

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF
THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS
February 6, 2007**

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Rock Falls was called to order at the hour of 6:30 p.m., February 6, 2007 in Rock Falls, Illinois by Mayor David H. Blanton.

Deputy City Clerk, Michelle Conklin, called the roll, present were Mayor Blanton, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm.

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier and second by Alderman Vandersnick to refer the Ordinance Amending Section 9-151. Prohibited Areas back to the Ordinance Committee for further clarification. Upon roll call Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote: 8 aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier and second by Alderman Snow to approve the first readings for an Ordinance Amending Section 15-29 (h)(3), an Addition to Section 15-29 (h) and an Ordinance Amending Section 3-1 (a). Upon roll call Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote: 8 aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Hand and second by Alderman Thurm to approve Consent Agenda Items 1, 2 and 4, and hold item 3 until the proper paperwork is supplied and representatives from the organizations are present:

1. Approval of January 16, 2007 Council Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of Bills as presented (Attachment A)
3. Approval of 2007 Bucket Brigade
 - a) American Red Cross - March 24, 2007
 - b) Elks Club - April 21, 2007
 - c) Rock Falls Rotary - May 5, 2007
 - d) Rock Falls American Legion - May 26, 2007
 - e) Sauk Valley Marines - July 14, 2007
 - f) Rock Falls Fire Fighters (MDA) - August 18, 2007
 - g) Kiwanis Club - September 8, 2007
 - h) Knights of Columbus - September 22, 2007
 - i) Lions Club - October 6, 2007
4. Approve payment to Willett, Hofmann & Assoc. for engineering services (plans and specifications for the new Wastewater Treatment Plant Project) in the amount of \$81,200.00

Upon roll call Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote: 8 aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Hand and second by Alderman Vandersnick to approve NI Solutions to do engineering work for new fiber to hydro plant in the amount of \$14,500.00. Upon roll call Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote: 8 aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier and second by Alderman Hand to approve the bid submitted from Prater Paint in the amount of \$15,500.00 to strip and repaint the floor of the Hydro Plant. Upon roll call Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote: 8 aye. Motion carried.

Paul Jakubczak, Electric Department Head, congratulated Mayor Blanton for being appointed to the APPA Policy Maker Council for a 3 year term.

A motion was made by Alderman Thurm and second by Alderman Hand to approve Chief Perez to apply for the 2008 Tobacco Enforcement Grant in the amount of \$1,430.00. Upon roll call Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote: 8 aye. Motion carried.

Water Superintendent, Ted Padilla informed the Council that he had applied for the City of Rock Falls to be a Ground Water Guardian City, he should be hearing in August if the City's application was approved.

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier and second by Alderman Folsom to instruct the City Attorney to contact Chapman and Cutler and get the paperwork started for Debt Certificates to purchase the land for the new Wastewater Treatment Plant, the fee for the issuance of the Debt Certificates will be approximately \$7,500.00. Upon roll call Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote: 8 aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Arduini and second by Alderman Hand to approve the placing of bids for the 2007 Street Improvement Program. Upon roll call Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote: 8 aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Vandersnick and second by Alderman Thurm to instruct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance amending the City of Rock Falls Liquor Ordinance to comply with the State Statutes. Upon roll call

Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote: 8 aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Thurm and second by Alderman Snow to approve the placing of bids for the Fairview Lift Station repairs. Upon roll call Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote: 8 aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Blanton congratulated Fire Chief Larson on being presented with the Sauk Valley Area Chamber of Commerce's Public Employee Service Award.

A motion was made by Alderman Hand and second by Alderman Arduini to approve Mayor Blanton's appointment of Alderman Lee Folsom as Mayor Pro-Tem from February 7, 2007 to February 10, 2007. Upon roll call Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote: 8 aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier and second by Alderman Reitzel to approve Attorney Reese to set up the financing of the Debt Certificates for the purchase of land for the Wastewater Treatment Plant, as quarterly payments. Upon roll call Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote: 8 aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Arduini and second by Alderman Hand to enter into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing Personnel Matters - Section 2 (c) (1). Upon roll call Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote: 8 aye. Motion carried. (7:04 p.m.)

A motion was made by Alderman Vandersnick and second by Alderman Arduini to return to regular session. Upon roll call Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote: 8 aye. Motion carried. (7:11 p.m.)

A motion was made by Alderman Arduini and second by Alderman Snow to approve the reimbursement for electric, sewer and water deposits from the Customer Utility Deposit fund. Upon roll call Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote: 8 aye. Motion carried.

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A motion was made by Alderman Folsom and second by Alderman Arduini to adjourn. Upon roll call Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote: 8 aye. Motion carried.

Michelle K Conklin
Michelle Conklin, Deputy City Clerk