

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMAN OF
THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS
January 2, 2008**

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

City Clerk, William B. Wescott called the roll following the pledge of allegiance. Upon roll call, Mayor Blanton, Alderman Vandernick, Snow, Kuhlemier, Hand and Thurm were present. City Administer, Richard Downey and Attorney Thomas Sanders attended. Alderman Reitzel, Arduini and Folsom were absent.

Audience Request:

Mr. John Paul, a member of the Rocket Park Sports Complex Committee addressed the Council. He requested an opportunity for the Committee to meet with the City and explore the possibility of receiving some assistance with the installation of water, sewer and electricity to the new concession stand that is projected for the park. Motion by Alderman Kuhlemier and seconded by Alderman Snow to refer this matter to the Public Works committee. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandernick, Snow, Kuhlemier, Hand and Thurm voted aye. Vote 5 ayes, motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of December 18, 2007 Council Minutes
2. Approval of bills as presented
3. Approval of periodic estimate No. 7 for final payment for Project No. 1027D06, Fairview Lift Station Modifications to Schmitt Plumbing & Heating, Inc. for \$29,932.44.
4. Approve GIS/IT Technician job description as presented.
5. Approve Apprentice Line personnel, Steps 1-4 job description as presented.

Motion by Alderman Hand and seconded by Alderman Thurm to approve Consent Agenda as presented. During discussion, Alderman Thurm requested that item (5) be withdrawn and referred back to the Personnel/Safety Committee for further review. At the consent of the maker and second, the motion was changed to accept the Consent Agenda as presented with item (5) removed and deferred to the Personnel/Safety Committee. Upon roll, Alderman Vandernick, Snow, Kuhlemier, Hand and Thurm voted aye. Vote 5 ayes, motion carried.

Administrator Report:

Mr. Downey reported to the Council that the SFOOR rehabilitation homes are all completed for the year. The program has been a great success and we continue to take applications and have a list of residence for consideration of future grants.

Council Committee Reports:

- Electric- Chairman reported that the regular meeting scheduled for January 9, 2008 was being moved from the Municipal; Complex to the Electric Department Offices at 1109 Industrial Park Road.
- Finance/Insurance – Chairman Kuhlemier presented two items that were being referred from the Finance/Insurance Committee for Council action:
 1. Motion by Alderman Kuhlemier and seconded by Alderman Vandernick to accept the proposal from R. W. Troxell for the Boiler Machinery Policy, with Building and contents value at \$42,917,040, through Travelers Insurance Companies at a cost of \$28,197.00 for the period of 2/1/08 – 2/01/09. Bids were also received from Smeltzer Insurance Company and Trissel Graham & Toole. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandernick, Snow, Kuhlemier, Hand and Thurm voted aye. Vote 5 ayes, motion carried

2. Motion by Alderman Kuhlemier and seconded by Alderman Hand to accept the new cell phone package for the Police Department. The plan is through U. S. Cellular and would result in a Family plan with (2) separate plans of (3) phones for \$79.99 with 1000 shared minutes, and the second (3) phones with the same coverage and costs. Cost of the phones is \$0.01 each after rebate with a 2-year contract total of \$159.98 a month. Currently cost is \$244 per month. This will result in a monthly savings of \$84.00 per month. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Snow, Kuhlemier, Hand and Thurm voted aye. Vote 5 ayes, motion carried.

The Mayor and Alderman collectively acknowledge the efforts of all of the City Departments and employees for there cooperative efforts during the recent Reliant Fastner Fire. No injuries were reported and no City services were jeopardized. In addition, the Council wished to thank all of the area Fire Department that responded to the MABAS alarm to assist with the control and mitigation of this event.

Mayors Report:

1. Mayor shared with the Council a letter received from the IMEA, requesting the Mayor be authorized to rescind a previous letter of agreement to purchase from the City of Rock Falls 3,640 kW of our non-dedicated capacity from units #6 and #7 for the period January 1, 2008 through May 31, 2008 dated October 29, 2007. Following a short discussion, motion was made by Alderman Hand and seconded by Alderman Thurm , to authorize the Mayor to sign and rescind the previous agreement. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Snow, Kuhlemier, Hand and Thurm voted aye. Vote 5 ayes, motion carried.
2. Mayor request the Council approve his appointment of Alderman Daehle Reitzel to the Rock Falls Community Development Board to replace Alderman David Hand, effective immediately. Mr. Hand is no longer able to participate due to work commitments. Motion by Alderman Kuhlemier and seconded by Alderman Snow to approve the appointment. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Snow, Kuhlemier, Hand and Thurm voted aye. Vote 5 ayes, motion carried. Alderman Hand was thanked by Mayor Blanton and the Council for his service to this committee.

Motion by Alderman Thurm and seconded by Alderman Hand for adjournment with no other business before the Council. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Snow, Kuhlemier, Hand and Thurm voted aye. Vote 5 ayes, motion carried.

Minutes approved January 15, 2008

William B. Wescott, City Clerk