

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMAN OF
THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS
March 6, 2007

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

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

Amy Lego, Director of the Rock Falls Public Library spoke to the Council and made them aware of a two-month long community wide reading program, which centers on the Author Ray Bradberry's novel Fahrenheit 451. The Sterling Public Library, Newman High School, Sterling High School, Sauk Valley Community College and Woodlawn Arts Academy will be participating in a wide variety of events during the two-months of programming. The Sterling Public Library was awarded a grant from the National Endowment of the Arts to support the program entitled, "The Big Read" Mrs. Lego, presented all of the Alderman with a packet of information outlining the dates/times/locations of the various programs.

Attorney Reese requested that Ordinance 2007-2220; Section 15-29 (h) remains tabled as he continues to research the implications of adoption of the Ordinance.

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of February 20, 2007 Council Minutes
2. Approval of Bills as presented
3. Approval of Final Payment Request No. 4; Layne-Western for \$12,544.10 for (Well Rehabilitation No. 4 & 5)
4. Resolution: ACCEPTING A GRANT FROM THE ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR SMALL RENTAL PROPERTIES PROGRAM.
5. Resolution: Transfer of \$200,000.00 from Electric to Broadband
6. Resolution: Transfer of \$300,000.00 from Electric to Water (rescinds Resolution 2006-489)
7. Approve Bucket Brigade Requests:
 - American Red Cross – March 24,2007
 - Veterans Memorial Park Committee – April 7, 2007
 - Elks Club – April 21, 2007
 - Jerry Celletti VFW # 5418 – August 4, 2007
 - Rock Falls Rotary Club – May 5, 2007

Motion made by Alderman Hand and seconded by Alderman Folsom to accept Consent Agenda as presented. Roll call Alderman Vandernick, Reitzel, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voting aye. Motion carried, 7 ayes.

City Administrator Downey addressed the Council on two issues:

- He informed the Council of the upcoming ITIA TIF Conference to be held at the Holiday Inn Conference Center in Peoria on April 26-27, 2007. Anyone wishing to attend the event should contact Mr. Downey so that reservations can be secured.

- Informed the Council on the request of the St. Andrew's Spring Festival Committee to Close Avenue A between E. 2nd & E. 3rd Street, as well as, utilize the parking lot on the South side of the old Reliant Building adjacent to Avenue A. The request would be in effect from Saturday, May 12th at 0800 hours until Monday, May 21st at 1200. Motion made by Alderman Arduini and seconded by Alderman Folsom to approve the request with the understanding that all City requirements for such an event are met. Roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voting aye. Motion carried, 7 ayes.

Mr. Jakubczak, Electric Department Director requested the following items for Council approval:

1. Accept the bid submitted by NESCO Sales for \$13,127.00 for purchase of a pole Trailer. Motion made by Alderman Hand and seconded by Alderman Reitzel. Roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Motion carried, 7 ayes.
2. Request Council approval of the Revised Mutual Aid Agreement with the Illinois Municipal Utilities Agency (IMUA). This is an updated version of a document previously approved, providing new language in regards to reimbursement provisions. Motion made by Alderman Hand and seconded by Alderman Folsom for acceptance. Roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Motion carried, 7 ayes.

Fire Chief J. W. Larson request Council approval for purchase of Ward "No Smoke" Filter at a cost of \$9,374.00. Motion made by Alderman Kuhlemier and seconded by Alderman Thurm for acceptance of request. Roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Motion carried, 7 ayes.

Mr. Cox, Wastewater Treatment Director presented the following items for the Council approval:

1. Request the transfer of \$100,000.00 from the Sewer Reserves Funds to the Sewer Plant Replacement Fund for the purposes of engineering and planning studies. Motion made by Alderman Arduini and seconded by Alderman Thurm to approve transfer of funds. Roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Motion carried, 7 ayes.
2. Informed the Council that the second bid letting for Fairview Lift Station Rehabilitation produced only one bidder. The bid was some 85% higher than the expected costs. Mr. Cox request refusal of bid and to re-bid the project again with the assistance of Willett, Hofmann and Associates. Motion made by Alderman Arduini and seconded by Alderman Thurm. Roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Motion carried, 7 ayes.

Mr. Padilla, Water Department Director requested that Mr. Todd Purdy of the Rock Falls High School be appointed to the Groundwater Committee and the removal of Mr. Chad Charnas and Mr. George Hallman from the Committee. Motion made by Alderman Thurm and seconded by Alderman Folsom to approve request. Roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Motion carried, 7 ayes.

Council Committee Reports/Requests:

All Committees will conduct regular scheduled meetings with the following exceptions. The Electric Committee is rescheduling the March 14, 2007 meeting to March 21, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. due to members attendance at a conference. The Finance Committee will be having a Special meeting on Tuesday, March 13, 2007 @ 6:30 p.m...

Mayor Blanton told the Council that the meeting of the Northern Illinois Mayors Association will be held in Courtland, Illinois on March 15th. Anyone wishing to attend should contact Sylvia in the Mayors Office.

Mayor Blanton requested that the Council approve the Appointment of Alderman Glen Kuhlemier as Mayor Pro Tem, March 12-15, 2007, during his attendance at a Conference in Washington, D.C. Motion made by, Alderman Thurm and seconded by Alderman Hand to approve the appointment. Roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Motion carried, 7 ayes.

Mayor Blanton request a motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Purchase or Lease of Real Estate-Section 2 (c)(6). Motion made by Alderman Hand and seconded by Alderman Vandersnick requesting Executive Session and to include Mr. Ed Cox, Wastewater Director and Mr. Brain Frickenstein, City Engineer be included in the session. Roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted ayes. Motion carried, 7 ayes. (In: 7:00 pm)

Motion made by Alderman Thurm and seconded by Alderman Vandersnick to return to regular session with no action directed. Roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Motion carried, 7 ayes. (Out: 7:10 pm)

Motion made by Alderman Folsom and seconded by Alderman Hand to adjourn the meeting. Roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Motion carried, 7 ayes. (7:11 pm)

Approval: March 20, 2007

William B. Wescott, City Clerk