

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMAN OF
THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS
April 17, 2007**

Mayor Pro Tem Lee Folsom 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 17, 2007 in Rock Falls, Illinois.

City Clerk, William Wescott called the roll, present was Mayor Pro Tem Folsom, Alderman Vandernick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Thurm.

Audience requests:

Mr. Darrell Culver and Ms. Patsy Lingur representing the Rock Falls American Legion 40-8 and 8-40 Auxiliary respectively, addressed the Council about a project that they heading which will allow a bowling alley lane to be shipped to the American Troops serving in Iraq. The group has already successfully, raised the money necessary, and shipped one lane. Council members participated and verbalized strong support for this project. They commended the Legion for there work in support of our troops.

Ordinances: Second Reading/Approval:

1. Ordinance 2007-2220; Section 9-149 Parking Restrictions Amendment
2. Ordinance 2007-2223; Section 15-178 Building 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 Vandernick and seconded by Alderman Reitzel to approve the Ordinances presented on second reading for approval. Upon roll call, Mayor Pro Tem Folsom, Alderman Vandernick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Thurm voted aye. Vote 8 ayes, motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of April 3, 2007 Council Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of Bills as printed
3. Proclamation: Building Safety Week ; May 7-13, 2007
4. Proclamation: Municipal Clerks Week; April 29 – May 5, 2007
5. Accept the recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Committee to accept the Variance Request- Rebuild residence on Non-Confirming Lot at 214 Stanley Court (Fire Damage) Jan Skrogstad- owner

Motion made by Alderman Kuhlemier and seconded by Alderman Snow to approve the consent agenda as presented. Upon roll cal, Mayor Pro Tem Folsom, Alderman Vandernick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Thurm voted aye. Vote 8 ayes, motion carried.

Administrators Report:

City Administrator Downey requested the Council approve Resolution 2007-501; authorizing a divided referendum for Medicare participation. This is the second part of the process to insure those not currently contributing to the Medicare system, are afforded the opportunity to vote on there desire to participate.

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

Information and Updates:

City Clerk Wescott reminded the Council of the 2007 Annual Membership Meeting for the Rock Falls Community Development Corporation on April 18, 2007 at 7:00 a.m. on the 2nd Floor of the US Bank, as well as, 2007 Annual Business Luncheon of the Greater Sterling Development Corporation Wednesday, May 9, 2007 11:30 a.m. at the Holiday Inn in Rock Falls.

City Clerk Wescott requested the Council approve Ordinance 2007-2227; Section 2-2. Inauguration of Elected Officers, to change the current ordinance to conform to current law, and by pass the first reading. **Motion made** by Alderman Kuhlemier and seconded by Alderman Arduini to approve the Ordinance as presented. Upon roll call, Mayor Pro Tem Folsom, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Thurm voted aye. Vote 8 ayes, motion carried.

City Attorney Reese, requested the Council approve Resolution 2007-502, Releasing Agreement with L & L Construction as presented. **Motion made** by Alderman Kuhlemier and seconded by Alderman Snow to approve Resolution as presented. Upon roll call, Mayor Pro Tem Folsom, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Thurm voted aye. Vote 8 ayes, motion carried.

Department Heads:

Electric Supt. Paul Jakubczak presented the following two (2) items for Council consideration:

1. Requested approval to enter into a contract with NI Solutions, INC. for a Voice over Internet (VoIP) System at a cost not to exceed \$16,800.00. **Motion made** by Alderman Hand and seconded by Alderman Reitzel to approve the contract as presented. Upon roll call, Mayor Pro Tem Folsom, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Thurm voted aye. Vote 8 ayes, motion carried.
2. Requested approval to purchase a 2007 Toyota Highlander Hybrid from low bidder Ken Nelson Cadillac, GMC, Jeep, Nissan of Dixon, Illinois. The cost of the vehicle with a trade in will be \$29,793.48. **Motion made** by Alderman Hand and seconded by Alderman Reitzel to approve the purchase. Upon roll call, Mayor Pro Tem Folsom, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Folsom voted aye. Vote 8 ayes, motion carried.

Water Supt. Ted Padilla briefed the Council on an upcoming project to install a 12" water main at Industrial Park Road and East Route 30 construction will begin in May.

Building Inspector Mark Searing presented the Council with information in regards to activities within his Department and his desire to be able to communicate activities with the Council via e-mail to have more timely communications.

Council Committee Reports:

Finance/Insurance Committee Chairman Kuhlemier presented the Budget Figures for the various Departments in regards to the Final 2007-2008 Budget for the City of Rock Falls for consideration and passage. General Fund: Revenues \$4,795,452.88/ Expenses \$4,795,452.88 ; CSC: Revenue \$322,418.64/ Expense \$322,418.64; Electric Department: \$7,658,760.00/ Expense \$7,658,042.80 ; ESDA: Revenue \$4,762.87/ Expenses \$4,762.87 ; Garbage Department: Revenue \$711,346.05/ Expenses \$537,413.53 ; IDC : Revenue \$48,758.72/ Expenses \$48,758.72 ; Sewer Department: Revenue \$2,080,053.69/ Expenses \$2,080,053.69 ; Water Department: \$1,424,436.46/ Expenses \$1,193,829.39 ; Total of all Funds Combined: Revenue \$17,280,519.32/ Expenses \$ 16,733,730.52 Following a brief discussion a **motion** was made by Alderman Kuhlemier and seconded by Alderman Hand to accept the 2007-2008 Budget as presented. Upon roll call, Mayor Pro Tem Folsom, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Thurm voted aye. Vote 8 ayes, motion carried.

Public Works Committee Chairman Arduini made a **motion** and it was seconded by Alderman Thurm to accept the bid of Schmitt Plumbing & Heating, Inc. of Dixon, Illinois for the rehabilitation work on the Fairview Lift Station, base bid proposal only at a cost of \$282,394.00. Upon roll call, Mayor Pro Tem Folsom, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Thurm voted aye. Vote 8 ayes, motion carried.

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Alderman Reports:

Alderman Arduini reported that there would be a Garbage Ad Hoc Committee meeting on Wednesday, April 25, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Folsom called for adjournment having no other business for consideration, motion made by Alderman Reitzel and seconded by Alderman Hand. Upon roll call, Mayor Pro Tem Folsom, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Thurm voted aye. Vote 8 ayes, motion carried. (7:22 p.m.)

Minutes approved at the May 1, 2007 Council Meeting

William B. Wescott, City Clerk