

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMAN OF
THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS**

January 16, 2007

Mayor David H. Blanton called the regular meeting of the Mayor and Alderman of the City of Rock Falls to order at 6:30 p.m., January 16, 2007 in Rock Falls, Illinois.

City Clerk, William B. Wescott, called the roll, present were Mayor Blanton, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm. Absent was Alderman Snow. A quorum to conduct business is present.

Community Affairs:

Mr. Christian Tscheschlok, Executive Director of the RFCDC spoke to the Council briefly and presented general information updates on the activities within the Rock Falls Community Development Corporation.

Mr. Doug Wiersema, President/CEO of the RFCC informed the Council of many upcoming events, reminding the group that on Thursday, January 18, 2007, the groundbreaking ceremony will be held at 904 1st Avenue, Rock Falls, site of the new Sauk Valley Bank. In addition, he reminded everyone of the 51st Annual Dinner meeting of the Council to be held February 5, 2007 at the Deer Valley Country Club.

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of January 2, 2007 Council minutes.
2. Approval of Bills as presented.
3. Ordinance 2007-2219; AN AMENDMENT TO AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AT ENTERPRISE ZONE WITHIN THE ILLINOIS COUNTIES OF WHITESIDE AND CARROLL.
4. Approval of contract with Asplundh for tree trimming and mowing rates effective January 1, 2007-December 31, 2007.
5. Approve purchase of (6) 50 KVA Pole mount transformers for a total costs of \$7,224.00 from HD Supply Utilities LTD.
6. Approve purchase of KYOCERA 4050 Copy Machine at a cost of \$6,421.00 from Corporate Office City.
7. Approve purchase of 5000 I/O aluminum parlay at a total cost of \$8,950.00 from Reed City Power Line Supply Company.
8. Approve purchase of (2) 150 KVA Pad mount 3-phase transformers at a total costs of \$11,466.00 from Reed City Power Supply Company.
9. Approve purchase of MSI Building Permit Software at a costs of \$6,600.00 from the Harris Company.
10. Approve purchase of ARC Editor, GIS Software from ESRI at a cost of \$7,819.56.
11. Approve the 2007 General Maintenance Bid proposal, Section 07-00000-00-GM.
12. Approve Engineers Payment Estimate No. 1 for the 2006 Street Program at a cost of \$193,467.43, payable to Northwest Illinois Construction.
13. Approve revised Smoke-Free Policy dated December 29, 2006.

Motion: Alderman Vandersnick Second: Alderman Hand Vote: 7 ayes, motion carried

Administrators Report:

Mr. Downey informed the Council that the Illinois Housing Development Authority will be conducting a training program on the American Dream Down payment Initiative. This program is similar to the First time Homebuyers program that is in place through Tri- Counties Opportunity, training is scheduled for sometime in February 2007. In addition, Mr. Downey announced that the City of Rock Falls would be receiving a IHDA, Small Rental Properties Grant in the amount of \$129,999.00

Mr. Downey requested Council passage of a Resolution 2007- 494; 2007 Telecommunication Improvement Project. This grant application will give us the opportunity to possible recover up to 60% of the monies the City of Rock Falls paid out as part of the Telecommunication Infrastructure Maintenance Fee.

Motion: Alderman Thurm Second: Alderman Vandernick Vote: 7 ayes, motion carried

Department Heads:

Electric Department – Mr. Jakubczak requested approval from the Council for the City to participate in the 2007 IMUA (Illinois Municipal Utilities Association) Scholarship Program. Students participating will have an opportunity to win a \$500 scholarship. Participates will write an essay on topics related to municipal utilities operations.

Motion: Alderman Kuhlemier Second: Alderman Hand Vote: 7 ayes, motion carried

Wastewater Treatment – Mr. Cox reported to the Council that the emergency repairs authorized to the PBR were completed by Civil at a cost of \$10,500. In addition, he briefed the Council on an incident at the Sewer plant. The incident involved flooding of a power/control room with up to 6 feet of raw sewage. At no time were there any reports of customer back up and no reportable discharge. The equipment is being evaluated for possible replacement with an estimated cost thought to come in under \$20,000. He thanked the Fire Department and Police Department for there rapid response to this event to assist in remediation. He also thanked the Electric Department personnel Dick Simon and Don Cassidy for there assistance; and the members of the Sewer Department that responded. Many long hours of hard work were required to resolve the incident and get the plant back on line. The Mayor and members of the Council echoed the words of Mr. Cox and offered there congratulations on a job well done by everyone involved.

Information and Updates:

City Clerk Wescott reported to the Council that he had received the Boiler Insurance Renewal from Travelers Insurance. The Policy comes up for renewal on (02-01-2007). The cost for the renewal is \$33,869.00 and will be effective (02-01-2007/2008).

Motion: Alderman Kuhlemier Second: Alderman Thurm Vote: 7 ayes, motion carried.

Mayor's Report:

State of the City Report (attachment A to these minutes)

Executive Session:

- **Enter into Executive Session for the purpose of:**
 1. **Personnel – Section 2 (c)(1)**

Motion: Alderman Thurm Second: Alderman Vandernick Vote: 7 ayes, motion carried. (7:12 pm)

Motion to enter into Regular session: Alderman Kuhlemier Second: Alderman Vandernick Vote: 7 ayes, motion carried. (7:20 pm)

City Clerk Wescott announced publicly, that during executive session, items were discussed under Collective Bargaining – Section 2 (c) (2). No action is resulting from either discussion of matters.

Motion to adjourn: Alderman Folsom Second: Reitzel Vote: 7 ayes, motion carried. (7:22 pm)

Minutes to be approved at the February 6, 2007 Council Meeting.

William B. Wescott, City Clerk