

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMAN OF
THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS
June 19, 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., June 19, 2007 in Rock Falls, Illinois.

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

Audience requests:

Joan Hermes, Director of the CGH Medical Center Foundation spoke to the Council concerning the annual "Tour De Health" bike ride scheduled for Saturday, July 21, 2007. The event will start at the Rock Falls Middle School and will include a 7-mile, 25-mile and 50-mile bike ride. The ride will utilize the City streets of 12th Ave./W. 19th St./14th Ave. for accessing the routes into the rural areas

Ordinances: Second Reading; Adoption:

1. Ordinance 2007-2231; Section 8-114. Use Restrictions (amplifying device)
2. Ordinance 2007-2232; Section 15-168. Sewerage Connections Property of the City (Drain Layers Registration)
3. Ordinance 2007-2233; Section 8-250. Penalty (increase maximum penalty to \$750.00)
4. Ordinance 2007-2235; Permission to sell manhole covers
5. Ordinance 2007-2236; Prevailing Wage
6. Ordinance 2007-2237; Section 13-37. (amendment) Surface Restoration

Motion by Alderman Vandersnick and seconded by Alderman Hand to approve the Ordinances as presented. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Thurm voted aye. Vote 6 ayes, motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of June 5, 2007 Council Minutes
2. Approval of Bills as presented
3. Resolution 2007-506; Approving Merchant Application of Credit Card Acceptance
4. Resolution 2007-507; Authorizing Agreement for Cost Sharing with Whiteside County-Dixon Avenue-Hennepin Canal Bridge.
5. Approve Job Description; Operator/Maintenance Street Department
6. Approve License Agreement NO. 3093 with Illinois Department of Natural Resources (electrical Department access at Route 30) for a 5-year period (1 August 2007-31 July 2012 at a cost of \$325.00 full term.
7. Approve additional Engineering costs for East Route 30 Water Project for \$28,400.00
8. Approve recommendation from Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals to approve the request for a variance at 209 Stanley Court
9. Approve recommendation from Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals to approve the request to rezone 1301 W. 2nd Street from R-2 to B-1

Motion made by Alderman Arduini and seconded by Alderman Hand to approve the consent agenda as presented. Upon call for discussion, Alderman Vandersnick spoke to Council in regards to item #9. He stated that he was at the Planning & Zoning Commission meeting and was one of (2) two nay votes cast for the recommendation that was passed onto the Council for approval. He is of the opinion that Mrs. Fiorini of the Whiteside County Health Department proceeded to rapidly, without much consideration in regards to the placement of another parking lot in the area. It is his opinion that the parking lot is not a good fit for the residential area, as the Health Department is already taking up too much space in that area of town.

Alderman Vandersnick then made a motion to remove item 9 from the consent agenda, amending the motion made previously by Alderman Arduini., the motion was seconded by Mr. Hand. Following a short discussion, roll call was taken and Alderman Vandersnick, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Thurm voted aye. Vote 6 ayes, motion to amend the Consent agenda carries. Motion then restated by Alderman Arduini and seconded by Alderman Hand to approve the Consent Agenda items 1-8. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Thurm voted aye. Vote 6 ayes, motion to accept consent agenda carried.

Motion made by Alderman Vandersnick and seconded by Alderman Arduini to table item 9 that was removed and have it returned to the agenda for action at the July 3, 2007 meeting of the City Council. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Thurm voted aye. Vote 6 ayes, motion to table item 9 carried.

Information/Updates:

City Clerk Wescott presented to the Council a written request that was received from Bethany Flannery of Amped Productions. They are asking the Council to grant an extension to there Amplifier Permit for August 11, 2007 from 8 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. . . and to approve there request for the closing of W. 1st St. from the parking lot entrances to the corner of West. 1st Street & 2nd Ave. in all directions, as well as, the closing of West 1st Street's west bound traffic from the corner of 2nd Avenue to 4th Avenue during the event. Motion by Alderman Kuhlemier and second by Alderman Thurm to honor both requests. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Thurm voted aye. Vote 6 ayes, motion carried.

Department Heads:

Mr. Jakubczak, Electric Department has (2) two items for the Council's consideration:

1. Request approval of a 3-year warranty for SCADA System with Survalent Technology Corporation for \$18,191.25. Motion made by Alderman Hand and seconded by Alderman Kuhlemier to approve the request as presented. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Thurm voted aye. Vote 6 ayes, motion carried.
2. Mr. Jakubczak reminded all of the Council members that the Annual Illinois Municipal Electric Association meeting is scheduled for September 28-29, 2007 at the Crown Plaza in Springfield, Illinois. Anyone wishing to attend should contact the Electric Department so that reservations can be secured.

Mr. Padilla, Water Department seeking approval for purchase of (2) two Hydra Stops, 4"-8" valves at a total cost of \$31,025.00. Motion by Alderman Arduini and seconded by Alderman Thurm to approve the request as presented. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Thurm voted aye. Vote 6 ayes, motion carried.

Mr. Cox, Wastewater Treatment, requested Council approval for the following:

1. Request authorization for repairs to the Vactor truck to be completed by House's Truck & Auto Repair, Sterling, Illinois not to exceed \$25,000.00. Motion by Alderman Thurm and seconded by Alderman Vandersnick to approve the request as presented. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Thurm voted aye. Vote 6 ayes, motion carried.
2. Shared with the Council that the current Dump truck utilized by the Department is need of the following repairs: Dump bed needs replacement (\$12,000.00), other assorted repairs would bring the total to \$16,000.00. Mr. Cox has found a Dump Truck that is larger than our current one, that has a new engine and transmission in place for \$18,000.00 at the Portland Truck Sales in Prophetstown, Illinois. Motion by Alderman Arduini and seconded by Alderman Snow to approve the purchase of the used truck for a price not to exceed \$18,000.00. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Thurm voted aye. Vote 6 ayes, motion carried.
3. Request to re-allocate funds from the reserve accounts of the Sewer Department in the amount of \$43,000.00 to pay for the items identified in item 1 and 2. Motion by Alderman Kuhlemier and seconded by Alderman Arduini to approve the transfer of funds. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Thurm voted aye. Vote 6 ayes, motion carried.

Alderman Reports:

Mr. Kuhlemier informed the Council of the passing of Louis Ruben, who resided in Florida. Mr. Ruben was a large contributor to the K.I.D.D.S Corporation, which made possible the building of the new library. Mr. Ruben's family was very active in the Development and growth of the City of Rock Falls during the early years.

Mayors Report:

Mayor Blanton informed the Council that he has received a request from The Coloma Park District to draft a letter of support in regards to a grant application for monies to be utilized in the Nailor Park property in Allen's addition. Mayor Blanton is seeking the Councils consent for this request. Motion made by Alderman Kuhlemier and seconded by Alderman Arduini to allow the Mayor to draft a letter of support on behalf of the City of Rock Falls. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Thurm vote aye. Vote 6 ayes, motion carried.

Mayor Blanton informed the Council that he is going to be out of town from June 22 - 27, 2007 and request that the Council name Alderman Glen Kuhlemier Mayor Pro Tem in his absence. Motion made by Alderman Hand and seconded by Alderman Thurm to approve the appointment request. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Snow, Arduini, Hand and Thurm. Alderman Kuhlemier abstains. Vote 5 ayes and 1 abstention (Alderman Kuhlemier), motion carried.

Executive Session:

Mayor Blanton request a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of Collective Bargaining – Section 2 (c)(2) to include the presence of, Mr. Paul Jakubczak, Electric Supt./Eric Patrick, IBEW representative/ Marv VanOosten, Electric Lineman/Tom Westlund, IBEW local Steward in the session. Motion by Alderman Arduini and seconded by Alderman Thurm. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Thurm voted aye. Vote 6 ayes, motion carried. (In: 7:10 pm)

Motion by Alderman Vandersnick and seconded by Alderman Snow to return to regular session. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Thurm voted aye. Vote 6 ayes, motion carried. (Out 8:10 pm)

Motion by Alderman Hand and seconded by Alderman Thurm to uphold the decision made by Electric Director Jakubczak in regards to grievance 2007-01. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Thurm voted aye. Vote 6 ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Alderman Thurm and seconded by Alderman Vandersnick to adjourn. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Thurm voted aye. Vote 6 ayes, motion carried. (8:13 pm)

Minutes approved at the July 3, 2007 Council Meeting.

William B. Wescott, City Clerk