

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMAN OF
THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS
June 5, 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 5, 2007 in Rock Falls, Illinois.

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

Special Community Recognition:

The City Council this evening recognized the following individuals for service to the community:

Mason Bell

Recognized by the City Council for his years of dedication and service to the City. Serving on the Industrial Development Committee for 20 years from 1987-2007 and serving the City as Mayor from 1991-1993.

Bob & Audrey Bonnell

Recognized for there tireless efforts maintaining and managing a recycling station that generates monies to support the Rock Falls Library. To date the recycling center has returned in excess of \$10,000 back to the Library.

Fred W. Scott

Harold Scott, son of the late Fred W. Scott is present to receive the recognition on behalf of his late father. Fred W. Scott was a Special Police Officer for the City of Rock Falls. On May 31, 1937, Officer Scott was directing traffic at the intersection of 3rd Street and 1st Avenue, was struck by a car and severely injured. On June 7, 1937, at the age of 40 years he died as a result, of those injuries. Historical research was conducted and a written history presented to the Illinois Police Officer's Memorial Committee for review. In July 2006, the Committee made official and acknowledge the death of Officer Scott to be a line of duty death. On May 3, 2007 the Family of Officer Scott were honored at the Illinois Police Officer's Memorial Celebration in Springfield, Illinois and Officer Scott's name will be inscribed on the Police Officers Memorial statue next to the State Capital. A Proclamation was read into the record and presented to the family, as well as, a plaque was presented by Chief Beto Perez on behalf of the Rock Falls Police Department. Special Police Officer Fred W. Scott's death is the only line of duty death in the history of the City.

Audience requests:

Linda Steinert-Olds representing CGH Medical Center was present and spoke to the Council about the upcoming National Health Risk Management Week, scheduled for June 18-22, 2007. A Proclamation was offered for this recognition on a **motion** by Alderman Hand and seconded by Alderman Thurm. Upon roll call, Alderman Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote 7 ayes, **motion carried.**

Community Affairs:

Mr. Ron Hammer, Board member of the Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce spoke briefly to the Council about upcoming events scheduled by the Chamber.

Mr. B.J. Wolfe, Interim Director of the Rock Falls Community Development Corporation addressed the Council and brought it up to date on the search process currently underway by the transition team for a new director. He stressed that even though the RFCDC is in a transitional state, work continues on the East Route 30 project and Riverfront Development.

Ordinances: First Reading

1. Ordinance 2007-2231; Section 8-114. Use Restrictions (amplifying device)
2. Ordinance 2007-2232; Section 15-168. Sewerage connections to property of the City. (Drain Layers registration)
3. Ordinance 2007-2233; Section 8-250. Penalty (increase maximum fine for Tobacco violations to \$1,000)

Motion by Alderman Hand and seconded by Alderman Snow to approve the first reading of the Ordinances presented. Upon roll call, Alderman Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote 7 ayes, motion carried.

Ordinances: Second Reading/Adoption

1. Ordinance 2007-2229; Section 5-125. Construction Cost Table-Permit Multiplier-Adopted and Section 5-126. Fees designated.
2. Ordinance 2007-2234; Release of Properties owned or possessed by the City for Auction.

Motion made by Alderman Hand and seconded by Alderman Snow to approve the Ordinances as presented following second reading. Upon roll call, Alderman Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote 7 ayes, motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of May 15, 2007 Council Minutes
2. Approval of Bills as presented
3. Application for Variance by Mr. Doug Schultz for 209 Stanley Court, Rock Falls, Illinois, referral to the Planning & Zoning Committee for recommendation.
4. Resolution 2007-503; Support from the Rock Falls City Council for a Community Development Assistance Grant.
5. Resolution 2007-504; Local Government Certifications (for Economic Development Financial Assistance)
6. Purchase of (5) 50 KVA transformers at \$1,693.00 each for a total of \$8,465.00 from Brownstown Electrical Supply Company.
7. Release for sale as scrap, 1945 trailer, 1952-reel cable hauler, 1958 utility trailer, all property of the City of Rock Falls Electric Department.
8. Accept recommendation from Planning & Zoning Committee for variance request (lot width) at 1410 8th Avenue – Bryan Good, owner.
9. Resolution 2007-505; Consent to Change Control

Motion made by Alderman Arduini and seconded by Alderman Folsom to approve all items on the Consent Agenda as presented. Upon roll call, Alderman Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote 7 ayes, motion carried.

Information/Updates:

Brian Frickenstein, City Engineer presented a brief report on the Pre-construction meeting recently held for the West 19th Street Project. The contract for the work has been approved by the State, but not awarded as of this time. It is anticipated that the work will start on or about June 18th. Work on the project will start on the 8th Avenue end and work west to 12th Avenue, completion date is estimated to be mid August 2007.

Department Heads:

Ted Atkins, Electric Operations manager presented Mayor Blanton with a plaque presented to Paul Jakubczak, Electrical Director at the recent IMUA meeting, recognizing the City of Rock Falls as the Illinois Municipal Utilities Association 2007 Member Community of the Year.

Ted Padilla spoke briefly to the Council about activities that his Groundwater Committee are involved with and requested the Council's permission to accept donations that may come in for support and continuation of his programs in the schools. Motion made by Alderman Kuhlemier and seconded by Alderman Reitzel to allow the acceptance of contributions in support of the education programs of the Groundwater Committee. Upon roll call, Alderman Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote 7 ayes, motion carried.

Alderman Reports:

Alderman Arduini, reminded Council members of the upcoming 100th Anniversary Celebration of the Hennepin Canal scheduled for Saturday, September 8, 2007. Wide varieties of activities are being scheduled for that day and will be announced in the near future.

Alderman Hand commended all of the members of our Electric Department for the work that they do in keeping the City of Rock Falls Electric Department in the forefront of Utility companies that resulted in the IMUA recognition.

Mayors Report:

Mayor Blanton commended, Dr. B.J. Wolfe for accepting the responsibility of Interim Director, of the Rock Falls Community Development Corporation. Over the past several weeks, the Mayor and Dr. Wolfe have been working very closely to continue the work at hand. Dr. Wolfe was truly the right man for the job, and the Mayor wished to publicly thank him for the time and effort being put into the job.

Executive Session:

Mayor Blanton requests a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of Litigation-Section 2 (c)(11) and Personnel -Section 2(c)(1). Motion by Alderman Thurm and seconded by Alderman Snow to enter into executive session. Upon roll call, Alderman Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote 7 ayes, motion carried. (In: 7:07 pm)

Motion by Alderman Hand and seconded by Alderman Folsom to return to regular session. Upon roll call, Alderman Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote 7 ayes, motion carried. (Out: 7:40 pm)

City Clerk William Wescott announced that during that following the executive sessions that were named, a brief discussion relating to Collective Bargaining - Section 2 (c)(1) was discussed, resulting in no formal action being taken.

Alderman Kuhlemier introduced a motion and was seconded by Alderman Snow that the City Attorney be directed to draft a letter, on behalf of the Mayor and City Council requesting that certain fees and costs for the processing of liens, that are not currently recognized in the Illinois State Statute be brought to the attention of our elected legislative officials, strongly suggesting a change in the manner in which municipalities would be able to pursue outstanding debt created by failure of responsible actions. A copy of the letter should also be forwarded to the Director of the Illinois Municipal League. Upon roll call, Alderman Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote 7 ayes, motion carried.

A motion by Alderman Folsom and seconded by Alderman Hand to adjourn the meeting. Upon roll call, Alderman Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote 7 ayes, motion carried. (7: 48 pm)

Minutes to be approved at the June 19, 2007 City Council Meeting.

William B. Wescott, City Clerk