

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMAN OF  
THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS**

**January 2, 2007**

Mayor David H. Blanton called the regular meeting of the Mayor and Alderman of the City of Rock Falls to order at 6:30 p.m., January 2, 2007 in Rock Falls, Illinois.

City Clerk, William B. Wescott, called the roll, present were Alderman Vandernick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Folsom. Absent was Alderman Thurm. A quorum to conduct business is present.

**Executive Session:**

1. Personnel – Section 2(c)(1)
2. Purchase or Lease of Real Estate – Section 2 (C)(6)

**Motion made by Alderman Hand and seconded by Alderman Snow to enter into executive session and include in session (1.) Eric Patrick, IBEW 196, Tom Westlund, IBEW 196 and Richard Clapper, employee of the City of Rock Falls. In session (2.) Bob Gasper, WH&A, Brian Frickenstein, WH&A and Mr. Ed Cox, Wastewater Supt. Vote: 7 ayes, motion carried (6:35 p.m.)**

Motion to return to regular session at 8:25 p.m., by Alderman Arduini and seconded by Alderman Reitzel.  
**Vote: 7 ayes, motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alderman Arduini and seconded by Alderman Vandernick to direct the City Attorney to draft a letter of agreement between the City of Rock Falls, IBEW and Mr. Richard Clapper.  
**Vote: 7 ayes, motion carried.**

**Consent Agenda:**

1. Approval of December 19, 2006 Council Minutes
2. Approval of bills as printed.
3. Ordinance 2007-2217; Sale of surplus equipment (Water Department, 1981 Ford Van)
4. Ordinance 2007-2218; Sale of surplus equipment (11x11 carpet remnant)
5. Resolution 2007-492; Resolution of Intent Regarding National Flood Insurance (WWTP IEPA Loan Documents)
6. Resolution 2007-493; Resolution Authorizing a Representative to sign Loan Documents (WWTP IEPA Loan Documents)
7. Approve the 2007 Council and Committee Meeting Schedule in accordance with the provisions of the Open Meeting Act.

**Motion: Hand Second: Vandernick Vote: 7 ayes, motion carried.**

**Department Heads:**

Electric – Mr. Jakubczak addressed the Council on two issues:

1. Addressed the Council and all of the Customers of the City of Rock Falls Electric Utilities, that many articles are appearing in the media concerning the upcoming rate increases by the various Electrical Utility providers, such as Com Ed and Ameren. The residential increases for Com Ed customers are estimated to be 22% for residential customers and 40-70% for commercial and industrial customers. It is important for everyone to know that the Electrical rates for the Customers of the City of Rock Falls will be remaining the same.
2. There is to be a special meeting of the IMEA in Springfield on January 17, 2007. Anyone that would like to attend the meeting is asked to contact Mr. Jakubczak, as soon as, possible. The group will be leaving for Springfield at 0630 that morning.

**Administrators Report:**

Mr. Downey requested the Council approve the contract for completion of an Environmental Assessment on the Zaph properties with Terracon. Motion made by Alderman Kuhlemier to take such action, to include an additional \$700 for use of a boat if necessary for evaluation of the island property included, seconded by Alderman Arduini. **Vote: 7 ayes, motion carried.**

**Mayor's Report:**

1. Received a letter from the area Council of Girl Scouts advising they will be doing there door to door sales during the month of January and will return in March to deliver the products sold. All proceeds from the cookie sales go to the work of the area Girl Scout Organizations.
2. Recognized the generosity demonstrated by Willett, Hofmann & Associates, Inc. during the Holidays in donating to the area charities on behalf of all of its clients.

Adjournment:

Motion by Alderman Folsom and seconded by Alderman Reitzel to adjourn the proceedings, **Vote: 7 ayes, motion carried at 8:45 p.m...**

Minutes to be approved at the January 16, 2007 Council Meeting.

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William B. Wescott, City Clerk