

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMAN OF
THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS
April 3, 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., April 3, 2007 in Rock Falls, Illinois.

City Clerk, William B. Wescott, called the roll, present were Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm.

Bethany Flannery, Executive Secretary to the Rock Falls Chamber spoke to the Council about upcoming activities on the Chamber Calendar. Two items of major interest are the first Wednesday Breakfast, April 4, 2007 at the Red Apple Restaurant at 7:30 a.m., Representative Jerry Mitchell will be the speaker presenting legislative updates and specifically speaking about the Taxes currently being proposed by the Governor. In addition, everyone was reminded that May 5, 2007, is the date for the City Wide Garage Sale.

Ed Cox, Wastewater Supt., introduced the latest employee to his Department, Jason Crandall. Mr. Crandall addressed the Council members and thanked them for the opportunity that has been afforded him.

Ordinances: First Reading

1. Ordinance 2007-2220; Section 9-149 Parking restriction amendment
2. Ordinance 2007-2223; Section 15-178 Buildings sewers; pipe specifications
3. Ordinance 2007- 2224; Section 15-168 Sewerage connections property of the City of Rock Falls
4. Ordinance 2007-2225; Section 5-326 Temporary pools

Motion made by Alderman Arduini and seconded by Alderman Kuhlemier to accept the Ordinance presented for First Reading, with changes in verbiage identified in Ordinance 2007-2225; Section 5-326 Temporary pools under Section 5-329. Constructive; ordinance and code compliance. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote 8 ayes, motion carried.

Ordinances: Second Reading/Adoption

1. Ordinance 2007-2226; Section 8-287. Restrictions on Issuance.

Motion made by Alderman Kuhlemier and seconded by Alderman Vandersnick to approve the Ordinance as presented. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote 8 ayes, motion carried.

Fire Chief J. W. Larson introduced Fire Department Chaplain, Pastor Roger Carlson to the Council for recognition and commendation. Chaplain Carlson was recognized by Father William Wentink, Chaplain at OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center in Rockford, Illinois for his recent display of kind, caring and compassion as he ministered to a grieving family from our area. Pastor Carlson assisted the family in Rock Falls following a medical emergency in which a family member sustained cardiac and respiratory arrest. He then went above and beyond the call of duty by traveling to Rockford and staying with the family through the time of their need. Mayor Blanton and the entire Council applauded the efforts of Pastor Carlson. Chaplain Carlson is truly a credit to the Rock Falls Fire Department.

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of March 20, 2007 Council Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of Bills as printed.
3. Resolution No. 2007-499; A Resolution accepting a grant from the Illinois Housing Development Authority for the Single Family Owner Occupied Rehabilitation program.
4. Application for Variance of Zoning Map; refer to Planning and Zoning Committee for recommendation.
5. Proclamation; National Public-Safety Telecommunicators Week April 8-14, 2007
6. Proclamation; 39th Anniversary of the U.S. Fair Housing Act.

7. Bucket Brigade Requests:

- American Legion May 26, 2007
- Sterling-Rock Falls Jaycees June 23, 2007
- Sauk Valley Marines July 14, 2007
- Firefighters MDA Boot Drive August 18, 2007
- Kiwanis September 8, 2007
- Knights of Columbus September 22, 2007
- Lions Club October 6, 2007

Administrators Report:

Mr. Richard Downey, City Administrator made (2) two action requests of the Council:

1. Request the Council approve Resolution 2007-5000 to adopt Medicare Only Coverage. **Motion made** by Alderman Kuhlemier and seconded by Alderman Thurm. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote, 8 ayes, motion carried.
2. Request the Council approve and Intergovernmental Agreement with Coloma Township for the purposes of sharing of equipment in emergency need situations. **Motion made** by Alderman Hand and seconded by Alderman Snow. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote, 8 ayes, motion carried.

Information and Updates:

City Clerk Wescott reminded the council and Citizens of the City, Yard Waste will be picked up effective April 1, 2007. Residence should have waste in the proper bags with attached stickers and place the materials out at the curb on the same day as there regular scheduled waste pickup day.

City Attorney Reese, advised the Council the he had received word that the paperwork for the property purchase in the Industrial Park, negotiated with the National Guard has passed through committee and will be moving forward in the near future. He will have more information soon.

Department Heads:

Building Department – Mark Searing, reported to the Council on the Permit Summary Report for the period of 03-01-2007 to 03-31-2007, which he presented to the Council. For the month of March 55, permits were issued through the Building Department with a total cost of construction value at \$584,022 generating permit fees of \$3,157.18.

Wastewater Treatment – Ed Cox, Supt. made (2) two action requests of the Council:

1. Request the transfer of \$100,000 from the Sewer Reserve Funds to the Plant Improvement Fund to pay for engineering studies. **Motion made** by Alderman Arduini and seconded by Alderman Kuhlemier to approve the request transfer of funds. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote, 8 ayes, motion carried.
2. Request for Emergency Repairs to the South PBR not to exceed \$20,000 and waive the required bidding procedures in lieu of the emergency nature of the request. The work will be completed by Civil Engineering, Freeport, Illinois. **Motion made** by Alderman Arduini and seconded by Alderman Vandersnick to approve the request. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote, 8 ayes, motion carried.

Council Committee Reports:

Finance/Insurance Committee Chairman Kuhlemier presented to the Council on the recommendation of the committee the draft of the first reading of the Budget for fiscal year 2008. Copies were distributed for review and comments or concerns should be directed to City Administrator Downey or Alderman Kuhlemier. Final approval of the Budget will be requested at the April 17, 2007 City Council meeting. **Motion made** by Alderman Kuhlemier and seconded by Alderman Thurm to accept the first draft of the budget as presented. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote, 8 ayes, motion carried.

Alderman Reports:

Alderman Kuhlemier spoke to the Council and the citizens of the City and reminded them that it is all of our responsibilities to keep our City clean. We should all look around our property and community and do whatever; we can to make it a better place to live. The City employees alone cannot be responsible for the entire cleanup of our City. Instead, by working together, we can achieve better results, which benefit us all, making Rock Falls a better place to live.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Blanton reported to the Council on the following items of interest:

1. Mr. Downey and Alderman Kuhlemier along with the Mayor attended the Enterprise Zone meeting in Morrison earlier today. Information for the First Quarter of 2007 indicated that the E-Zone was responsible for (54) new jobs and retention of (100+) other positions. In all, \$15,803,866 in new development was reported; resulting from (8) projects, (3) of which were in Rock Falls totaling \$3,000,000.
2. Brief report on the collapse of the "fishing wall" at the lower dam. The City will be looking investigating the possibilities in making repairs. At this time no actions will be taken, other than to barricade the area off.
3. Mayor requested the Council approve Alderman Folsom as Mayor Pro Tem for the period April 16-20, as he will be out of town during that time. **Motion made** by Alderman Thurm and seconded by Alderman Snow to approve the motion. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote 8 ayes, motion carried.

Motion made by Alderman Folsom and seconded by Alderman Reitzel to adjourn the meeting. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm. Vote 8 ayes, motion carried. (7:20p.m.)

Minutes approved at the April 17, 2007 meeting.

William B. Wescott, City Clerk

