

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMAN OF
THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS
January 15, 2008**

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Alderman of the City of Rock Falls was called to order at the hour of 6:30p.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 Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Folsom were present. City Administrator, Richard Downey and Attorney Jim Reese attended. Alderman Thurm was absent due to illness.

Community Affairs:

Doug Wiersema, President/CEO ; Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce addressed the Council and reminded them that the Chambers Annual Dinner Meeting was scheduled for Monday, February 4, 2008 at the Holiday Inn beginning at 6:30 p.m.. Mayor Blanton reminded anyone that wants to attend, contact his Secretary no later than January 21, 2008.

Ordinance/First Reading:

1. Ordinance 2008-2260; Section 9-163. Handicapped Parking
2. Ordinance 2008-2261; Section 16-100. Permitted principal uses.

Motion by Alderman Kuhlemier and seconded by Alderman Vandersnick to accept the Ordinances as presented for first reading. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Folsom voted aye. Vote 7 ayes, motion carried.

Ordinances/ Adoption:

1. Ordinance 2008-2262; Section 15-1. Utility Office created.

Motion by Alderman Arduini and seconded by Alderman Hand to approve the Ordinance as presented for adoption. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Folsom voted aye. Vote 7 ayes, motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

Alderman Hand rose, and requested the removal of item (4) from the consent agenda and placed under the Electric Department Supt. report.

1. Approval of January 2, 2008 Council Minutes
2. Approval of bills as presented
3. Approve recommendation for Section 08-00000-00-GM; General maintenance as follows: Northwest Illinois Construction, Co. for bituminous patching mixture (200 ton) at \$58.00/Ton; bituminous construction course, Class I, Mix C, Type 3 (350 Ton) at \$40.50/Ton; Alliance Materials, Inc. fine aggregate (FA-6), (100 Ton) at \$4.25/Ton; Fischer Excavating, aggregate surface course, Type B (1,200 Ton) at \$3.90/Ton.
5. Resolution 2008-516; Resolution Authorizing Interdepartmental transfer of funds Between the Electric Utility and Water Utility, repeals Resolution 2007-496.

Motion by Alderman Hand and seconded by Alderman Snow to accept the consent agenda as presented. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Folsom voted aye. Vote 7 ayes, motion carried.

Administrators Report:

Mr. Downey, City Administrator presented the design of the new banners for the downtown for the coming year for final approval. Mr. Downey shared with the Council that Gayla Kolb of the RFCDC staff deserves a tremendous amount of credit for the final design of the banner being presented. **Motion by Alderman Hand and seconded by Alderman Snow for approval of the design as presented. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Folsom voted aye. Vote 7 ayes, motion carried.**

Department Heads:

Electric- Mr. Jakubczak brought two items before the council for consideration and approval:

1. Electric Committee request approval to hire **Utility Financial Services of Holland , Michigan to do a Cost of services Study**, based on a (3) three-year basis, at a cost of \$20,000.00, pending City Attorney review of the contract being proposed. A total of (6) bids was received for consideration, several of which were rejected because of the time restraints established to have all of the work completed and returned no later than 15 February 2008. **Motion by Alderman Hand and seconded by Alderman Reitzel to accept the request as presented. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Had and Folsom voted aye, Vote 7 ayes, motion carried.**
2. Mr. Jakubczak, additionally request the approval of **SAGA of Stillwell, Kansas** to prepare an engineering study for the replacement of the main transformer and switch gear to the hydroelectric plant at a cost not to exceed \$33,000.00. **Motion by Alderman Hand and seconded by Alderman Reitzel to approve request as presented. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Had and Folsom voted aye. Vote 7 ayes, motion carried.**

Information /Updates:

City Clerk Wescott presented to the Council the Committee Calendar schedule for the year 2008. Motion by Alderman Folsom and seconded by Alderman Arduini to approve the Calendar as presented. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Folsom voted aye. Vote 7 ayes, motion carried.

Mayors Report:

Mayor Blanton informed the Council that the upcoming Northern Illinois Mayor's Association Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 17, 2008. Anyone that has an interest in attending should let the Mayor's office know.

Mayor Blanton presented his State of the City Report, outlining many noteworthy items from 2007, a copy of his Report is placed on file as part of the official minutes of this meeting.

Executive Session:

Mayor Blanton request the Council enter into executive session for the purpose of Collective Bargaining-Section 2 (c)(2) and to include, Fire Chief J. W. Larson in the session. Motion my Alderman Vandersnick and seconded by Alderman Snow to enter into executive session. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Folsom voted aye. Vote 7 ayes, motion carried. (7:10 pm)

Motion by Alderman Snow and seconded by Alderman Vandersnick to return to regular session. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Folsom voted aye. Vote 7 ayes, motion carried. (7:23 pm)

Motion by Alderman Folsom and second by Alderman Snow to adjourn the meeting. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Folsom vote aye. Vote 7 ayes, motion carried. (7:25 pm)

For approval at February 5, 2008 Council Meeting.

William B. Wescott, City Clerk