

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMAN OF THE
CITY OF ROCK FALLS
August 7, 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., August 7, 2007 in Rock Falls, Illinois.

City Clerk, William B. Wescott, called the roll, mayor Blanton, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Folsom and Thurm are present. Quorum to conduct business.

Audience Request:

Pam Erby, Chairman of the Convention and Tourism Bureau presented the Council with a rendering of a sign that they would like to see erected on the hydroelectric property at the beginning of the Hennepin Canal trail. The Convention and Tourism group has paid for the sign and would like to have the Council approve it and its final site of erection. They made an additional request, to have lights added to light up the sign at night. **Motion** by Alderman Kuhlemier and seconded by Alderman Folsom to approve the signage as presented and have lighting installed by the Electric Department. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote 8 ayes, **motion carried**.

Jane Saldivar, representing the Twin Cities Fiesta Committee a requested the Council authorize the use of 1st Avenue for the Annual Fiesta Day Parade. This year's parade will start in Rock Falls at 10th Street and 1st Avenue and proceed north into Sterling. The event is scheduled for Saturday, September 15, 2007. **Motion** by Alderman Thurm and seconded by Alderman Kuhlemier. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote 8 ayes, **motion carried**.

Cilvia Rivera representing NICIL (Northern Illinois Center for Independent Living) and Mark Searing , City Building Inspector presented to Mayor Blanton on behalf of the City, a "Spirit Award" recently awarded to the City of Rock Falls for its continued efforts with the recent sidewalk program to keep the City accessible to those with disabilities.

Ordinances/First Reading:

1. Ordinance 2007 – 2246; Amending Section 15-56. Lawn Irrigation Wells
2. Ordinance 2007 – 2247; Amending Subparagraph (b) of Section 10-122. Failure to comply with notice.

Motion by Alderman Hand and seconded by Alderman Vandersnick to approve Ordinances/First Reading as presented. 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 2007-2238; Amending Section 8-697
2. Ordinance 2007-2239; Amending Section 15-54. Use of Water service required (a)
3. Ordinance 2007-2240; Amending Sections 9-149 Prohibited areas (b) and Section 9-163 Handicapped parking (d)
4. Ordinance 2007-2245; Approve rezoning of 1301 W. 2nd St. from R-2 to B-1
5. Ordinance 2007-2248; Disposal of City owned vehicles by sale or scraping

Motion by Alderman Hand and seconded by Alderman Snow to approve Ordinances/Second Reading /Adoption. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote 8 ayes, **motion carried**.

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of July 17, 2007 Council Minutes
2. Approval of bills as presented
3. Approve purchase of (2) two 300 KVA Pad Mount Transformers from WESCO at a cost of \$16,350.00.
4. Resolution 207-508; Resolution Authorizing Activation of Escrow Agreement
5. Resolution 207-509; Fiesta Day Parade, Saturday, September 15, 2007
6. Proclamation; Save-A-Life-Month
7. Periodic Payment No. 2, Schmitt Plumbing & Heating, Inc. Fairview Lift Station \$67,179.59
8. Approval of Optional Medicare-Only Coverage Agreement
9. Approve partial payment to Economy Painting for sandblasting fire hydrants project, \$2,750.00

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

Administrators Report:

Mr. Downey presented an overview on several projects that are underway throughout the City, as well as, information on the status of the open positions within the City for employment.

Department Heads:

Mr. Cox, Wastewater Supt. presented an update on the Fairview Lift Station. 1) The power has been cut to the station and the new pumps and master control panels are being installed this week. Residents of the area will experience a partial lane blockage during this phase of work. The work will take approximately one week.

Mr. Jakubczak, Electric Director sought approval from the Council for purchase of 7500 feet of 1/0 Aluminum URD 15 KV wire at a cost of \$1.93.8 per foot, totaling \$14,535.00 from the H.D. Supply Company of Mattoon, Illinois. **Motion** by Alderman Hand and seconded by Alderman Reitzel to authorize the purchase of above item. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote 8 ayes, **motion carried**.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Blanton presented a brief overview to the Council on his recent trip to Washington, D.C. for the APPA Board Meeting and Springfield, Illinois for continued efforts in regards to the City's application for a CDAP Grant for forced Water main Extensions. In addition, he informed the Council that we have received a letter from the EPA and the Parish Alford site is clear for development, however, no word on the Reliant Property has been received.

Mayor also presented information on the E Zone growth in Rock Falls. Three years ago the E-Zone in Rock Falls saw \$780,000 in projects, 2006 (2.3 million), 2007 thus far (5.5 million). In addition, 1.5 million dollars in new construction has taken place. We have created 46 new jobs and been able to retain 90. He pointed out to the Council, that many times we are asked what is going on in Rock Falls and these numbers would indicate progress is being made.

Executive Session:

Mayor Blanton requested a motion to enter into executive session for Collective Bargaining- Section 2 (c) (2) and Personnel- Section 2 (c) (1), with Chief Beto Perez participating in the Collective Bargaining section. **Motion** by Alderman Hand and seconded by Alderman Thurm for closed session as requested. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote, 8 ayes, **motion carried. (In: 7:12 p.m.)**

Motion by Alderman Thurm and seconded by Alderman Snow to return to open session. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote 8 ayes, **motion carried. (Out: 8:22 p.m.)**

Motion for adjournment by Alderman Folsom 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. (8:26 p.m.)**

Approved at August 21, 2007 Meeting.

William B. Wescott, City Clerk