 8 ayes, motion carried.**

Mr. Padilla, Water Department informed the Council that the recent rehabilitation on Well #4 has revealed that the pipe is 85-90% clogged. This is the 4th year that problems have occurred in this well. As a result, it is necessary to employ a chemical treatment process to correct this problem. The cost was not a consideration in the rehab contract, because that was to look for and identify the problem and then recommends a solution for remedying the same. The estimated cost for the chemical treatment is not to exceed \$28,000.00. **Motion: Arduini/Second: Snow/Vote: 8 ayes, motion carried.**

Council Committee Reports/Members Requests:

Finance:

Mr. Kuhlemier, Chairman informed the Council that the Budget that has been distributed to the Council members for review is ready for adoption, unless members of the Council see the need for imputed changes at this time. He would request via motion that tonight's discussion be the first presentation and that the final acceptance be voted on at the June 20, 2006 meeting of the Council. **Motion: Kuhlemier/Second: Arduini/Vote: 8 ayes, motion carried.**

Public Works:

Mr. Arduini, Chairman informed the Council that bids had been let for the 2006 Sidewalk/Curd repair and replacement. Low bidder was AAA Concrete and the Public Works Committee recommends Council approval of that contract for services bid. **Motion: Arduini /Second: Snow/Vote: 8 ayes, motion carried.**

Alderman Reports:

Mr. Kuhlemier reported that Mayor Blanton and he traveled to Rockford on the invitation of 16th Congressional Congressman Don Manzullo to testify at a Public Hearing concerning changes in the Postal Services that could affect our Region. The two did not have an opportunity to testify, due to the turnout exceeding all expectations; most people could not even get into the meeting location. However, Mr. Kuhlemier states that the turnout speaks volumes about the public concern on the diverting of cancellation from Rockford to the Chicago suburbs. This move will truly extend time to the delivery of business and personnel mail as has been demonstrated with the loss in our local community of the cancellation of mail.

Mr. Hand reported to the Council on the upcoming Louise Bellson, Heritage Days Celebration which is scheduled for July 6-9, 2006. While in town this year, Mr. Bellson will be celebrating his 84th Birthday. More information will be forth coming in regards to the schedule of events. Additionally, Mr. Hand reported that Mayor Blanton, Mr. Kuhlemier and himself would be joining Mr. Jakubczak in attending the APPA Conference.

Mayors Report:

Mayor Blanton requested the Appointment of Alderman Lee Folsom to the position of Mayor Pro Tem from June 10-14, while he is out of town at the APPA Conference. **Motion: Hand/Second: Arduini/Vote: 7 ayes, 1 abstention (Folsom), motion carried.**

Mayor Blanton informed the Council of recent continued discussions with representatives from the Department of Military Affairs in regards to the purchase of real estate within the Industrial Park of the City of Rock Falls. A Resolution outlining all of the considerations is being prepared and the Mayor request Council authorization for himself and City Attorney Reese to formulate such a document to be brought back and voted upon by the Council. **Motion: Snow/Second: Vandersnick/Vote: 8 ayes, motion carried.**

Executive Session:

Enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing:

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

Motion: Arduini/ Second: Snow/ Vote: 8ayes, motion carried (7:25 p.m.)

Motion to Return to Regular Session. **Motion: Arduini/ Second: Vandersnick/ Vote: 8 ayes, motion carried. (7:40 p.m.)**

Motion to adjourn: **Motion: Folsom/ Second: Snow/ Vote: 8ayes, motion carried.**

Approved at the June 20, 2006 Council Meeting.

