

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMAN OF
THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS
February 19, 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 Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Hand, Folsom and Thurm were present. City Administrator Richard Downey and Attorney Jim Reese attended. Alderman Arduini was absent.

Ordinance/Adoption:

Ordinance 2008-2263; Section 15-76. Single-family residential dwelling, commercial and industrial users. Motion by Alderman Snow and seconded by Alderman Kuhlemier. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Hand and Thurm voted aye. Alderman Folsom vote nay. Vote: 6 ayes-1 nay, **motion carried.**

Ordinance 2008-2264; Section 16-341. Applications and appeals. Motion by Alderman Vandersnick and seconded by Alderman Snow. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote, 7 ayes, motion carried.

Ordinance 2008-2265; amends Ordinance 90-1565 and subsequent amendments by amending the legal description to include approximately 60 acres immediately South on Illinois Route 64 between Savanna and Thomson. The property will be utilized to construct an 80 megawatt, bio mass fueled, renewable energy center. Motion by Alderman Hand and seconded by Alderman Kuhlemier. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow Kuhlemier, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote, 7 ayes **motion carried.**

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of February 5, 2008 Council Minutes
2. Approval of bills as presented
3. Approve referral of petition requesting rezoning of real estate located at 1306 7th Avenue, Rock Falls, Illinois from B-1 to R-2. (owner-Teresa Liccoci)
4. Approve final plats (2-lots) located outside the City limits – Bob Atilano, 3312 West Rt. 30, send noted change to Whiteside County, as recommended by Planning and Zoning.
5. Approve refund of \$75.00 to Whiteside County Housing Authority; following withdraw of petition requesting rezoning considerations.

Motion by Alderman Hand and seconded by Alderman Thurm. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote, 7 ayes, **motion carried.**

Administrators Report:

Mr. Downey advised the Council that he would be traveling to Champaign (2.20.2008) for a meeting in regards to SFOOR grants for the coming year. Grants have not yet been awarded, however, we currently continue to take applications and currently have approximately 20 on a waiting list for funds if and when they become available.

Alderman Reports:

Alderman Hand requested that communications be maintained with IDOT into signage identifying detour routes during the proposed closure of the Dixon Avenue Canal Bridge later in the year. He wants to insure that traffic is routed into the downtown as much as possible, as opposed to away from the merchants located in the area.

Mayors Report:

Mayor Blanton reported to the Council that in accordance with Municipal Code; Div. 4. Administrative and Enforcement; Section 5-761. Appeals., he is requesting the establishment of an Ad Hoc Stormwater and Erosion Control Appeals Board (SECAB). He is recommending the following appoints for the Councils approval; Alderman Eric Arduini (Public Works Chairman), Ed Cox (Director Wastewater Department), City Engineer Brian Frickenstein, Bill McWethy (Engineer, IDOT) and himself. Members shall serve three-year terms. Motion by Alderman Kuhlemier and seconded by Alderman Snow to approve the appointments. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote 7 ayes, **motion carried.**

Mayor Blanton presented a brief report on the recent Tourism Conference that he and Alderman Kuhlemier along with members of the Convention and Tourism Committee attended in Springfield, Illinois.

Mayor Blanton presented a Petition for Annexation request from Jonathon A. and Linda D. Gieson, for real estate comprising a total of approximately 13.08 acres at 800 East Rock Falls Road, Rock Falls, Illinois. The real estate, is not situated within the limits of any municipality, but is contiguous to the City of Rock Falls. Request that the petition be referred to the Planning and Zoning Commission at there next meeting for consideration of granting the zoning classification of B-2. Motion by Alderman Hand and seconded by Alderman Kuhlemier. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote 7 ayes, **motion carried.**

Mayor Blanton informed the Council that he would be out of town for the period of February 25-28 and request that Alderman Glenn Kuhlemier be named Mayor Pro Tem during his absence. Motion by Alderman Hand and seconded by Alderman Thurm. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Alderman Kuhlemier abstained. Vote, 6 ayes, 1 abstention, motion carried.

Motion by Alderman Folsom and seconded by Alderman Reitzel to adjourn the meeting, Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote, 7 ayes **motion carried.**

Approved at the March 4, 2008 Council Meeting.

William B. Wescott