

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF
THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS
February 7, 2006**

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Rock Falls was called to order at the hour of 6:30 p.m., February 7, 2006 in Rock Falls, Illinois by Mayor David H. Blanton.

Deputy City Clerk, Michelle Conklin, called the roll, present were Mayor Blanton, Alderman Vandernick, Searing, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm.

A motion was made by Alderman Searing and second by Alderman hand to approve consent agenda items:

1. Approval of January 17, 2006 Council Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of Bills as printed (Attachment A)
3. Accept proposal from Clifton, Gunderson, LLP for auditing services for Fiscal Years 2006, 2007 and 2008
4. Approve Ordinance No. 2006-2166 delegating control of real estate to the Industrial Development Commission
5. Approve Ordinance No. 2006-2169 codifying ordinances governing building and construction, property maintenance, components of building and construction and other matters pertaining to building and construction of buildings within the City
6. Approval of retainer and hourly billing rate for services with Ward, Murray, Pace & Johnson
7. Approval of Bucket Brigades -
 - a. Big Brothers - Big Sisters - August 5, 2006
 - b. Rock Falls Rotary - May 13, 2006
 - c. Robbins Nest Relay for Life - March 18, 2005
8. Resolution in support of maintaining "Area Mail Processing"

Upon roll call Alderman Vandernick, Searing, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote: 8 aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier and second by Alderman Snow to approve the Dixon Avenue Bridge Study Agreement. Upon roll call Alderman Vandernick, Searing, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote: 8 aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier and second by Alderman Arduini to approve the agreement for engineering services for W 19th Street. Upon roll call Alderman Vandernick, Searing, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote: 8 aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Folsom and second by Alderman Thurm to approve the revised job description for the City of Rock Falls Building Inspector. Upon roll call Alderman Vandersnick, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Alderman Searing Abstained. Vote: 7 aye, 1 abstention. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Folsom and second by Alderman Arduini to approve Ordinance No. 2006-2167 adopting the International Residential Code. Upon roll call Alderman Vandersnick, Searing, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote: 8 aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Folsom and second by Alderman Hand to approve Ordinance No. 2006-2168 adopting the International Fuel Gas Code. Upon roll call Alderman Vandersnick, Searing, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote: 8 aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Hand and second by Alderman Snow to approve the purchase of a Switch Gear from Wesco in the amount of \$21,664.00. Upon roll call Alderman Vandersnick, Searing, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote: 8 aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Hand and second by Alderman Arduini to approve the purchase a 2006 Ford Ranger 4 X 4 from Reynolds Ford in the amount of \$14,923.00. Upon roll call Alderman Vandersnick, Searing, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote: 8 aye. Motion carried.

Alderman Hand announced that the Electric Committee will be meeting on February 16, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.

Alderman Kuhlemier announced that the Finance/Insurance Committee will be meeting on February 15, 2006 at 6:30 p.m.

Alderman Folsom announced that the Ordinance/License Committee will be meeting on February 23, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. and the Public Property Committee would be meeting on February 9, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.

Alderman Searing announced that the Public Works Committee will be meeting on February 15, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Alderman Searing and second by Alderman Vandersnick to refer the A-1 Zoning ordinance to the Ordinance Committee for review. Upon roll call Alderman Vandersnick, Searing, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote: 8 aye. Motion carried.

Mayor David Blanton gave his City of Rock Falls State of the City Address. (Attachment B)

A motion was made by Alderman Searing and second by Alderman Vandersnick to enter into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing Purchase or Lease of Real Estate - Section 2(c)(5), Threatened or Pending Litigation - Section 2(c)(11) and Collective Bargaining Matters - Section 2(c)(2). Upon roll call Alderman Vandersnick, Searing, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote: 8 aye. Motion carried. (7:03 p.m.)

A motion was made by Alderman Thurm and second by Alderman Kuhlemier to return to regular session. Upon roll call Alderman Vandersnick, Searing, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote: 8 aye. Motion carried. (7:54 p.m.)

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier and second by Alderman Hand to approve the union contract as negotiated with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Utilities and Clerical Units. Upon roll call Alderman Vandersnick, Searing, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote: 8 aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Folsom and second by Alderman Arduini to adjourn. Upon roll call Alderman Vandersnick, Searing, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote: 8 aye. Motion carried. (8:00 p.m.)

Michelle K. Conklin, Deputy City Clerk