

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMAN OF
THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS
May 15, 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., May 15, 2007 in Rock Falls, Illinois.

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

Seating of Elected Officials:

The City Clerk of the City of Rock Falls, having received the Abstract of Votes cast at the 2007 Consolidation Election, as certified by the Whiteside County Clerk, Dana Nelson, makes known for the record the following vote count tallied by each candidate as certified on April 30, 2007. In the matter of Alderman Ward 1- Daehle Reitzel (100 votes) Shaun McGrath (63 votes); Alderman Ward 2- Glen R. Kuhlemier (78 votes); Alderman Ward 3- David J. Hand (80 votes); Alderman Ward 4- Lee R. Folsom (55 votes).

Associate Judge Michael R. Albert was present at the Council Chambers and administered the Official Oath of Office to the duly elected Alderman.

Audience Requests:

Betty Clementz, Barb Helgason and Crystal Carlson representing the local Relay for Life Committee were present to accept the Proclamation for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life Day, June 9-10, 2007. **Motion by** Alderman Kuhlemier and seconded by Alderman Vandersnick to approve the Proclamation as presented. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote 8 ayes, **motion carried.**

Ms. Ericka Taylor, Poppy Queen of 2007, is present representing the Rock Falls American Legion Post 902 and the American Legion Auxiliary. An official Proclamation is introduced into the record, declaring May 26, 2007 as POPPY DAY in the City of Rock Falls. **Motion by** Alderman Kuhlemier and seconded by Alderman Snow to approve the Proclamation as presented. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote 8 ayes, **motion carried.**

Community Affairs:

Doug Wiersema, President/CEO of the Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce addressed the Council. He spoke of the success of the Annual Garage Sale Day just completed, with over 120 garage sales held in the area. He announced that on Saturday, July 7, 2007 the Chamber will be conducting its annual Cookout in the Country Market Parking lot and that on Saturday, September 8, 2007 there will be celebration held for the 100th anniversary of the Hennepin Canal Waterway.

Ordinances: Second Reading

1. Ordinance 2007-2229; Section 5-126 Construction Permit Fees; City Attorney Reese spoke to the Council about several concerns in regards to the Ordinance in its current language. He would like to re-write the Ordinance and have it go back to Ordinance Committee for review and then make recommendation back to Council at the June 5th meeting. **Motion by** Alderman Vandersnick and seconded by Alderman Snow to table the Ordinance and send the re-write to the Ordinance Committee for review and recommendation. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote 8 ayes, **motion carried.**

2. Ordinance 2007-2230; Authorizing the Lease of Real Estate of the City for the purpose of Cash Farm Lease to Laurine Hoffman via Ronald D. Hoffman, her agent. **Motion** by Alderman Kuhlemier and seconded by Alderman Snow to approve Ordinance as presented. 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 May 1, 2007 minutes
2. Approval of Bills as printed
3. Proclamation: EMS Week May 20-26, 2007
4. Proclamation: Electrical Safety Month May 2007
5. Proclamation: National Police Week May 14-19, 2007

Motion by Alderman Hand and seconded by Alderman Vandersnick 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**.

Department Heads:

- Mr. Padilla, Water Department Supt. addressed the Council on a special event being conducted by his Groundwater Committee on Saturday, June 16, 2007 at Montmorency School starting at 9:00 a.m... They will be having a "Test your Well day", designed to bring more awareness to those that live in the recharge area about their roles in water preservation in the future.
- In addition, Mr. Padilla informed the Council of an **emergency repairs** that to be made to the water tower at the 9th Avenue location. The tower has a expansion joint that is leaking. It will take several weeks for the joint to be fabricated due to the age of the tower. **Motion** by Alderman Thurm and seconded by Alderman Folsom to approve the necessary repairs for an amount not to exceed \$12,000.00. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote 8 ayes, **motion carried**

Executive Session:

The Mayor request a motion for the Council to enter into executive session for the purpose of Personnel – Section 2 (c)(1) and Collective bargaining – Section 2 (c)(2). **Motion** by Alderman Thurm and seconded by Alderman Kuhlemier to enter into executive session. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote 8 ayes, **motion carried**. (7:07 pm)

Motion by Alderman Folsom and seconded by Alderman Reitzel to return to regular session. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote 8 ayes, **motion carried**. (7:25 pm)

Motion to adjourn 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**. (7:35 pm)

Minutes to be approved at June 5, 2007 Council Meeting.

William B. Wescott, City Clerk

